

**Sunday March 17th, 2024**

# **Fifth Sunday Of Lent**



**‘Covenant’**



**10:00 A.M. Service**



**MEDIA**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

# Welcome

## OUR MISSION AND VISION

Our Mission is to love God and love our neighbor. Our Vision is to be a Christian Community that worships together, serves together, and grows together in faith.

## VISITING TODAY?

If this is your first time worshiping with us, we hope you will feel welcome. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us by phone at 610-566-3944.

We also invite you to visit our website at [www.mediapresbyterian.org](http://www.mediapresbyterian.org)

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*Leading Worship This Morning...*

Reverend Dr. David Cagle, Transitional Pastor  
Reverend Rose Sparrow, Parish Associate  
Lisa VanHeldorf, Director of Traditional Music  
Andrew Behringer, Director of Contemporary Music  
Emily Barth, Organist  
Walt Koenig, Worship Leader

*"The flowers are given with a grateful heart to God, honoring the life of Janie Patton Madore, mom of Mindy Madore Davis. I only had 33 years with my mom, but God made sure I learned her most valuable life lessons."  
- Mindy and Chris Davis*



## Call to Confession (Jeremiah 31:33)

Leader: “The days are surely coming,” says the Lord, “When I will make a new covenant with my people. I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.”  
Friends, we are God’s people. Yet even as we strive to know our God and walk in God’s paths, we fall short. Let us trust in God as our merciful covenant partner.

**All: Let us confess our sins together.**

*(Now, take a few moments of honesty before God in silent confession)*

## Prayer of Confession (All)

**All: Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that we are always looking for an easier way. We long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know. We seek the fruit of new life, but we are not willing to die to ourselves. You call us to life in community, but we stubbornly cling to “me and mine.” Yet you offer the grace of life abundant, even and especially when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us from our attachment to what was, so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Leader:** Friends, hear the good news! We worship a God who forgives our iniquities and remembers our sins no more. Proclaim the good news with me:

**All:** **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### **\*Song of Praise, Hymn #579 (Blue)**

#### **Glory Be to the Father**

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be, world without end.**

**Amen, Amen.**

### **\*Sharing the Joy of Our Faith**

#### **EQUIPPING**

#### **THE WORD**

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

Walt Koenig

#### **Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (pg. 642)**

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

**Leader:** This is the word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Sermon**

**"A Law Written on Our Hearts"**

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

# RESPONDING

## **\*Affirmation of Faith (*All*)**

*Heidelberg Catechism, Q.1*

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

**All: That we are not our own, but belong- body and soul, in life and in death- to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Because we belong to him, Christ, by the Holy Spirit, assures us of eternal life and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for God.**

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Invitation to Stewardship**

### **Offertory Anthem (Led by the MPC Choir)**

**God So Loved The World**

John Stainer

### **Doxology**

#### **\*Hymn #592 (Blue)**

*OLD HUNDRETH*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **Prayer of Dedication**

## CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*There are prepackaged communion cups located in baskets at the back of the sanctuary if you prefer not taking communion by intinction.*

### **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to God.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and  
praise.**

*The prayer continues...*

**Sanctus (All)**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**  
Richard Proulx

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord of Power and might, heaven  
and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the  
highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

## **The Lord's Prayer (*All*)**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our  
sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us; and  
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For  
Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

**Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer of Affirmation**

### **SENDING**

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**\*Closing Hymn #372 (Blue)**

**Lord, I Want to Be a Christian**

**African-American Spiritual**

**Charge and**

**Blessing Postlude**



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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### **Easter Sunday Coffee Hour**

- ◆ The Outreach Committee is inviting you to join them for fellowship at an extended coffee hour on Easter Sunday, March 31st! The coffee hour will start at 9am with service to follow at 10am.

### **MPC Easter Party**

- ◆ The Easter Party is on March 30th! The party will be from 12-2pm at MPC, we will move inside if there is rain. Invite your friends! There will be snacks, crafts, and an obstacle bounce course.

### **Holy Week Services**

- ◆ March 24th, Palm Sunday Service, 10:00am
- ◆ March 28th, Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00pm
- ◆ March 29th, Good Friday Service, 7:00pm
- ◆ March 31st, Easter Sunday Service, 10:00am

### **Lenten Devotional Now Available!**

- ◆ Read devotions authored by our MPC leaders during each day (except Sundays) of Lent. Pick up a hard copy in the sanctuary, or view on-line on the MPC website. If you would like a hard copy and are unable to come to the church, please contact the church office and a copy will be mailed to you.

### **Thank you!**

- ◆ Thank you to all who participated in the Progressive Dinner yesterday, especially those who hosted brothers and sisters in their homes. We hope that if you weren't able to attend that we'll see you at the next fellowship/ outreach opportunity!  
- The Outreach Committee and Deacons

## **ONGOING MINISTRIES**

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- **Adult Sunday School**

- Adult Sunday School meets each Sunday from 9-9:45am in Room 102. You may begin attending at any time! For additional information, please contact: Pastor Rose Sparrow (rose@mediapresbyterian.org) or Deacon Sharon Riley (sriley1347@gmail.com)

- **Cornerstone Kids Children's Ministry**

- Building Lives on Christ (BLOC) is available most Sundays for children in 2nd grade and younger. The children are dismissed after the Children's Moment and should be picked up from Room 201 when the service is over.

- Wednesday Nights kicked off February 21st at 6:30pm in the Children's Wing. Join us each Wednesday for games, crafts, devotion focusing on Proverbs and more.

- Contact Jeanne Cunningham (fuselloj@gmail.com) for more information.

- **MPC Youth Ministry**

- Youth Sunday School meets from 9-9:45am in the Youth Room.

- Youth Group meets on Thursdays from 7-8:30pm in the Youth Room.

## **MPC IS HIRING- See the website for more information**

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- **Nursery Worker**

- We are seeking volunteers to help out Wednesday evenings, 6:15-7:45pm through March 17th until April 10th. We will also need volunteers when we start the program back up in the fall. Eventually, we will be looking to hire someone for the position.

- Clearance requirements for this position include, PA State Police Background Check and PA Child Abuse Clearance. Please reach out to the office, (office@mediapresbyterian.org), or Susan Kassab, (susan.kassab@gmail.com) for more information or questions.

## LENTEN LOAVES OF LOVE

**LENTEN LOAVES OF LOVE** is 21 years old! Since 2003, MPC has provided well over \$50,000 via LLL to show our love for God and for our neighbors during this reflective season that culminates in the triumph and joy of the Resurrection. Once again, this year, our gifts to *Lenten Loaves of Love* will enable us not only to beautify our sanctuary with flowers but also to share our love in a concrete way.

**During Lent 2024, we are supporting two ministries familiar to many here at MPC:**

### David & Sara Treece – Interserve USA

*Interserve is one of the oldest international, interdenominational, overseas-focused agencies in existence. We began in 1852 in South Asia to care for the poor and marginalized in such a way that they could encounter Jesus and experience the life that He wanted for them. The vision God gave to our founders is still alive. [www.interserveusa.org](http://www.interserveusa.org)*

### Maranatha Church & Childrens Home – Pastor George

*Home for Boys- our missionary partners and their staff maintain a home in their own house for some 40 boys ranging in age from 4 to 19 years old. These boys, whose parents are either deceased or unable to raise them, are cared for until they graduate from high school. Financial support from our church helps pay for the boys' food, clothing, health needs, tuition, and school supplies, as well as all the costs related to maintaining their home. Individuals and families in our church provide additional necessary funds for sponsoring boys at a cost of \$50 per month per boy.*

*In addition to these special Mission/ Ministry opportunities, your contribution to Lenten Loaves of Love enables us to provide tulips and daffodils to make our sanctuary beautiful for Easter and to send cheer to our shut-ins after the service. If you would like to reserve flowers to take home after the worship service on Easter, please make a note on the dedication form below when you make your contribution to LLL. After we pay for the flowers, all other contributions will be divided evenly between our designated ministries.*

Each \$10.00 gift provides a single Lenten Loaf of Love. There is no limit to how many Loaves you may give! Gifts received by Sunday, March 17, will be guaranteed acknowledgment in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Fill out the information below and enclose it with your gift in the LLL envelope found in the pews (also fill out the info on the envelope) and place the envelope in the offering plate.

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 I/we donate \$10.00 for each Lenten Loaf of Love

Total gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (make checks payable to MPC)

Your name & phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print legibly so that we are sure to have your dedication listed properly.

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

I/we would like to take a flower (s) home How many? \_\_\_\_\_

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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**Restrooms** -A restroom is located in the parlor at the back of the sanctuary. Handicap-accessible restrooms are located through either side door at the front of the sanctuary, then around the corner.

**Nursery** -Our Nursery is available for infants and children up to 3 years old during our 9:00am Sunday School hour and the 10:00am worship service.

**Sunday School** -Adults meet at 9:00am in Room 102. Children's Sunday School is in the Children's Wing. Youth Sunday School is in the Youth Room.

**Prayer Chain** -If you are in need of prayer or would like to receive prayer chain updates, please email Reverend Rose.

**Attention Mothers of Infants** -The parlor at the back of the church is available for privacy during church services.

**Church Office Hours**- Monday through Thursday, 8:30am-4:00pm. During inclement weather, please call to make sure staff is present before coming to the office.

## Financial update for February 2024 and year to date totals:

	Month As Of	Year to date	Giving Needed	
	<u>2/29/2024</u>	<u>Total for 2024</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>2024 Budget</u>
Receipts:	46,976	89,990	<u>107,215</u>	696,900
Expenditures:	52,713	98,251		<u>696,900</u>
Receipts minus Expenses	\$ (5,737)	\$ (8,261)		

**Thank you so much for your continued support of our ministry at Media Presbyterian Church**

### Deacons Fund:

Beginning balance in 2024 \$11,630

+ Received YTD \$2,175

- Spending for

Benevolence -\$2,237

Total balance to date \$11,568

# FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 17th, 2024

## **Sunday, March 17th**

8:30am Choir Practice, Sanctuary  
8:45am Nursery opens for drop-off  
9:00am Adult Sunday School, Room 102  
9:00am Children's Sunday School, Children's Wing  
9:00am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room  
9:15am Worship Team, Sanctuary  
10:00am Sunday Worship Service (with BLOC), Sanctuary  
11:30am Worship Team, Sanctuary

## **Monday, March 18th**

12:00pm Prayer & Devotion, Rev. Rose, Zoom  
Call 425-436-6394, Code 338523#  
4:45pm Mission Study Team Meeting, Room 102  
7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting, Room 102  
7:00pm God's Daughters, Rev. Rose Sparrow  
Call 316-050-8120

## **Tuesday, March 19th**

10:00am Staff Meeting  
6:30pm Session Meeting, Room 102 and Zoom

## **Wednesday, March 20th**

9:00am Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen  
10:00am Prayer Warriors, Rev. Rose Sparrow  
6:30pm Cornerstone Kids

## **Thursday, March 21st**

7:00am Men's Bible Study, Court Diner, Media  
10:00am Women's Bible Study, Rev. Rose, Zoom  
12:30pm Intercessory Prayer & Prayer Chain Updates  
6:30pm MPC Ringers, Sanctuary  
7:00pm Youth Group, Youth Room  
7:00pm Yoga

## **Friday, March 22nd**

Office Closed

## **Saturday, March 23rd**

7:00pm NA Meeting, Dale Hall

## Sunday, March 24th

8:30am	Choir Practice, Sanctuary
8:45am	Nursery opens for drop-off
9:00am	Adult Sunday School, Room 102
9:00am	Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
9:15am	Worship Team, Sanctuary
10:00am	Palm Sunday Worship Service (with BLOC), Sanctuary
11:30am	Worship Team, Sanctuary



## Join Media Presbyterian Church for The Gospel Journey of Mercy and Grace: From Ash Wednesday Through Lent

- Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Worship Service  
Sunday, February 18 at 10:00 AM – Worship Service: Theme – Baptism  
Sunday, February 25 at 10:00 AM – Worship Service: Theme – Faith  
Sunday, March 3 at 10:00 AM – Worship Service: Theme – Repentance  
Sunday, March 10 at 10:00 AM – Worship Service: Theme – The Cross; Youth Breakfast Fundraiser  
Sunday, March 17 at 10:00 AM – Worship Service: Theme – Covenant  
Sunday, March 24 at 10:00 AM – Palm Sunday Worship  
Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Worship Service  
Friday, March 29 at 7:00 PM – Good Friday Tenebrae Service  
Saturday, March 30 – Community Easter Event  
Sunday, March 31
- 9:15 AM – Special Easter Morning Fellowship in Dale Hall
  - 10:00 AM – Easter Sunday Celebration Worship



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Director of Traditional Music	Lisa VanHeldorf	Lisa@mediapresbyterian.org
Organist	Emily Barth	Emily@mediapresbyterian.org
	Receptionist	Ext. 0
	Main Kitchen	Ext. 1021
	Parlor <i>(back of sanctuary)</i>	Ext. 1022
	Nursery	Ext. 1023
	Benevolence Hotline	Ext. 2000

## **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

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## **ONLINE GIVING**

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