



Sunday, February 26, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Lent
Week 1



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

Dana Riker, Worship Leader

Emily Barth, Organist

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission Eric MacDonald, Worship Committee

Sharing the Joy of Our Faith

Call to Worship (Psalm 148)

Leader: Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise Him in the heights!

All: *Praise Him, all His angels;
Praise Him, all His host!*

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and
all rulers of the earth!

All: *Young men and women alike, old and young
together!*

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name
alone is exalted.

All: *Praise the Lord!*

*Opening Song

Who You Say I Am

Brooke Ligertwood/Hillsong
Worship Team

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

**please stand in body or in spirit*



*Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am*

Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

*Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, Yes I am*

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am (x2)
I am who You say I am

*Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am*

*In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, Yes I am*

In Christ Alone

Keith & Krysten Getty, Stuart Townend
Worship Team

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground



Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

*In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live*

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

*No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand*

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 (Hebrews 4:14-16)

Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence, trusting that God will forgive our sin and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

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

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

Prayer of Confession (All)

God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, longs to gather us in the wide embrace of his love, we confess that we have been wayward children. We have disobeyed your commands; our ears have been deaf to your call; our hearts have been cold to your love. In thought, in word, and in deed we have hurt others and dishonored your name.

Lenten Response

O Lamb of God Most Holy!

Nikolaus Decius

MPC Choir

*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 130:3-4, 7-8)

Leader: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. O, Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

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

EQUIPPING

THE WORD

First Reading: Psalm 84:1-2, 4, 10 (pg. 472) Dana Riker

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17 (pg. 958)

Reverend Dr. David Cagle

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon The Great Ends of the Church:
“Passionate Worship”


Reverend Dr. David Cagle

RESPONDING

Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith

All: *In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone*



we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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

More Love to Thee O Christ

William Howard Doane

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

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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.



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION & CORPORATION

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation will be held today at 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary and via Zoom.

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.

CHURCH WIDE MINI RETREAT

On Saturday, March 11, we will be hosting an All-Church Mini Retreat at MPC! Starting at 12:30 pm, we will have lunch followed by a time of praise and worship, a message, and small groups. Anyone, including friends, families, kids, and youth, is welcome to attend. There will be something for everyone! Please RSVP by Sunday, March 5 via the sheet in the hallway outside the kitchen or the Sign-Up Genius link in the Newsletter, allowing us to get a headcount for food and small groups. If you have any questions about the retreat, reach out to Sebastian (sebastian@mediapresbyterian.org) or Jeanne Cunningham (fuselloj@gmail.com).

CHURCHWIDE SPRING CLEAN UP

The Property Committee is asking you to join them for a Spring Clean Up on Saturday, March 18, starting at 8:00 a.m.! Help keep our church grounds beautiful! Contact Doug Crosby (douglascrosby@comcast.net) for more details.

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.

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. 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 in Room 102 (and via Zoom on Wednesdays). Email Reverend David (David@mediapresbyterian.org).

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.

FAITH & FILM

In the Faith and Film Club, we assign and discuss movies much like a book club does with books. We meet every 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Room 103 and via Zoom. On March 9th we'll be discussing the movie, Argentina, 1985, directed by Santiago Mitre. Please email Steve Beckley (strybeck242@gmail.com) with any questions.

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 1-2
Monday	The Law:	Gen 32-35
Tuesday	History:	Judges 17-21
Wednesday	Psalms:	Ps 24-26
Thursday	Poetry:	Job 17-18
Friday	Prophecy:	Isa 45-50
Saturday	Gospels:	Matt 23-25

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Update for February 2023 & Year To Date Totals:

	Month As Of 2/24/2023	Year to date Total for 2023	Giving Needed Year To Date	2023 Budget
Receipts:	\$33,203	\$90,809	\$116,846	\$868,000
Expenditures:	\$23,013	\$99,140		\$868,000

Receipts minus Expenses	\$10,190	\$(8,331)		
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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	-\$2,024
Total balance to date	\$16,709

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? _____

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

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 FEBRUARY 26, 2023

Sunday, February 26

- 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. Worship Service with BLOC,
Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting of the
Congregation & Corporation,
Sanctuary & Zoom

Monday, February 27

- 12:00 p.m. Prayer & Devotion, Rev. Rose, Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Book Club, Room 102 &
Zoom
- 8:00 p.m. MOYC, Zoom

Tuesday, February 28

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

Wednesday, March 1

- 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. Cornerstone Kids, The Post
- 6:30 p.m. MOYC, Room 103
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study, Room 102 & Zoom

Thursday, March 2

- 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. Men's Book Club, Room 103
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Room
- 7:00 p.m. Yoga

Friday, March 3

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, March 4

- 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Sunday, March 5

- 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. Worship Service with BLOC,
Sanctuary

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	Main Kitchen	Ext. 1021
	Parlor <i>(back of sanctuary)</i>	Ext. 1022
	Nursery	Ext. 1023
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