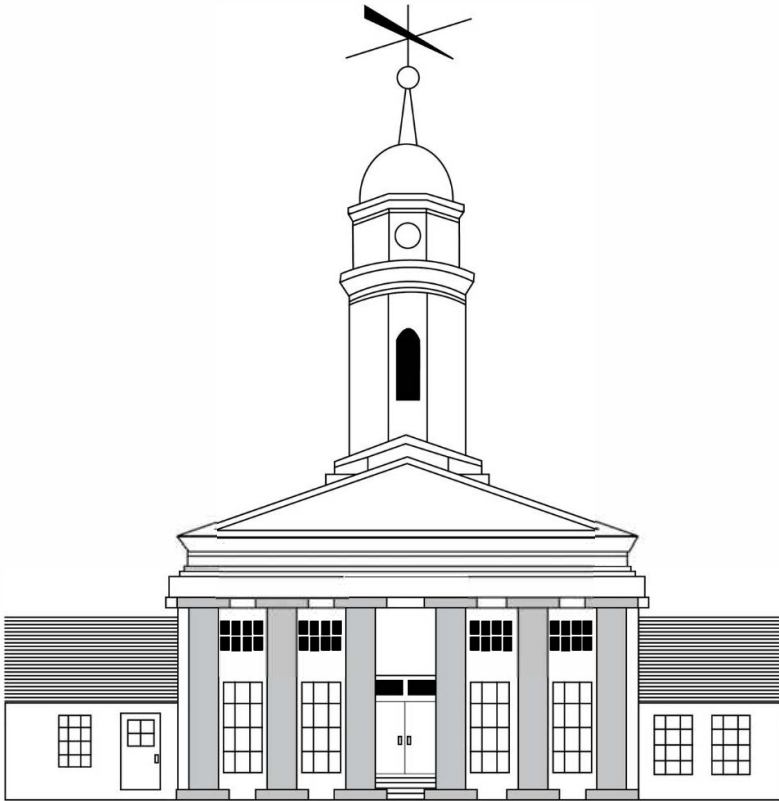


Media Presbyterian Church



**“That’s Just the Way
the World Works!”**

Worship. Grow. Serve.
Together

Sunday, February 16th, 2025

Welcome

MPC'S MISSION

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Together

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
Andrew Behringer, Director of Contemporary Music
Emily Barth, Organist
Jessica Johnson, Worship Leader

*Today's chancel flowers are dedicated in
loving memory of David W. Smith and
James L. Smith, III.
~Robin Smith*

GATHERING

Prelude

Adoration

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 1)

Leader: Like trees planted by streams of water

All: Let us trust in the Lord

Leader: and meditate on God's Word

All: so we can yield good and bountiful fruit.

*Opening Worship (Led by Worship Team)

I'm So Blessed

Logan Cain, Madison Cain, Taylor
Cain, Matthew West, & Jonathan Smith

Come What May

We Are Messengers & Cory Asbury

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: Who can understand the heart? Only God. Let us confess the ways we have turned from the One who knows us and saves us.

All: Let us confess our sins together.

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

Prayer of Confession (A/I)

Sustaining God, you lead us through parched wilderness to streams of living water, but we do not root ourselves in health and wholeness. We ignore your rich provisions, choosing the world's latest fad and shallow self-help. We sentimentalize the spiritual and ignore the deeper needs of our souls. Merciful God, forgive our arrogance and our ignorance. Remind us of our spiritual needs and the many ways you are here to provide. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (based on Jeremiah 17:8)

Leader: Blessed are those who trust the Lord. When heat comes, our leaves will stay green. In a year of drought, we will not cease to bear fruit. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Song of Praise

Glory Be to the Father

Hymn #579

Gloria Patri

(Blue)

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

Jessica Johnson

Scripture Reading: I Kings 21:1-16 pg. 286

Jessica Johnson

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading II: Luke 6:20-31, 36 pg. 838

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "That's Just the Way the World Works!"

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

RESPONDING

*Affirmation of Faith (*All*)

Apostle's Creed

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 Ghost, 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 Ghost; 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 Anthem

On Eagle's Wings

(MPC Choir)

*Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

Hymn #592

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

SENDING

***Closing Hymn #357** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

(Blue)

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

O Worship the King

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 4 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 Pastor Rose at Rose@mediapresbyterian.org

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

◆ **Celebration of Love: *Pastor Rose Marie Sparrow***

Please join us following service on Sunday, February 23rd, for a **luncheon**, honoring Pastor Rose Marie Sparrow and all of her hard work and dedication she has provided MPC throughout the years. Please view our website or the StayConnected Newsletter for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

◆ Teachers' Teammates

Teachers need **new** and **like-new** items to help them finish the 2024-2025 school year. Please contact a Deacon with any questions OR to make a financial contribution to Teachers' Teammates.

Items are listed below:

- Markers, Dry Erase & Highlighter
- Pencil Pouches (3-Hole Grommet Style)
- 2-Pocket Folders
- Pencil Sharpeners (Handheld Barrel Type)
- Erasers, Wedge
- Rulers
- Crayons & Colored Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- Pens
- Filler Paper, W/R & C/R

◆ 175th Anniversary Celebration

The **175th Anniversary Celebration** of Media Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, May 18th. We will be hosting a special service, remembrances of the past and sharing our hopes for the future. A catered meal will occur after the service in Dale Hall. Please check the Website and StayConnected in a couple weeks on how to signup! **Please sign up by April 6th so we can get a headcount.**

- ◆ Please share **any photos** you have taken over the years either electronically or hard copies to Deacon Sue Hare. Sue Hare will be accepting photos until **March 9th**.

You can email her at susanmlowry@hotmail.com

ONGOING MINISTRIES

◆ **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: Reverend David Cagle (david@mediapresbyterian.org).

◆ **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.

– 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 Thursday from 7-8:30pm in the Youth Room.

LENTEN LOAVES OF LOVE

LENTEN LOAVES OF LOVE is 22 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 2025, we are supporting two new ministries in response to the devastation of the Southern California wildfires:

Cal Fire Benevolent Foundation

The Foundation provides financial assistance for the public good, by participating with burn centers and providing disaster relief throughout the state of California to relieve the burden on families. The money raised goes directly to assist firefighters, their families, those that support firefighters, and to assist burn victims.

www.calfires.foundation

World Central Kitchen

WCK is the first to the frontlines, providing fresh meals in response to humanitarian, climate & community crises. Food is essential to life every single day, all over the world—and it is more important than ever in a crisis. Not only is a thoughtful, freshly prepared meal one less thing someone has to worry about in the wake of a disaster, it is a reminder that you are not alone, someone is thinking about you, and someone cares. Food has the power to be the nourishment and hope we need to pick ourselves back up in the darkest times. WCK is currently working in Southern California providing meals and support to those displaced by the fires and the First Responders fighting the fires. www.wck.org

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*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 13, 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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tulips \_\_\_\_ Daffodils \_\_\_\_

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

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

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

# FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16th, 2025

## **Sunday, Feb 16th**

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 Sunday Worship Service (BLOC), Sanctuary  
11:30am Confirmation Class, Youth Room  
11:30am Inquirer's Class, Room 102  
11:30am Worship Team, Sanctuary

## **Monday, Feb 17th**

Office Closed

## **Tuesday, Feb 18th**

10:00am Staff meeting, Room 102  
7:00pm Session mtg., Room 102 & Zoom

## **Wednesday, Feb 19th**

9:00am Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen  
10:00am Prayer Warriors, Rev. Rose Sparrow  
Call 425-436-6394, Code 338523#  
6:30pm Cornerstone Kids  
7:00pm Admin cmt. mtg., Zoom

## **Thursday, Feb 20th**

7:00am Men's Bible Study, Court Diner, Media  
10:00am Women's Bible Study, Zoom  
6:30pm MPC Ringers, Sanctuary  
7:00pm Yoga  
7:00pm Youth Group, Youth Room

## **Friday, Feb 21st**

Office Closed

## **Saturday, Feb 22nd**

7:00pm NA Meeting, Dale Hall

## **Sunday, Feb 23rd**

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 Sunday Worship Service (BLOC), Sanctuary  
11:30am Celebration of Love, Rev. Rose Sparrow  
11:30am Confirmation Class, Youth Room  
11:30am Worship Team, Sanctuary

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| Transitional Pastor                        | Reverend<br>Dr. David Cagle          | David@mediapresbyterian.org Ext.1001   |
| Parish Associate                           | Reverend<br>Rose Sparrow             | Rose@mediapresbyterian.org Ext. 1002   |
| Interim Business<br>Administrator          | Sandy Campbell                       | Sandyc@mediapresbyterian.org Ext. 1006 |
| Director of Children<br>& Youth Ministries | Ty Harvey                            | Ty@mediapresbyterian.org Ext. 1003     |
| Facilities Manager                         | Scott MacDonald                      | Scott@mediapresbyterian.org Ext.1008   |
| Director of<br>Traditional Music           | Lisa VanHeldorf                      | Lisa@mediapresbyterian.org             |
| Director of<br>Contemporary Music          | Andrew Behringer                     | Andrew@mediapresbyterian.org           |
| Organist                                   | Emily Barth                          | Emily@mediapresbyterian.org            |
| Church<br>Administrator                    | Camryn Gavula                        | Camryn@mediapresbyterian.org Ext.1005  |
|                                            | Main Kitchen                         | Ext. 1021                              |
|                                            | Parlor<br><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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