

Sunday, October 1, 2023
Service at 10:00 a.m.



*“Rendering
Unto Caesar”*



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 Dr. David Cagle, Transitional Pastor
Lisa VanHeldorf, Director of Traditional Music
Dave Layton, Worship Leader
Emily Barth, Organist

The Chancel flowers are donated by Eric MacDonald in loving memory of Lydia Abel, Mother of Eric and Scott MacDonald and Sarah McVey.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Ministry

Cornerstone Kids, Janis Richards

Call to Worship (from Luke 13:29)

Leader: People will come from east and west,

All: from north and south,

Leader: and will eat in the kingdom of God.

All: Thanks be to God for welcoming us to the table.

*Opening Worship (Led by Worship Team)

(Music Sheets available)

House of the Lord

Phil Wickham

Great Are You Lord

All Sons and Daughters

Children's Moment

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

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: Sin is our stumbling block. Repentance clears the way to hear and receive God's truth.

All: Let us confess our sins together.

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

**please stand in body or in spirit*

Prayer of Confession (All) (From Habakkuk 1:3; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 12, 14)

All: Holy and Righteous God, amidst the violence and wrongdoing of the world, we struggle to live by faith. We treat suffering with contempt, seek power to serve ourselves, and cowardly shrink from prophetic truth. Gather us again to your table as you gathered the generations before us. Save us from the strife we start, and the contention we create. Rekindle within us the gifts you have given, revive our sense of your Holy Spirit. In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (2 Corinthians 5:17; Book of Common Worship)

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

***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

Dave Layton

Sermon Reading: Matthew 22:15-22 (pg.803)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Rendering Unto Caesar”

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

RESPONDING

*Affirmation of Faith (All)

The Nicene Creed

Leader: Brothers and sisters, what do you believe?

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. 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 (Led by the MPC Choir)

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

*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 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 #440 (Blue)

In Christ There is No East or West

Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

“Thank you MPC family and friends for helping celebrate Andria and me in such a special way this past Sunday in the service and with the reception. It meant a lot to be able to be together and celebrate the last six years of my life in ministry here at MPC. Praying God will continue to lead you and inspire you in the future! Blessings, Sebastian.”

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 9:00 a.m. Sunday School hour and the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Sunday School -Adults meet at 9:00 a.m. in Room 102 and via Zoom. 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 are Monday - Thursday, 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).

ONLINE GIVING

Visit MediaPresbyterian.org/GiveOnline or scan the QR code to give your tithes & offerings.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Fall Book Study**
 - ◆ The Spiritual Formation Committee along with the Pastoral staff has chosen for the Fall Book Study “[The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism](#)” by Tim Keller. The study will start the week of October 8 and run until November 12. Stay tuned for days, dates, and times of groups that you may join. For more information contact Rose (rose@mediapresbyterian.org).

- **Free Orchestra Concert**

- ◆ The Rose Tree Pops Orchestra will be performing a free concert in Dale Hall on Sunday, October 8th at 3:00, as part of Delco Arts Week 2023. They will present an hour-long program of Pops, Big-Band, Classical and Broadway music, which is sure to be pleasing for audience members of all ages! Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the concert. Please come out to hear The Rose Tree Pops and show support for local music groups from Delaware County.

MPC IS HIRING

- **Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries**

- ◆ The Search Committee requests your help in finding a qualified applicant for the position of Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries at MPC. This is a full-time, non-ordained position that is responsible for developing and leading our ministry to children, youth, and families. The ideal candidate will have a passion for working with children and youth, a strong understanding of Protestant theology and practice, and experience working with children and youth in a variety of settings. Qualified candidates may contact employment@mediapresbyterian.org. See the website or newsletter for more information.

- **Nursery Person Needed**

- ◆ We are looking to hire a part-time person to join our nursery worker Amanda Jacobson, Wednesday evenings from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. to care for children ages 4 and below. Presently, we are looking for a volunteer to help out until the position is filled. There is a PA State Police Background Check and PA Child Abuse Clearances required for anyone who volunteers with children. For all inquiries, please email office@mediapresbyterian.org.

ONGOING MINISTRIES

- **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.

- **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.
 - ◆ **Cornerstone Kids Wednesday Nights**-Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade join us every Wednesday night from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Children’s Wing for games, crafts, songs, and more!
 - ◆ Contact Janis Richards (janis_richards@yahoo.com).
- **Women’s Book Club**
 - ◆ We meet every 4th Monday in Room 102 and via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Our book for the October 23 meeting is “The Woman They Could Not Silence” by Kate Moore. Contact: Jean Furey (jeanfurey@yahoo.com).
- **MPC Choir**
 - ◆ Join the MPC Choir! Use the gift of singing to bless His people! Practice takes place every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. To find out how you can join or for more information, contact Lisa VanHeldorf, Directory of Traditional Music, (lisa@mediapresbyterian.org).

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Financial Update for September 2023 & Year To Date Totals:

	Month As Of 9/30/2023	YTD Total for 2023	Giving Needed YTD	2023 Budget
Receipts:	\$42,924	\$522,607	\$634,308	\$868,000
Expenditures:	\$29,221	\$594,912		\$868,000
Receipts minus Expenses	\$13,703	\$(72,305)		

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	\$8,399
- Spending for	
Benevolence	-\$10,377
Total balance to date	\$15,125

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 1, 2023

Sunday, October 1

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- 8:45 a.m. Nursery opens for drop-off
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Room 102 & Zoom
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School, Children's Wing
- 9:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with BLOC, Sanctuary

Monday, October 2

- 12:00 p.m. Prayer & Devotion, Rev. Rose, Zoom
- 4:45 p.m. Mission Study Team meeting, Room 102

Tuesday, October 3

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

Wednesday, October 4

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors, Rev. Rose Sparrow
Call 425-436-6394, Code 338523#
- 6:30 p.m. Cornerstone Kids Wednesday Nights,
Children's Wing

Thursday, October 5

- 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. Youth Group, Youth Room
- 7:00 p.m. Yoga

Friday, October 6

Office Closed

Saturday, October 7

- 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Sunday, October 8

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- 8:45 a.m. Nursery opens for drop-off
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Room 102 & Zoom
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School, Children's Wing
- 9:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with BLOC, Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Rose Tree Pops Orchestra Concert, Dale Hall

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