



# PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

April 2, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Media Presbyterian Church



**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](http://www.mediapresbyterian.org)

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## **Leading worship this morning..**

Reverend Dr. David Cagle, Transitional Pastor

Reverend Rose Sparrow, Parish Associate

Sebastian Carpenter, Director of Contemporary

Music and Worship, Director of Youth Ministries

Andria Kaskey, Director of Children's Ministries

Lisa VanHeldorf, Director of Traditional Music

Emily Barth, Organist

Walt Koenig, Worship Leader

## GATHERING

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**Organ Prelude** *Prelude on “St. Theodulph”* Robert Lau

**Choral Prelude** *Hosanna to the Son of David* David Halls  
MPC Choir

**Children’s Prelude** *Hosanna* Carl Tuttle  
Cornerstone Kids/Worship Team

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Sharing the Joy of Our Faith**



**Call to Worship (Psalm 118)**

**Leader:** O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
His steadfast love endures forever!

**All:** *Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”*

**Leader:** This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**All:** *Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!  
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!*

**Leader:** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord.

**All:** *Bind the festal procession with branches, up to  
the horns of the altar.*

**Leader:** You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you  
are my God; I will extol you.

**All:** *O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for  
His steadfast love endures forever.*

# \*Opening Worship

*God so Loved*  
Worship Team

We the Kingdom

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty  
Come to the well that never runs dry  
Drink of the water  
Come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners, come find His mercy  
Come to the table, He will satisfy  
Taste of His goodness  
Find what you're looking for

*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*

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

Chorus: *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

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

*\* please stand in body or in spirit*

*For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save*

Chorus

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting  
God so loved the world

**Palm Sunday Choral Response**

*Hosanna to the Son of David*

MPC Choir

**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**

**Leader:** As we enter Holy Week, let us prepare our hearts to follow Jesus to the cross by confessing all that turns us from our Savior's path.

**All:** *In humility and faith, let us confess our sins to God.*

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

## Prayer of Confession (*All*)

*Abba God, Father of Jesus, forgive our lack of respect and attention as your Son enters this most painful of weeks. We, like the disciples, fall asleep when Jesus asks us to stay awake and pray. Our minds wander as He sets His path straight for Jerusalem to speak truth to power on our behalf. We are careless with our faith, while Jesus acts with extraordinary love. Forgive our apathy. Forgive our inattention. Forgive our careless and self-serving attitudes. Remind us, this Holy Week, of the salvation you offer in Jesus Christ. Let us not take this gracious gift for granted. Amen.*

## Lenten Response 82 (Blue) (*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 (Psalm 118:1)

**Leader:** “O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever!”

**All:** *In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
Let us be at peace. Amen.*

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

*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.*

## EQUIPPING

### THE WORD

#### Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Mark 11:1-11 (pg.823)

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

*“Trying to Pigeonhole Jesus”*

Rev. 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**

**Offertory**                      *Jerusalem My Destiny*                      *Rory Cooney*  
MPC Choir & Worship Team

### **\*Doxology**

**Hymn 592 (Blue)**

*OLD HUNDRETH*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God 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

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**\*Closing Song**

Hymn 88 (Blue) *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Melchior Teschner

## CHARGE AND BLESSING

Postlude

*Festal March*

*Florence Price*

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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**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**

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Sign up to receive our weekly digital newsletter by going to our website or by emailing [rebecca@mediapresbyterian.org](mailto:rebecca@mediapresbyterian.org).

## **FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

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

## **ONLINE GIVING**

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



## **MPC YOUTH MINISTRY**

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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](mailto:sebastian@mediapresbyterian.org)) with any questions.

## **CORNERSTONE KIDS**

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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.

## **MISSION COMMITTEE**

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- ◆ Mission Spotlight is happening this Tuesday, April 4, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 102 and via Zoom. Bill Strine will share updates on our mission partners at Compassion for Life and the work happening in Liberia.
- ◆ Join the Mission Committee as we serve dinner to the community at Hope Café, City Team Ministries, in Chester, PA on Saturday, April 22 from 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Volunteers will serve as waiters, waitresses, dishwashers and hosts. Children, ages 6 and over, are welcome. A chaperone is required for any volunteer under age 18. To register and sign a waiver please visit [mediapresbyterian.cityteam.volunteerhub.com/](http://mediapresbyterian.cityteam.volunteerhub.com/). If you have any questions, please contact Belle Patton at 610-613-2403.

## **PHILLY UNION-FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT**

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MPC will be joining the Philly Union for Faith & Family Night on Saturday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Subaru Park when they play Toronto. Come out for a great evening of soccer and discussion after the game. Tickets are \$30 per person. RSVP by April 5. Email Sebastian ([sebastian@medipresbyterian.org](mailto:sebastian@medipresbyterian.org)) for more information.

## **OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

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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 & address to Karen Gibble ([karenegibble@gmail.com](mailto:karenegibble@gmail.com)).

## **MOYC-MOTHER'S OF YOUNG CHILDREN**

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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.” No meeting April 10.

Please contact Reverend Rose Sparrow  
([rose@mediapresbyterian.org](mailto:rose@mediapresbyterian.org)) for more information.

## **FAITH AND FILM GROUP**

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Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 13th at 7:00 pm in Room 103 and via a Zoom conference. The next assignment is to watch the 1988 film “The Last Temptation of Christ” directed by Martin Scorsese. Please email Steve Beckley ([strybeck242@gmail.com](mailto:strybeck242@gmail.com)) to request an invitation to the Zoom conference or for any questions.

## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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Adult Sunday School will continue their study of James MacDonald's book “The Vertical Church” Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in Room 102. If you do not have a book, you can purchase one on Amazon or Audible. There are also video presentations of the book on YouTube. Contact Rev. Rose ([rose@mediapresbyterian.org](mailto:rose@mediapresbyterian.org)) for more information.

## **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

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Our next meeting is Monday, April 24 from 7-8 p.m. in Room 103 and every 4th Monday of the month. We will be discussing the book, "The Newlyweds: Rearranging Marriage in Modern India" by Mansi Choski. Contact Jean Furey (jeanfurey@yahoo.com ) for more information.

## **MEN'S BOOK CLUB**

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Our next meeting is Thursday, April 27 from 7-8 p.m. in Room 103 and every 4th Thursday of the month. We will be discussing the book, "Moral Man and Immoral Society" by Reinhold Niebuhr. Contact Joe Haviland (rurahrah@comcast.net) for more information.

## **MEDIA FOOD BANK**

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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.

# SPIRITUAL FORMATION COMMITTEE

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## 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 11-12
Monday	The Law:	Ex 1-4
Tuesday	History:	1Sam 16-20
Wednesday	Psalms:	Ps 39-41
Thursday	Poetry:	Job 27-28
Friday	Prophecy	Jer 7-11
Saturday	Gospels:	Mark 7-8

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

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### Financial Update for March 2023 & Year To Date Totals:

	Month As Of 3/31/2023	Year to Date Total for 2023	Giving Needed Year To Date	2023 Budget
Receipts:	\$55,596	\$166,932	\$200,308	\$868,000
Expenditures:	\$40,019	\$191,578		\$868,000
Receipts minus Expenses	\$15,577	\$(24,646)		

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	\$1,805
- Spending for Benevolence	-\$2,897
Total balance to date	\$16,011

# 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
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Kim Gilchrist	Karen Gible	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 2, 2023

Sunday, April 2

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

Monday, April 3

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

Tuesday, April 4

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Room 102
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Committee, Mission Spotlight,  
Room 102 & Zoom

Wednesday, April 5

- 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. MOYC, Room 103 & Zoom
- 6:30 p.m. Cornerstone Kids, The Post

Thursday, April 6

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Room

Friday, April 7 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service, Sanctuary

Saturday, April 8

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Sunday, April 9

8:30 a.m. Choir practice, Sanctuary

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Room 102

Youth Sunday School, Youth Room

Children's Sunday School, Children's  
Wing

10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship Service,  
Sanctuary



## Join Us For Holy Week

**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



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	Parlor <i>(back of sanctuary)</i>	Ext. 1022
	Nursery	Ext. 1023
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