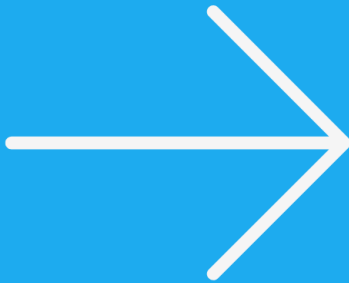




MEDIA  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

10:00 A.M.  
SERVICE



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# 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...**

Mr. Paul Dickason, Guest Speaker from CRU International (formerly known as Campus Crusade for Christ)

Lisa VanHeldorf, Director of Traditional Music

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

Andria Kaskey, Director of Children's Ministry

Eric MacDonald, Worship Leader

Emily Barth, Organist

The Chancel flowers are donated by Anne Helfrich in "loving memory of her husband, Harold, and their parents."

## GATHERING

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### Prelude

*Gavotte from French Suite No. 5*

J. S. Bach

### Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

Leader: The steadfast love of God surrounds us; be glad and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

**All: *We celebrate the good things of life that God provides. We give thanks for God's steadfast love.***

Leader: Let all who are faithful offer prayers to God. Come to listen for God's counsel and instruction.

**All: *We are here to encounter the one who made us. We are open to the Word God will speak.***

Leader: God hears our cries and answers our pleas.  
Rejoice, O righteous, in God's justice and grace.

**All: *Surely God is our strength and our hope. We will trust in the one who provides all things.***

### \*Opening Worship (Led by the Worship Team)

(Music Sheets available)

***King of My Heart***

Steffany Gretzinger/Bethel Music

***Cornerstone***

Hillsong Music

### 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."***

*\*please stand in body or in spirit*

## Call to Confession

Leader: God does not delight in wickedness, whether it be large offenses or small deceits. With God, evil will not sojourn, and lies and boasting have no place. Neither is there room for arrogant comparisons among the followers of Jesus. We who have violated God's law of love come now to seek forgiveness.

**All:** *Let us confess our sins together.*

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

## Prayer of Confession (All)

**All:** *O God, there is much for which we need to be forgiven. We have coveted what belongs to others while wasting what we have. We are eager for personal gain, even at another's expense. We seek to justify ourselves through good works rather than serving joyously and gratefully to honor you. We speak when we should keep silent and are silent when we should speak. O God, our actions are at war with what we believe. Draw us close to you, that we might avoid the disaster we are inviting. Amen.*

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sin is covered. God forgives and makes our way straight before us. In awe and reverence, let us accept God's gift and allow our ways to be changed. May we live by grace, recognizing and embracing the peace God offers.

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

## \*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

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## THE WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

Eric MacDonald

### Sermon Reading: Luke 7:36-50 (pg.840)

Eric MacDonald

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

*All: Thanks be to God.*

### Sermon

*“How Much Do I Love Jesus?”* Mr. Paul Dickason

## RESPONDING

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### \* Hymn #388 (Blue)

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

### \*Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostle's Creed*

Leader: Brothers and sisters, what do you believe?

*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

### Offering Song (Led by the MPC Choir)

*Oh How He Loves You and Me*

**\*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**

**SENDING**

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**\* Hymn #467 (Blue)**

*How Great Thou Art*

**Charge and Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

*Voluntary in C*

Michael Canales

## 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 10:00 a.m. worship service.

**Sunday School** -Adults meet at 9:00 a.m. in Room 102. Children's and Youth Sunday School both begin again September 10.

**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.

**NEW 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

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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.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- **Inquirer's Class**-On Sunday, September 17, following Worship, there will be an Inquirer's Class for visitors of our church. This will be an opportunity to learn more about what Presbyterians believe, how Presbyterian congregations are organized and make decisions (church government), and how to get involved in our church. Some of the visitors who attend this class will be joining our church, while others may be inquiring about Presbyterianism and getting actively involved in our church's ministry and mission. If you are interested in attending, contact Sue Hare at [susanmlowry@hotmail.com](mailto:susanmlowry@hotmail.com). If you would like more information, contact Pastor David at [david@mediapresbyterian.org](mailto:david@mediapresbyterian.org).

- **Refreshments on the Lawn:** Join us for our final Refreshments on the Lawn outside after the worship service. Today is sponsored by the Finance Committee!
- **College Student Ministry-**Attention parents of college students! If you would like your college student to receive monthly notes and/or small care packages, please email Jean Furey (jeanfurey@yahoo.com) with the student's name, college address, any allergy information, and birthday. We will send monthly reminders that MPC is praying for them as they continue their studies.

## ONGOING MINISTRIES

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- **Card Ministry**
  - ◆ Thank you to everyone who so generously donated greeting cards to our ministry. We are no longer accepting greeting cards. For more information, reach out to Jean Furey (jeanfurey@yahoo.com).
- **MPC Youth Ministry**
  - ◆ Check out the newsletter or website for a calendar of events or contact Sebastian (sebastian@mediapresbyterian.org).
- **Cornerstone Kids Children's Ministry**
  - ◆ Our MPC "Blessing of the Backpacks" will take place during the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, September 10, 2023. Please drop off your child's backpack to the front of the sanctuary before Sunday school at 9 a.m. Each backpack will receive a special tag, and we will pray over the children and their backpacks as part of our Children's Message that morning. Children can retrieve their backpacks after the service.
  - ◆ Building Lives on Christ (BLOC) is available most Sundays for children going into 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 Andria Kaskey (andria@mediapresbyterian.org)
- **Faith & Film**
  - ◆ Every 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Room 103 or Zoom join us for film conversations. Our next meeting is September 14. 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.



- **Women’s Book Club**
  - ◆ We meet every 4th Monday in Room 102 and via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Our book for August is “The Rose Code” by Kate Quinn  
Contact: Jean Furey (jeanfurey@yahoo.com). Our next meeting is tomorrow, August 28.
- **Lima Estates Bible Study**
  - ◆ All residents of Lima Estates are invited to join Reverend Rose Sparrow for a Bible Study on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Email Reverend Rose (rose@mediapresbyterian.org) for more information.
- **Digital Picture Directory**
  - ◆ We are updating our Digital Picture Directory. If a picture of you and your family is not in our digital directory, if your picture is out of date, or if you are not sure if your picture is in there or what it looks like, contact Sue Hare (susanmlowry@hotmail.com).
- **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).
- **Prayer and Devotion Group**
  - ◆ From the tiny beginnings among Jesus’ disciples, the Church exploded into a worldwide force in just a few years. How? Come and join us as we study Luke’s account of how the gospel was carried from Jerusalem to Rome, every Monday at noon via Zoom. We are using as our Study Guide, *Acts* by Life Change, A NavPress Bible Study.  
Zoom Meeting ID: 861 5515 1611; Passcode: 19063

## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

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- **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.
- ◆ Donations have decreased and the Food Bank has immediate needs. See the newsletter or website for the list.  
Contact: Brian McLaughlin (brianmclaughlin363@gmail.com).

### ELDERS

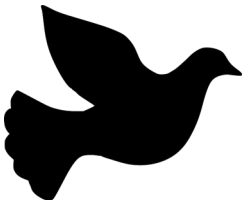
<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
LuAnn Crosby	Sandy Campbell	Jim Gatch
Jeanne Cunningham	Art Kalemkarian, Jr.	Julie Havel
Eileen McLaughlin	Elizabeth Rohr	Jessica Johnson
Robin Smith		Eric MacDonald
		Kate Meehan
		Paul Tutton

*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 AUGUST 27, 2023

Sunday, August 27

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Room 102 & Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with BLOC,  
Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Final Refreshments on the Lawn,  
sponsored by the Finance Committee

Monday, August 28

- 12:00 p.m. Prayer & Devotion, Rev. Rose, Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Book Club, Room 102 & Zoom

Tuesday, August 29

*Nothing on Schedule*

Wednesday, August 30

- 9:00 a.m. Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors, Rev. Rose Sparrow  
Call 425-436-6394, Code 338523#

Thursday, August 31

- 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. Yoga, Dale Hall

Friday, September 1

Office Closed

Saturday, September 2

- 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Sunday, September 3

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Room 102 & Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (No BLOC),  
Sanctuary

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