



SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 22, 2023
10:00 A.M. SERVICE

*"The Joyful
Spirit of
Generosity"*

MEDIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Steve Buxton, Worship Leader

Emily Barth, Organist

The Chancel flowers are donated by Joe and Sue Hare in celebration of their 38th wedding anniversary and in memory of their parents.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Stewardship

Jeanne Cunningham,
Chair of Children's Ministry
Jessica Johnson, Chair of Youth Ministry
3rd Stewardship Sunday

Call to Worship

Leader: In this sacred hour of worship
when we name things for what they really are,

All: we give to God what is God's.

Leader: Between the demands of this last week and the demands of the
one ahead

All: we give to God what is God's.

Leader: With open hearts and hands and minds, every innate gift from
our loving Creator,

All: we give to God what is God's.

*Opening Worship (Led by Worship Team)

(Music Sheets available)

This is Amazing Grace

Phil Wickham

Chain Breaker

Zach Williams

Children's Moment

Jeanne Cunningham

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: Sin tricks and traps us a hundred times a day. So we turn to God, whose business is freedom. Trusting that God will free us from our sin and deliver us to safety,

All: *let us confess our sins with courage and hope.*

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

Prayer of Confession (All)

All: *The world says, "Buy and accumulate things."*

God's Word says, "Life is not made up of how much a person has." (Luke 12:15).

The world says, "Wealth is our security."

God's Word says, "I will say about the Lord, 'He is my place of safety.'" (Ps. 91:2).

The world says, "We deserve the best."

God's Word says, "The Lord blesses us with favor and honor. He doesn't hold back anything good from those whose lives are without blame." (Ps. 84:11).

The world says, "Give so that you may obtain favors and praise from others."

God's Word says, "Lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then you will receive a lot in return." (Luke 6:35).

The world says, "Gratify yourself in every way."

God's Word says, "Let Christ's word live in you like a rich treasure....Do everything you say or do in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Always give thanks to God the Father through Christ."

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! Our God, lover of justice, glories not in punishment but in redemption.

All: *Christ has broken the power of sin and rescued us from our shame.*

Leader: Be at peace: you are forgiven, and you are free.

All: *To God be the glory! Alleluia! 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

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Steve Buxton

Sermon Reading: II Corinthians 8:1-15 (pg.941)

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Joyful Spirit of Generosity”

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

RESPONDING

***Affirmation of Faith (All)**

A Brief Statement of Faith

Leader: Brothers and sisters, what do you believe?

All: In life and 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.*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

*In sovereign love God created the world good,
acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation,
and makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

*Jesus proclaimed the reign of God, was crucified,
and raised from the dead, delivering us from death to life
eternal.*

*We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and
renewer of life.*

*The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of
Christ, the church.*

*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!"*

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Stewardship

Offering Song (Led by the MPC Choir)

*Song of Response

Hymn #339 (Blue)

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*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 of Affirmation

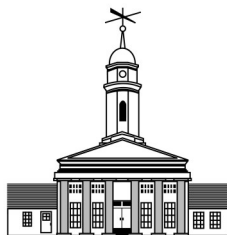
SENDING

*Closing Hymn #391 (Blue)

Take My Life

Charge and Blessing

*Postlude



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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 3 years old during our 9:00 a.m. Sunday School hour and the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Sunday School -Adults meet at 9:00 a.m. in Room 102 and via Zoom. 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 Reverend Rose.

Attention Mothers of Infants -The parlor at the back of the church is available for privacy during church services.

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

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).

ONLINE GIVING

Visit MediaPresbyterian.org/GiveOnline or scan the QR code to give your tithes & offerings.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Stewardship Campaign 2024**
 - ◆ This is week 3 of Stewardship Season 2024. We need every member and every friend of MPC to step up and make a pledge to support our hopeful future that God has planned for us. (Jeremiah 29:11) Over the next two weeks, we will hear about the exciting ministry at MPC that your tithes and offerings support. Next Sunday, October 29 will be Pledge Dedication Sunday. Please bring your completed pledge form to worship on Pledge Dedication Sunday.

- **Hartford Survey**

- ◆ Have you taken the Hartford Survey? This is the first major step towards finding the next Pastor of MPC. It is imperative that we have as much participation as possible. Each member of a family, 14 or older, should complete a survey. Everyone's voice counts! Please use the link bit.ly/MPCMissionSurvey (note that capitals matter) or the QR code to access and complete the survey. We ask that everyone complete the survey no later than November 5.



- **Annual MPC Fall Clean-Up**

- ◆ Join us for our annual MPC Fall Clean-Up happening on Saturday, November 4 (rain date November 11), starting at 8:30 a.m. Bring your favorite garden tools and a bagged lunch. Any questions, please contact Doug Crosby at 484-880-0609.

ONGOING MINISTRIES

- **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.
- ◆ **Cornerstone Kids Wednesday Nights**-Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade join us every Wednesday night from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Children's Wing for games, crafts, songs, and more!
- ◆ Contact Janis Richards (janis_richards@yahoo.com).

- **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.

- **Fall Book Study**

- ◆ The Spiritual Formation Committee along with the Pastoral staff has chosen for the Fall Book Study "[The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism](#)" by Tim Keller. The study will run until November 12. Check the calendar for days, dates, and times of groups that you may join. For more information contact Rose (rose@mediapresbyterian.org).

- **Women’s Book Club**
 - ◆ We meet every 4th Monday in Room 102 and via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Our book for the October 23 meeting is “The Woman They Could Not Silence” by Kate Moore. Contact: Jean Furey (jeanfurey@yahoo.com).
- **Men’s Book Club**
 - ◆ We meet every 4th Thursday in Room 103 and via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. On October 26, we will be discussing “The Reason for God” by Timothy Keller. Contact Joe Haviland (rurahrah@comcast.net).
- **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.

MPC IS HIRING

- **Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries**
 - ◆ The Search Committee requests your help in finding a qualified applicant for the position of Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries at MPC. This is a full-time, non-ordained position that is responsible for developing and leading our ministry to children, youth, and families. The ideal candidate will have a passion for working with children and youth, a strong understanding of Protestant theology and practice, and experience working with children and youth in a variety of settings. Qualified candidates may contact employment@mediapresbyterian.org. See the website or newsletter for more information.
- **Nursery Person Needed**
 - ◆ We are looking to hire a part-time person to join our nursery worker Amanda Jacobson, Wednesday evenings from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. to care for children ages 4 and younger. Presently, we are looking for a volunteer to help out until the position is filled. There is a PA State Police Background Check and PA Child Abuse Clearances required for anyone who volunteers with children. For all inquiries, please email office@mediapresbyterian.org.

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22, 2023

Sunday, October 22

8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
8:45 a.m. Nursery opens for drop-off
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Room 102 & Zoom
9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School, Children's Wing
9:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
10:00 a.m. Worship Service with BLOC, Sanctuary

Monday, October 23

12:00 p.m. Prayer & Devotion Group, Rev. Rose, Zoom
4:45 p.m. Mission Study Team meeting, Room 102
7:00 p.m. LuAnn Crosby's Fall Book Study, Zoom
7:00 p.m. Kate Meehan's Fall Book Study
7:00 p.m. Women's Book Club, Room 102 & Zoom

Tuesday, October 24

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Room 102
7:30 p.m. Marth Harriz & Lisa VanHeldorf's Fall Book Study, Zoom

Wednesday, October 25

10:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors, Rev. Rose Sparrow
Call 425-436-6394, Code 338523#
2:30 p.m. Lima Estates Bible Study, Lima Estates
6:30 p.m. Cornerstone Kids Wednesday Nights,
Children's Wing
7:00 p.m. Steve Buxton's Fall Book Study

Thursday, October 26

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

Friday, October 27

Office Closed
7:00 p.m. Kate Meehan's Fall Book Study

Saturday, October 28

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Sunday, October 29

8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
8:45 a.m. Nursery opens for drop-off
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Room 102 & Zoom
9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School, Children's Wing
9:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
10:00 a.m. Pledge Dedication Sunday Worship Service
with BLOC, Sanctuary

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