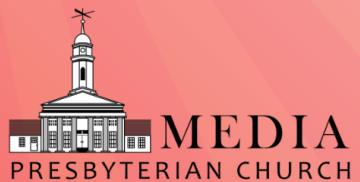


**MEDIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023  
10:00 A.M. SERVICE**

*Pentecost  
Sunday*



# 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...

Reverend Dr. David Cagle, Transitional Pastor

Reverend Rose Sparrow, Parish Associate

Lisa VanHeldorf, Director of Traditional Music

Andria Kaskey, Director of Children's Ministry

Jessica Johnson, Worship Leader

Emily Barth, Organist

The Chancel flowers are donated by Paul Tutton in loving memory of Ruth and Norman Tutton and Alice Rambo.

## GATHERING

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### Prelude

*Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide*

Robert Hughes

### Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

Leader: Friends in Christ, we gather today to remember the Good News of the resurrection; that death could not contain our Savior Jesus Christ; that our Creator God abounds with new life and unseen possibilities.

**All: *Praise be to God!***

Leader: As resurrection people, we are called out of the dusty tombs of death to be this new life God ushers in, loving the lost and caring for the downtrodden; offering words of hope for the discouraged; working for peace.

**All: *Use us, God, to be instruments of your resurrection hope!***

Leader: As the winds of Pentecost blew through that house long ago, the Holy Spirit continues to rouse us from spiritual drowsiness, equipping and encouraging us to be the presence of the Risen Lord in our communities.

**All: *Awaken us, Holy Spirit, and stir us from complacency!***

Leader: Let us worship the One who created us, and continues to create; The One who redeems us, offering new life and second chances; The One who sustains us, calling us together to be people of hope in the world.

**All: *Let us worship God with joyful hearts!***

### \*Gathering Hymn #128 (Blue)

*On Pentecost They Gathered*

Jane Parker Huber

*\*please stand in body or in spirit*

### 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 (from Ezekiel 36:25-28)

Leader: ...and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

*All: Let us confess together.*

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

### Prayer of Confession *(All)*

*God of the empty tomb: you have freed us from all death and despair, but we confess that we lurk in the past, wanting what was; what we knew for sure; those old ways that were tried and true. You call us forth into new life, showing a new pathway forward, but we confess that we question whether your kingdom is really possible. You break into those places where we hide, but we are reluctant to follow your lead. You encourage us with words of hope and signs of possibility, but we confess that we are tempted to take the path of least resistance, giving into the ways of the world.*

*Hear our prayer, O God, and bless us with your mercy. Forgive our hardness of heart, our discouraged spirits, and our hesitancy to trust in your grace. Fill us with your courage and grant us the faith to trust in your promises. Amen.*

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: ...but now have been offered new life. Thanks be to God!

*All: Alleluia!*

**\*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**

Jessica Johnson

**First Reading: Acts 2:1-13 (pg. 885)**

Reverend Dr. David Cagle

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

***All: Thanks be to God.***

**Sermon**

***“Out of Control!”***

Reverend Dr. David Cagle

**RESPONDING**

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**\*Hymn of Commitment #126 (Blue)**

***Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove***

Isaac Watts

**\*Affirmation of the Spirit’s Presence in Our Lives**

**Litany of Reflection**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

***All: And also with you.***

Leader: O God, we are in awe of your presence, made known to the disciples long ago.

***All: We are amazed at the mystery and magnitude of that first Pentecost day.***

Leader: O God, we are in awe of your presence, made known to us *this* day.

**All:** *We are amazed that you continue to show up in unexpected ways, in unexpected places.*

Leader: When we are tempted to turn back or become disillusioned,

**All:** *Remind us of your power to make all things new!*

Leader: When we are tempted to double down on bringing back the past,

**All:** *Remind us that you are carving a way forward full of love and grace!*

Leader: When we are tempted to get lost in despair,

**All:** *Remind us that you send us into our communities and world to bring about your peace and justice.*

Leader: May this fire remind us that you are on the move!

**All:** *May this fire remind us that we have each been gifted with talents and abilities to be the church in the world today, not the church of yesterday or tomorrow, but this day!*

Leader: Thanks be to God for this blessing!

**All:** *May we be good stewards of these gifts, using them to build up the kingdom!*

Leader: Bless these gifts, O God, that they may be used according to your will.

**All:** *Bless our lives, O God, that your Holy Spirit may be our guide!*

## Prayers of the People

## Invitation to Stewardship

## Offering Song

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*  
Harold Friedell

MPC Choir

## \*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

*The communion elements are in the pew in front of you. Remove the first wrapper for the wafer, the second for the grape juice.*

### **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**

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### **SENDING**

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#### **\*Hymn of Celebration #130 (Blue)**

***Let Every Christian Pray***

Fred Pratt Green

#### **Charge and Blessing**

#### **\*Postlude**

***The Gospel Trumpet***

Benton Price

## 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 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 and Children’s Sunday School is off for the summer and will resume in the fall.

**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

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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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- MPC BBQ Bash is happening Sunday, June 4, at 11:30 a.m. following the service. There will be live music, a bounce obstacle course, lawn games, and crafts. Please RSVP by today, May 28 so we can get a head count. Go to the link for the Sign-Up Genius to sign up to bring a dish to share. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to a fun church event! Email Jeanne Cunningham ([fuselloj@gmail.com](mailto:fuselloj@gmail.com)) with any questions.



- VBS-STELLAR is happening here at MPC July 31-August 4 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Registration is required and can be done through the Newsletter or the website. Contact: Andria Kaskey (andria@mediapresbyterian.org) for more information.
- 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, see Sue Hare before or after worship.

## ONGOING MINISTRIES

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- **MPC Youth Ministry**
  - ◆ Confirmation Sunday is June 11 during the 10:00 a.m. service. Summer Events Schedule is coming soon! Contact: Sebastian (sebastian@mediapresbyterian.org) for more information.
- **Women's Book Club**
  - ◆ June 26 and every 4th Monday in Room 102 and via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. May selection: "The Ride of Her Life: The True Story of a Woman, Her Horse, and Their Last-Chance Journey Across America" by Elizabeth Letts.  
Contact: Jean Furey (jeanfurey@yahoo.com).
- **Men's Book Club**
  - ◆ June 22 and every 4th Thursday in Room 103 and via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Contact Joe Haviland (rurahrah@comcast.net).
- **MOYC (Mothers of Young Children)**
  - ◆ We will be meeting weekly starting June 21 through July 26 and studying the book "Seamless" by Angie Smith. Contact Jeanne Cunningham (fuselloj@gmail.com) with any questions.
- **Bible Study-The Gospel of Matthew**
  - ◆ Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Room 102 and Zoom. Contact: Steve Buxton (sbuxton320@comcast.net ) for more information.
- **Faith & Film**
  - ◆ Every 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Room 103 or Zoom join us for film conversations. Our next meeting is June 8 when we will discuss the movie "Creation" directed by Jon Amiel.  
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.

- **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#. Contact Reverend Rose (rose@mediapresbyterian.org) to submit a request.

## **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).

## **FINANCIAL UPDATES**

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**Financial Update for May 2023 & Year To Date Totals:**

	Month As Of 5/11/2023	YTD Total for 2023	Giving Needed YTD	2023 Budget
Receipts:	\$45,322	\$300,276	\$300,462	\$868,000
Expenditures:	\$15,210	\$301,768		\$868,000
Receipts minus Expenses	\$30,112	\$(1,492)		

**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	\$4,325
- Spending for Benevolence	-\$6,566
<b>Total balance to date</b>	<b>\$14,862</b>

## FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 28, 2023

Sunday, May 28	Pentecost Sunday
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
Monday, May 29	<i>Happy Memorial Day, Office Closed</i>
Tuesday, May 30	No Activities Scheduled
Wednesday, May 31	
9:00 a.m.	Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen
10:00 a.m.	Prayer Warriors, Rev. Rose Sparrow, Call 425-436-6394, Code338523#
7:00 p.m.	Bible Study on Matthew, Room 102 & Zoom
Thursday, June 1	
7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study Breakfast, Court Diner Media
12:30 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer & Prayer Chain Updates
7:00 p.m.	Yoga
Friday, June 2	No Activities Scheduled
Saturday, June 3	
4:30 p.m.	LaRosa Wedding, Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	NA Meeting
Sunday, June 4	
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
11:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class, Youth Room
11:30 a.m.	BBQ Bash

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