

April 30, 2023
10:00 a.m. Service



"Recipe for a Great
Work: Part 1"

Media Presbyterian Church

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.

Welcome

VISITING TODAY?

If this is your first time worshipping 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.

Leading worship this morning...

Reverend Rose Sparrow, Parish Associate

Lisa VanHeldorf, Director of Traditional Music

Sebastian Carpenter, Director of Contemporary Music & Worship,
Director of Youth Ministries

Andria Kaskey, Director of Children's Ministry

Emily Barth, Organist

Ed Ardis, Worship Leader

The Chancel flowers are donated by The Reverend Dr. David and Zoe Cagle in celebration of their daughter's wedding. Merritt Cagle married Ross Weiss yesterday, in Southern Pines, North Carolina.

GATHERING

Prelude

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

Gregg Sewell

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Psalm 95:1-4)

Leader: O come, let us sing to the LORD!

All: *Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.*

Leader: Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving.

All: *Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.*

Leader: For the Lord *is* the great God,

All: *and the great King above all gods.*

***Opening Song**

(Music sheets are available)

Your Love Never Fails

Jesus Culture/Chris Quilala
Worship Team

Evidence

Worship Team

Josh Baldwin

Children's Moment

Andria Kaskey

Blessing of the Children (All)

“Almighty God, from whom we receive our life: We thank you for blessing us with the joy and care of children. Give us calm strength and patient wisdom, that we may teach them to love you, and to love whatever is just, true and good. Protect them from danger and hold them safe in your arms. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Call to Confession (1 John 1:8-9)

Leader: ...and the truth is not in us.

All: *If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

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

**please stand in body or in spirit*

Prayer of Confession (*All*)

Our Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that many times our lives have not reflected the freedom you have given us. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: ...Receive the good news of the Gospel

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*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

First Reading: Nehemiah 1:1-11 (pg. 374)

Ed Ardis

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Nehemiah 2:1-8 (pg. 374)

Reverend Rose Sparrow

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Recipe for a Great Work: Part 1 “

Reverend Rose Sparrow

RESPONDING

*Affirmation of Faith (All) (The Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Stewardship

Offering Song

The Easter Song of Praise

Shepherd

MPC Choir

*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

The communion elements are in the pew in front of you. Remove the first wrapper for the wafer, the second for the grape juice.

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 the Lord.*

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 God 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

***Hymn of Celebration 114 (Blue)**

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Charge and Blessing

***Postlude**

Recessional in C

Josef Haydn

GENERAL INFORMATION

Restrooms – A restroom is located in the parlor in 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 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Sunday School-All groups meet at 9:00 a.m. Adults meet in Room 102. Youth meet downstairs in the Youth Room. Children meet downstairs in the Children's Wing.

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.

The Church Office Hours will be Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. During inclement weather, please call to make sure staff is present before coming to the office.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Sign up to receive our weekly digital newsletter by going to our website or by emailing rebecca@mediapresbyterian.org.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Like and follow us on Facebook (Media Presbyterian Church) & Instagram (@mediapresby).

ONLINE GIVING

Visit [MediaPresbyterian.org/GiveOnline](https://www.mediapresbyterian.org/GiveOnline) or scan the QR code to give your tithes & offerings.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- MPC Missions invites you to join Habitat for Humanity of Chester County on May 6th and/or May 20 and HELP BUILD IT! We will be doing various construction projects on townhomes in West Grove. Registration is required!!
 1. Go to <https://www.hfhcc.org/construction>
 2. Click "apply to volunteer"
 3. Create an online profile under "I am new to myimpact"
 4. Please be sure all volunteers select "Media Presbyterian Church" as their group name when creating their account.

- ◆ Brooke Seeger, from Habitat, will send an email to each person who creates an account with the training and waiver that needs to be completed prior to coming out. Check your spam folder when creating your account in case her email with the training and waiver gets sent there. For more information, contact Brooke Seeger at Brooke@hfcc.org or 610-384-7933, ext. 115. For more immediate inquiries, call Sue Hare at 484-442-8954.

ONGOING MINISTRIES

- **Cornerstone Kids**
 - ◆ 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Children ages 4 and under in the Nursery, Kindergarten to 5th grade in The Post. Contact: Andria Kaskey (andria@mediapresbyterian.org).
- **MPC Youth Ministry**
 - ◆ Youth Sunday School, Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Youth Room. Youth Group, Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. Contact: Sebastian (sebastian@mediapresbyterian.org)
- **MOYC (Mothers of Young Children)**
 - ◆ Book study, “Walk and Not Grow Weary,” 2nd and 4th Mondays 8:00 p.m. on Zoom.
 - ◆ Book study, “Understanding the Gifts of the Spirit,” 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. in Room 103 and via Zoom. Contact: Reverend Rose Sparrow (rose@mediapresbyterian.org).
- **Women’s Book Club**
 - ◆ May 22 and every 4th Monday in Room 102 and via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. May selection: “The Boy Who Said No: An Escape to Freedom” by Patti Sheehy. Contact: Jean Furey (jeanfurey@yahoo.com).
- **Men’s Book Club**
 - ◆ May 25 and every 4th Thursday, Room 103. Contact: Joe Haviland (rurahrah@comcast.net).
- **Faith & Film**
 - ◆ Join Steve Beckley May 11 and every 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Room 103 or Zoom for film conversations. Contact: Steve Beckley (strybeck242@gmail.com).

- **Spiritual Formation Committee: Pick Up The Sword This Year:**
 - ◆ The Spiritual Formation Committee invites you to participate in their 52-Week Bible Reading Plan for 2023! The entire plan can be found in the newsletter or on our website.
- **Intercessory Prayer and Prayer Chain updates:**
 - ◆ Calling all Prayer Warriors! Join us for prayer on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and Thursdays from 12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m. Call 425-436-6394, and use code 338523#. To submit prayer requests or updates, email Reverend Rose (rose@mediapresbyterian.org).

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Update for April 2023 & Year To Date Totals:

	Month As Of	YTD Total for 2023	Giving Needed YTD	2023 Budget
Receipts:	\$66,046	\$233,187	\$267,077	\$868,000
Expenditures:	\$56,006	\$275,846		\$868,000
Receipts minus Expenses	\$10,040	\$(42,659)		

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

Deacons Fund:	
Beginning balance in 2023	\$17,103
+ Received YTD	\$3,675
- Spending for Benevolence	-\$4,094
Total balance to date	\$16,684

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

- **Media Food Bank**

- ◆ Donate food items from current list in newsletter or website. Drop off in the designated bins around the church.
- ◆ Deliver items from MPC to Media Food Bank. Use the Sign-Up Genius in the newsletter or website.
- ◆ Buy fresh produce from Produce Junction & deliver it to the Media Food Bank. You will be reimbursed up to \$125 by MPC. Use the Sign-Up Genius to volunteer.
Contact: Brian McLaughlin (brianmclaughlin363@gmail.com).

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ELDERS

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
LuAnn Crosby	Sandy Campbell	Jim Gatch
Jeanne Cunningham	Art Kalemkarian, Jr.	Julie Havel
Eileen McLaughlin	Elizabeth Rohr	Jessica Johnson
Robin Smith		Eric MacDonald
		Kate Meehan
		Paul Tutton

Moderator: Reverend Dr. David Cagle

Clerk of Session: Joe Hare

DEACONS

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Jeff Beaumont	Elaine Fetterman	Suzanne Beaumont
Renee Erickson	Jeanne Furey	Doug Crosby
Kim Gilchrist	Karen Gibble	Susan Hare
Brian McLaughlin	Dave Layton	Dave Heckman
	Lynne McCone	Robin Kauffman
		Jill Lardon
		Betsy McKeone
		Pamela Orr
		Belle Patton

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 30, 2023

Sunday, April 30

- 8:30 a.m. Choir practice, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study, Room 102 & Zoom
Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
Children's Sunday School, Children's Wing
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with BLOC, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class, Youth Room
- 11:30 a.m. Children's Ministry Appreciate Lunch, Room 102

Monday, May 1

- 12:00 p.m. Prayer & Devotion, Rev. Rose, Zoom

Tuesday, May 2

No Activities Scheduled

Wednesday, May 3

- 9:00 a.m. Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors, Rev. Rose Sparrow,
Call 425-436-6394, Code338523#
- 6:30 p.m. Cornerstone Kids, The Post
- 6:30 p.m. MOYC, Room 103 & Zoom

Thursday, May 4

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

Friday, May 5

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, May 6

MPC Missions-Habitat for Humanity of
Chester County Church Group Build
6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Sunday, May 7

- 8:30 a.m. Choir practice, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study, Room 102 & Zoom
Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
Children's Sunday School, Children's Wing
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with BLOC, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class, Youth Room

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	Nursery	Ext. 1023
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