Media Presbyterian Church



"Perseverance"

Worship. Grow. Serve. Together

Sunday, November 2nd, 2025



MPC'S MISSION

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VISITING TODAY?

If this is your first time worshiping 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...

Rev. Doug Forsberg, Senior Pastor Lisa VanHeldorf, Director of Traditional Music Andrew Behringer, Director of Contemporary Music Emily Barth, Organist Ed Ardis, Worship Leader

Today's chancel flowers are dedicated in memory of our parents, George & Jerry Bissinger and Dr. Robert & Joan Brod.

~ Cathy & Rob Brod

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Doug Forsberg

Call to Worship (Psalm 136)

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

People: His love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods.

People: His love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

People: His love endures forever.

Leader: To him who alone does great wonders,

People: His love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the God of heaven.

People: His love endures forever.

*Opening Worship (Led by Worship Team)

Your Love Never Fails Everlasting God

Chris Quilala/Jesus Culture Brenton Brown & Ken Riley

Prayer of Confession (AII)

Gracious God, you love us, but so often we fail to love as you call us to do. Your love is unchanging, but our love is fickle; it is dependent on circumstances and at times, whether we feel like loving you and our neighbor or not. Lord, forgive our lack of charity and hear us as we confess our sin to you in the quiet of our own hearts . . .

[silent confession]

O God, how grateful we are for your mercy and the promise that nothing can separate us from your love in Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray. Amen.

^{*}Please stand in body or in spirit

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Praise,

Glory Be to the Father

Hymn #579 (Blue)

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.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Honoring Longtime Members

Children's Moment

Rev. Doug Forsberg

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.

EQUIPPING

THE WORD

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:31-39 pg. 919

Sermon:

"Perseverance"

Rev. Doug Forsberg

RESPONDING

*Affirmation of Faith (AII)

Nicene Creed

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.

Receiving New Members

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Stewardship

Offertory Anthem

Day By Day

Martin How

*Doxology

Hymn #592

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Eather Son and Holy Chest Amon

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 (AII)

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

*Closing Hymn #442

The Church's One Foundation

(Blue)

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Sermon Notes

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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 (PreK-5th grade). Youth Sunday School is in the Youth Room (6th grade & up).

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.

Attention Parents of Young Children- Please ask our ushers for a busy board so your child can draw during service.

Church Office Hours- Monday through Thursday, 8:30am-4:00pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

◆ MPC Thursday 7:00 pm Yoga Class

MPC Thursday Hatha Yoga has a few spots available and maybe one of them is meant for you! The November /December session begins November 3rd and meets every Thursday at 7:00pm downstairs in the Children's Sunday School Wing except Thanksgiving and Christmas. Price for the six classes is \$30. This is an all-levels class, beginners welcome.

Faith & Film Club

FAITH & FILM CLUB will meet next on Thursday, November 13, 2025. The next assignment is to watch the 1986 film "Saving Grace," directed by Robert M. Young, and starring Tom Conti and Edward James Olmos. Conti plays a fictional pope who feels detached from ordinary people. He is accidentally locked out of the Vatican and, with his identity concealed, sets out to serve an impoverished village. (Watch out for other movies with the same title - there are a few!)

Please email Steve Beckley at strybeck242@gmail.com to request an invitation to the Zoom conference or for any questions.

Stewardship 2026 Update

Thank you to everyone who has submitted pledges for 2026. Your commitments will enable Session to plan a sustainable budget for next year. If you have not submitted your pledge card, it is not too late. Please place your card in the offering plate, deliver to the office, or contact Sandy Campbell (sandyc@mediapresbyterian.org).

Annual Youth Pie Sale

The MPC Youth are ready to make your Thanksgiving as easy as PIE! The Youth will join in fellowship and to bake pies on Saturday, November 22rd at church. Pick up your pie(s) on Sunday, November 23rd AFTER the 10am service. Please PRE-ORDER your pie in Hassler Chapel on Sunday, November 9th or November 16th after the 10am service or on the sign-up genius (see the Stay Connected Newsletter). Pies are available for \$15 each, APPLE or PUMPKIN, BAKED or FROZEN. We appreciate your support of this MPC tradition!

Before we Bake: The Youth Committee is inviting any adult volunteers to join us in the kitchen on Friday, November 21, 6-8pm, to help us prepare pie crusts and premeasure ingredients. This is always a fun time of fellowship. Come join us and meet someone new! Contact Robin Kauffman for more information, robinkauffman@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: 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 Ty Harvey (Ty@mediapresbyterian.org) for more information.

FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2nd, 2025

Sunday, Nov 2nd Monday, Nov 3rd	8:30am 8:45am 9:00am 9:00am 9:15am 10:00am 11:15am	Choir Practice, Sanctuary Nursery opens for drop-off Adult Sunday School, RM 102 Youth Sunday School, Youth RM Worship Team, Sanctuary Sunday Worship Service (BLOC), Sanctuary Worship Team, Sanctuary
Monday, Nov 3rd	12:00pm	Prayer & Devotion, Zoom
Tuesday, Nov 4th Wednesday, Nov 5th	10:00am 7:00pm 7:00pm	Staff mtg., RM 102 Mission cmt. mtg., Room 102 Property cmt. mtg., Room 103
Wednesday, Nov Sti	9:00am 11:00am	Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen Prayer Warriors, Call 605-313-5637, Code 2707235#
	6:30pm 6:30pm	Weds. Night Kids Club MOYC, RM 103
Thursday, Nov 6th	7:00am 10:00am 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Men's Bible Study, Court Diner, Media Women's Bible Study, Zoom MPC Bells, Sanctuary Yoga Youth Group, Youth Room
Friday, Nov 7th	Office Closed 11:00am	Memorial Service, Sanctuary
Saturday, Nov 8th	9:00am 6:00pm	Media Theatre, Dale Hall NA Meeting, Dale Hall
Sunday, Nov 9th	8:30am 8:45am 9:00am 9:00am 9:15am 10:00am 11:15am 7:00pm	Choir Practice, Sanctuary Nursery opens for drop-off Adult Sunday School, RM 102 Youth Sunday School, Youth Room Worship Team, Sanctuary Sunday Worship Service (BLOC), Sanctuary Worship Team, Sanctuary High School Bible Study, Youth Room

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