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Media Presbyterian Church  
2023 Christmas Musical  
Sunday, December 10th  
10:00 a.m. Service

# 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

John Walton, Worship Leader

Jeanne Cunningham, Chair of Children's Ministry

Kay Jackson, Cindy McPeak, and Janis Richards, Directors of Children's Music

Emily Barth, Organist

The Chancel flowers are given "in memory of our parents, Phyllis and Jack Baker, Phyllis and Ernie Lee with love, Jacque and John Baker."

## GATHERING

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### Prelude

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

Lani Smith

### Welcome and Announcements

### Minute for Missions

Lisa VanHeldorf, Christmas Concert

### \*Sharing the Joy of Our Faith

### Call to Worship

Leader: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

**Congregation:** *We are easily distracted by the darkness of force and power, and we often choose strife and turmoil.*

**All:** *Source of Light, shine in our lives and in your world with your everlasting peace.*

### Advent Candle Lighting

4th/5th Graders

### Advent Prayer

**All:** *Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in our community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.*

### Advent Song

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

*O Come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our Spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice, Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

### \*Advent Hymn #41 (Blue)

*Oh Come, All Ye Faithful*

*\*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.”*

## EQUIPPING

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### THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

John Walton

First Reading: John 3:16 Poem

Janis Richards

*All: FOR GOD, the Lord of heaven and earth  
SO LOVED and longed to see forgiven  
THE WORLD in sin and pleasure mad;  
THAT HE GAVE the greatest gift He had;  
HIS ONLY SON to take our place  
THAT WHOSOEVER, O what grace;  
BELIEVETH, placing simple trust  
IN HIM, the Righteous and the Just  
SHOULD NOT PERISH, lost in sin;  
BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE in Him!*



Sermon

*“The Power of the King”*

Cornerstone Kids

Songs

K-I-N-G Christmas

The Power of the King

Christmas Medley:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Silent Night

This Thing That Has Happened

How Great Our Joy!



## RESPONDING

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### \*Affirmation of Faith (All)

*From A Declaration of Faith*

Leader: Brothers and sisters, what do you believe?

*All: God sent the promised Deliverer to His people.*

*Jesus, the long expected Savior,  
came into the world as a child,  
descended from David,  
conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of Mary, a virgin.*

*He lived as a Jew among Jews.*

*He announced to His people the coming of  
God's kingdom of justice and peace on earth.*

*We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child,  
yet born of God's power as was no other child.*

*In the person and work of Jesus,*

*God Himself and a human life are united but not confused,  
distinguished but not separated.*

*The coming of Jesus was itself  
the coming of God's promised rule.*

*Through His birth, life, death, and resurrection,*

*He brings about the relationship between God and humanity  
that God always intended.*

### Prayers of the People

### Invitation to Stewardship

### Offering Song

*The First Noel*

### \*Song of Praise and Dedication

### Hymn #23 (Blue)

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

*Come to Bethlehem and see*

*Him whose birth the angels sing*

*Come, adore on bended knee Christ,*

*the Lord, the newborn King*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo*

## \*Prayer of Dedication

### SENDING

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## \*Closing Hymn #40 (Blue)

*Joy to the World!*

## Charge and Blessing

## \*Postlude

*Here We Come A 'Caroling*

## Musical Cast:

*Johnny Fever*—Andrew Gatch

*East Westman*—Timmy Swierczek

*Hal*—Quinn Gibble

*Bus Driver*—Charlie Cunningham

*Chaperone*—Lexie Havel

*Choir Manager*—Duke Derbabian

*Choreography Helper*—Cora Swierczek

*Venus Andmars*—Lucie Cunningham

*Gertie*—Mae Gibble

*Don*—Nolan Gatch

*Producer*—Hope Kalemkarian

*Safety Patrol*—Ophelia Derbabian

*Tour Guide*—Allie Cunningham

## Directors:

Kay Jackson, Cindy McPeak, and Janis Richards

## *“The Power of the King”*

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## Sunday School Teachers:

- ◆ Renee Erickson
- ◆ Robin Kauffman
- ◆ Julie Havel
- ◆ Kate Meehan
- ◆ Judy Sharbaugh
- ◆ Laura Kalemkarian
- ◆ Cindy McPeak
- ◆ Jessica Johnson
- ◆ Pam Orr

## Children’s Ministry Committee:

- ◆ Jeanne Cunningham
- ◆ Sandi Gatch
- ◆ Talene Derbabian
- ◆ LuAnn Crosby
- ◆ Jessica Johnson

*Many thanks to Scott MacDonald, Art Kalemkarian,  
& the Tech Team for their help today!*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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**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

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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).

## 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 Annual Christmas Concert**
  - ◆ All are welcome to the MPC Annual Christmas Concert being held in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 17, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to come hear the talented musicians of Media Presbyterian Church! Reach out to Lisa ([lisa@medispresbyterian.org](mailto:lisa@medispresbyterian.org)) for more information.

- **Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Celebration**
  - ◆ Our Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Celebration will occur Sunday evening, December 24, beginning at 5:30 p.m. This is a family-friendly service of lessons and carols celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. All are welcome!
- **MPC Missions-Alternative Gift Cards**
  - ◆ Please help support our Global and Local Missions of MPC by purchasing gift cards. They will be on sale every Sunday through December in Hassler Chapel. This year we are supporting Compassion for Life in Liberia, and the Greenhouse Project in Chester, PA. For questions or more information, don't hesitate to contact Cindy McPeak ([cindymcpeak101@gmail.com](mailto:cindymcpeak101@gmail.com)).
- **Rose Tree Media School District Angel Tree**
  - ◆ MPC is supporting needy families within the Rose Tree Media School District. Please see the Sign-Up Genius in the newsletter to sponsor a child this year. All gifts are due back Friday, December 15. For more information, email Brian and Eileen McLaughlin ([mclaughlin.bes@gmail.com](mailto:mclaughlin.bes@gmail.com)).

## ONGOING MINISTRIES

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- **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.
- **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](mailto:fuselloj@gmail.com)).

## MPC IS HIRING

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- **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. Qualified candidates may contact [employment@mediapresbyterian.org](mailto:employment@mediapresbyterian.org). See the website or newsletter for more information.



# FINANCIAL UPDATE

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## Financial Update for November 2023 & Year To Date Totals:

	Month As Of 11/30/2023	YTD Total for 2023	Giving Needed YTD	2023 Budget
Receipts:	\$72,129	\$658,076	\$784,538	\$868,000
Expenditures:	\$73,694	\$759,548		\$868,000
Receipts minus Expenses	<u>\$(1,565)</u>	<u>\$(101,472)</u>		

Thank you so much for your continued support of our  
ministry at Media Presbyterian Church

### Deacons Fund:

Beginning balance in 2023	\$17,352
+ Received YTD	\$10,420
- Spending for Benevolence	-\$16,110
Total balance to date	\$11,662





# POINSETTIA ORDER FORM



Your orders for poinsettias enable us to beautify our sanctuary on Christmas Eve and allow you to recognize loved ones.

Poinsettias may be ordered by filling out this form and either placing it in the offering plate or returning it to the office. Plants cost \$12.00 each. Please make checks payable to *Media Presbyterian Church*. Orders and payments must be received by **Sunday, December 17.**

Poinsettias may be taken home after the 5:30 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. If you do not wish to take your plant, please check the appropriate box below. Plants not picked up will be taken to the sick and/or homebound.

**Please reserve:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Red Poinsettia (s)

\_\_\_\_\_ White Poinsettia (s)

\_\_\_\_\_ Total x \$12.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

**In memory of:**

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**In honor of:**

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**To the Glory of God:**

**GIVEN BY:**

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Please hold \_\_\_\_\_ plant (s) for pickup.

Please deliver \_\_\_\_\_ plant (s) to shut-ins.

# **FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2023**

Sunday, December 10

- 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. Sunday Worship Service 2nd Sunday of Advent, Children's Musical, (no BLOC), Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. RTMSD Angel Tree Drop-Off
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting

Monday, December 11

- 12:00 p.m. Prayer & Devotion, Rev. Rose, Zoom
- 4:45 p.m. Mission Study Team meeting, Room 102

Tuesday, December 12

- 12:00 p.m. Staff Christmas Lunch

Wednesday, December 13

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors, Rev. Rose Sparrow  
Call 425-436-6394, Code 338523#
- 2:30 p.m. Bible Study, Lima Estates

Thursday, December 14

- 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. Youth Christmas Party, Youth Room
- 7:00 p.m. Faith & Film Meeting, Room 103 & Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Yoga

Friday, December 15

- Office Closed
- RTMSD Angel Tree gifts due back by today

Saturday, December 16

- 9:00 a.m. Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Concert , Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Sunday, December 17

- 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. Sunday Worship Service 3rd Sunday of Advent, with BLOC, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Christmas Concert, Sanctuary

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	Main Kitchen	Ext. 1021
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	Nursery	Ext. 1023
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