

Sunday, March 16th, 2025

10:00am Service

**"THE MOTHERLINESS
OF GOD"**



MEDIA

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

MPC'S MISSION

Worship. Grow. Serve.
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
Lisa VanHeldorf, Director of Traditional Music
Andrew Behringer, Director of Contemporary Music
Emily Barth, Organist
Sue Hare, Worship Leader

Today's chancel flowers are dedicated in memory of Janie Patton Morgan Madore, "Grammy," in celebration of the way she lived life by her daughter-Mindy Madore Davis and family: Chris, Katie Jane, Ben and Jack.
~Mindy Davis

GATHERING

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

Lloyd Larson

Welcome and Announcements

Minute For Mission

175th Anniversary

Sue Hare & Sue Kolva

Call to Worship (Psalm 27:1)

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

All: Whom shall I fear?

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

Leader: Come, seek God in this time of worship.

*Opening Worship (Led by Worship Team)

Unstoppable God

Chris Brown, Steven Furtick, Wade Joye

Living Hope

Phil Wickham

Children's Moment

Jeanne Cunningham

Blessing of the Children (A/I)

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: When we cry to God in prayer and confession, God hears. Let us approach God's throne of grace with confidence and faith.

All: Let us confess our sins together.

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

Prayer of Confession (All)

Eternal God, as enemies circle and fear grows large, the distance between us feels like absence and we come to believe you are hidden and concealed. Forgive our doubt. Forgive our lack of spiritual seeking. Forgive us when we make our faith all about what you might do for us rather than how we might serve you and work at right relationship with you. Amen.

Lenten Response #82 (Blue) *Oh Lamb Of God Most Holy!*

(All)
**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

Leader: God does not forsake us in times of trial. Our God is a gracious God, abounding in steadfast love. Know that in Jesus Christ, 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

Sue Hare

Scripture Reading: Luke 13:31-35 pg. 849

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "The Motherliness of God"

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

RESPONDING

***Affirmation of Faith**

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Stewardship

Offertory Anthem *Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake* Richard Farrant
(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 #84** (Blue) *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Declaration

Fenton Gordon

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 us at Office@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

◆ **Special Meeting of the Congregation**

The Session of Media Presbyterian Church has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation to be held following the 10:00 AM worship service on Sunday, March 30, 2025, in the sanctuary at Media Presbyterian Church and via the Zoom platform for those unable to attend in-person. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee concerning the Pastor-elect, approving the call of the Pastor-elect, and to accept the terms of call.

UPCOMING EVENTS

◆ **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. The Sign-Up Genius for the meal is now available. It can be found on the church website and on StayConnected. On the bulletin board in the hallway by the library, there is also a sign-up sheet. To help cover the food costs, we are requesting all who are able, to contribute \$10/adults and \$5/children, payable by check, cash, or online. If cost is a concern, let Rev. Cagle know; we would like everyone to be able to attend. **Please sign up by April 6th so we can get a headcount.** Drinks and some desserts are also desired. Help will be needed for set-up and clean-up. Also, a general fund for the celebration has been established to help defray any associated costs of the celebration. Please indicate "175th Celebration" on all donations. We hope to have a joyous day of celebrating our past and embracing our future!

◆ **BECOME A PART OF MPC HISTORY**

As we celebrate our 175th anniversary as a congregation, each one of us has special memories of our own experiences at MPC. In order to record these individual moments, please stop by Hassler Chapel to fill out a special "Memory Card". Did you have a special moment at Harvey Cedars? Did you spend a week helping others with Habitat for Humanity? Were you thrilled to see your children in a pageant or participate in a musical program? How about a baptism or a wedding? The possibilities are endless. The 4 x6 cards will be placed in albums to be shared this year and the next 175 years. We hope to share the past and our hopes for the future at MPC. A scrapbook will be located in Hassler Chapel starting March 16th. Along with the book are decorated or blank 4 x 6 cards. Use them to write down thoughts and memories about your experiences at church. Then, put the finished cards in the basket designated for completed cards. Add a picture or so if desired.

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! As we wrap up our study in Matthew, we are preparing for our Lenten Study. Taking a prompt from Matthew, we are going to take a step away from studying a book of the Bible to study what are spiritual disciplines. This study will be guided by Richard Foster's book "*Celebrations of Spiritual Disciplines*". Through this 4 week study we will learn what the spiritual disciplines are, why they matter, and how we can practice them in our faith journey. For additional information, please contact: Sharon Riley (sriley1347@gmail.com).

◆ **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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Update for February 2025

| | Feb 2025 | Year to Date | Budget | % of Budget |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Receipts: | \$ 56,214 | \$ 109,795 | \$ 770,600 | 14.25% |
| Expenditures: | \$ 57,764 | \$ 109,259 | \$ 797,429 | 13.70% |
| Receipts minus Expenses: | (\$ 1,550) | \$ 536 | | |

Deacons Fund: Beginning balance in 2025 \$ 5,873

PLUS Received YTD (+) \$ 1,950

LESS Spending for Benevolence (-) \$ 2,264

Balance to date \$ 5,559

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 MARCH 16th, 2025

## **Sunday, Mar 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  
11:15am Youth Pancake Breakfast, Dale Hall  
11:30am Confirmation Class, Youth Room

## **Monday, Mar 17th**

12:00pm Prayer & Devotion, Zoom  
6:30pm PNC, Room 102

## **Tuesday, Mar 18th**

10:00am Staff meeting, Room 102  
6:30pm Session mtg., Hybrid, Room 102 & Zoom

## **Wednesday, Mar 19th**

9:00am Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen  
10:00am Prayer Warriors,  
Call 605-313-5637, Code 2707235#  
6:30pm Cornerstone Kids  
7:00pm Admin cmt. mtg., Zoom

## **Thursday, Mar 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, Mar 21st**

Office Closed

## **Saturday, Mar 22nd**

7:00pm NA Meeting, Dale Hall

## **Sunday, Mar 23rd**

8:30am Choir Practice, Sanctuary  
8:45am Nursery opens for drop-off  
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 Worship Team, Sanctuary

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|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Transitional Pastor                        | Reverend<br>Dr. David Cagle          | David@mediapresbyterian.org Ext.1001   |
| 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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