

Sunday, March 12, 2023

10:00 a.m.

“BACK TO
BASICS”



MEDIA
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Lent Week 3

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 Dr. David Cagle, Transitional Pastor

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 Ministries

Emily Barth, Organist

Steve Buxton, Worship Leader

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms

*For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world*

Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love

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From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love, His amazing love

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His Mercy is More

Shane & Shane

Worship Team

Chorus

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Children's Moment

Sandi Gatch

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

Leader: What is it that cuts us off from God and separates us from sisters and brothers? How do we, in our narrow preoccupations, turn away from the life of love God offers? Why do we err in our hearts and ignore the revelation of God's higher purposes that surround us? God is ready to listen to our confession.

All: *Let us confess our sins to almighty God.*

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

Prayer of Confession (All)

O God, when we sense who you are, we know our own sin. In our murmuring and fault-finding, we have forgotten your mercy. With hardened hearts, we have ignored your needy children. We have chosen to live in desert places rather than asking for a drink of living water. We have hoarded your blessings and forgotten they are for us to share. Our wealth has impoverished us, and our certainties have made us brittle. We are perishing! Please save us from ourselves, we pray through Christ. Amen.

Lenten Response (Blue 82) (All)

O Lamb of God Most Holy!

Nikolaus Decius

*Oh Lamb of God most Holy!
Who on the cross did suffer
And patient still and lowly,
Yourself to scorn did offer;
Our sins by You were taken,
Or hope had us forsaken.
Have mercy on us, Jesus!*

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: It is God who disturbs our complacency, pricks our false certainties, and turns our complaints to constructive action. Even now, God is at work in our lives, turning us from self-destruction, prompting our desire for deeper knowledge, and leading us to more satisfying involvements. In Christ, we have been reconciled to this God who loves us and is ever ready to help us endure, grow in character, and live by hope. Make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.*

EQUIPPING

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47 (pg. 886)

Reverend Dr. David Cagle

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon The Great Ends of the Church:

“Back to Basics”

Reverend Dr. David Cagle

RESPONDING

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

All: *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,*



born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Stewardship

Song for Offering

How Beautiful
MPC Choir

Twila Paris

*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

After the Words of Institution, we invite you to celebrate Communion using your bread and your juice. If you are in the sanctuary, you will be invited to take a single-serve communion cup. Remove the first wrapper for the wafer, the second for the grape juice.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: 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

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

Music Adapt. © 1980 Church Pension Fund

Music Arr. © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc.

LAND OF REST

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

***Closing Hymn (Blue 379)**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

William Batchelder Bradbury

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

A Festal Postlude

John G. Barr

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Join Us For Holy Week

**PALM
SUNDAY**

April 2nd
10:00 a.m.

In-Person &
Online

**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**

April 6th
7:00 p.m.

In Person &
Online

**GOOD
FRIDAY**

April 7th
7:00 p.m.

In-Person &
Online

**EASTER
SUNDAY**

April 9th
10:00 a.m.

In-Person &
Online

Media Presbyterian Church

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 or scan the QR code to give your tithes & offerings.



CHURCHWIDE SPRING CLEAN UP

This Saturday, March 18, the Property Committee is asking you to join them for a Spring Clean Up starting at 8:00 a.m. until about 12:00 p.m.! We will be edging flowerbeds, weeding, leaf cleanup, some winter pruning and planting cool weather annuals (provided). Bring tools you are comfortable with and come help keep our church grounds beautiful! No sign-up is necessary! Contact Doug Crosby (douglascrosby@comcast.net) for more information.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

If you are a homebound member or a virtual attendee of MPC and would like a care package delivered to you, let the Outreach Committee know! The package will include communion elements and a special gift crafted by our Cornerstone Kids. Please email your name and address to Karen Gible at karenegibble@gmail.com.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

The Spiritual Growth Committee has produced a Lenten Devotional again this year! You can view the devotional through our weekly newsletter or website. Copies are also available in the sanctuary.

PARKING REMINDER

Friends, we have received notice from the Media Police that a number of automobiles are parked illegally on Sunday morning. They are too close to the corner of street intersections, within crosswalks, or next to street corner handicapped access areas. Please observe all parking regulations and laws and do not park in the bank parking lots. Thanks for your understanding.

MPC YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Sunday School meets from 9-9:45 a.m. in the Youth Room. Youth Group meets on Thursdays from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. Email Sebastian (sebastian@mediapresbyterian.org) for more information. There is no confirmation class today!

CORNERSTONE KIDS

Cornerstone Kids Wednesday Nights are happening the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 pm. Children ages 4 and under are in the Nursery, children in Kindergarten to 5th grade meet in The Post.

Bring-A-Friend To Sunday School Day is next Sunday, March 19 at 9:00 a.m. Invite someone you know to come to Sunday School with you! Contact Andria Kaskey (andria@mediapresbyterian.org) for more information.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Join Reverend Dr. David Cagle as he goes through a Lenten Bible Study either on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Both are in Room 102 and via Zoom link, which can be found in the newsletter. Email Reverend David (David@mediapresbyterian.org) for more information.

MEN'S BOOK CLUB

Join us every 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Room 103. Thursday, March 23, we'll be discussing the book, "[Meditations](#)", by Marcus Aurelius. Email Joe Haviland (rurahrah@comcast.net) for more information.

MOYC-MOTHER'S OF YOUNG CHILDREN

The MOYC Wednesday group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Room 103 and via Zoom. They are continuing their study of Understanding the Gifts of the Spirit.

The MOYC Monday group meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month on Zoom at 8:00 p.m. This group is continuing their study of Walk and Not Grow Weary.

Please contact Reverend Rose Sparrow
(rose@mediapresbyterian.org) for more information.

MEDIA FOOD BANK

Volunteers are always needed to help support local families facing food insecurities.

Please consider the list below and ask God where you may be able to lend a helping hand.

- Donate food items-See newsletter or website for current list of needed items and 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.

Go to the website, newsletter or contact Brian McLaughlin
(brianmclaughlin363@gmail.com) for more information.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER & PRAYER CHAIN UPDATES

Calling all Prayer Warriors! Join us for prayer on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays from 12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m., along with Prayer Chain Updates. Call 425-436-6394, use code 338523#. To submit prayer requests or updates, email Reverend Rose.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION COMMITTEE

PICK UP THE SWORD THIS YEAR!

The Spiritual Formation Committee would like to invite you to participate in their 52-Week Bible Reading Plan for 2023!

The entire plan can be found on our website.

Sunday	Epistles:	1Cor 5-6
Monday	The Law:	Gen 40-43
Tuesday	History:	1Sam 1-5
Wednesday	Psalms:	Ps 30-32
Thursday	Poetry:	Job 21-22
Friday	Prophecy	Isa 56-61
Saturday	Gospels:	Mark 1-2

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Join us March 27 and every 4th Monday in Room 102 and via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. to discuss a new book. The book for March is The Christy by Catherine Marshall. See the website for a full book list for the year or email Jean Furey at jeanfurey@yahoo.com.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Update for March 2023 & Year To Date Totals:

	Month As Of 3/10/2023	Year to date Total for 2023	Giving Needed Year To Date	2023 Budget
Receipts:	\$18,951	\$123,083	\$150,231	\$868,000
Expenditures:	\$13,332	\$163,413		\$868,000

Receipts minus
Expenses

\$5,619 \$(40,330)

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

\$1,630

- Spending for

Benevolence

-\$2,411

Total balance

to date

\$16,322

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

LENTEN LOAVES OF LOVE

LENTEN LOAVES OF LOVE is 20 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 2023 we are supporting two ministries familiar to many here at MPC:

Chester Eastside Ministries

Chester Eastside Ministries (CEM) shines a light in the heart of the City of Chester, PA. It provides food and clothing as well as after-school activities, a library and computer lab and programs for GED and other adult education. Media Presbyterian Church looks forward to renewing our long-time partnership with CEM.

Frederick Douglass Christian School

Hundreds of children throughout the economically-distressed community of Chester have found a safe, nurturing environment to learn, to grow and to be challenged at Frederick-Douglass Christian School (FDCS). Its curriculum stresses both the academic and spiritual development of students and meets all Pennsylvania state requirements. MPC members have volunteered in all aspects of the school since 1995.

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, April 2, will be guaranteed acknowledgement 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.

 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 home How many? _____



In keeping with Paul’s teaching in 1 Corinthians 12 that the Church is the “body of Christ,” with each member contributing to its overall functioning and health; Media Presbyterian annually selects members of its congregation for the roles of Elder and Deacon.

The Nominating Committee is in the process of evaluating possible candidates who would carry out the responsibilities and duties associated with the office as put forth in the Book of Order G-2.03 page 27.

We welcome your suggestions and ask that you prayerfully nominate individuals who you believe would make meaningful contributions in the roles of Elder or Deacon. Please complete the following form to submit a nomination.

Forms may be returned to the church office or emailed to LuAnn Crosby at luanncrosby@comcast.net.

The last day to hand in nominations is March 26, 2023.

Nominators Name:

Full Name of Nominee:

Nomination (Elder or Deacon): _____

How long have you known the Nominee? In what capacity?

Please describe in detail why you believe this individual would be an excellent choice for contributing to the work of our church community.

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 12, 2023

Sunday, March 12

Daylight Saving Begins!

- 8:30 a.m. Choir practice, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Lenten 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

Monday, March 13

- 12:00 p.m. Prayer & Devotion, Rev. Rose, Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, Room 102
- 8:00 p.m. MOYC, Zoom

Tuesday, March 14

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Room 102

Wednesday, March 15

- 9:00 a.m. Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors, Rev. Rose Sparrow,
Call 425-436-6394, Code338523#
- 2:30 p.m. Lima Estates Bible Study, Lima Estates
- 6:30 p.m. MOYC, Room 103 & Zoom
- 6:30 p.m. Cornerstone Kids, The Post
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study, Room 102 & Zoom

Thursday, March 16

- 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, March 17 No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, March 18

- 8:00 a.m. Churchwide Spring Clean-Up
- 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Sunday, March 19

- 8:30 a.m. Choir practice, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study, Room 102 & Zoom
Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
Children's Sunday School,
"Bring-A-Friend to 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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Organist	Emily Barth	Emily@mediapresbyterian.org
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	Main Kitchen	Ext. 1021
	Parlor <i>(back of sanctuary)</i>	Ext. 1022
	Nursery	Ext. 1023
	Benevolence Hotline	Ext. 2000



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