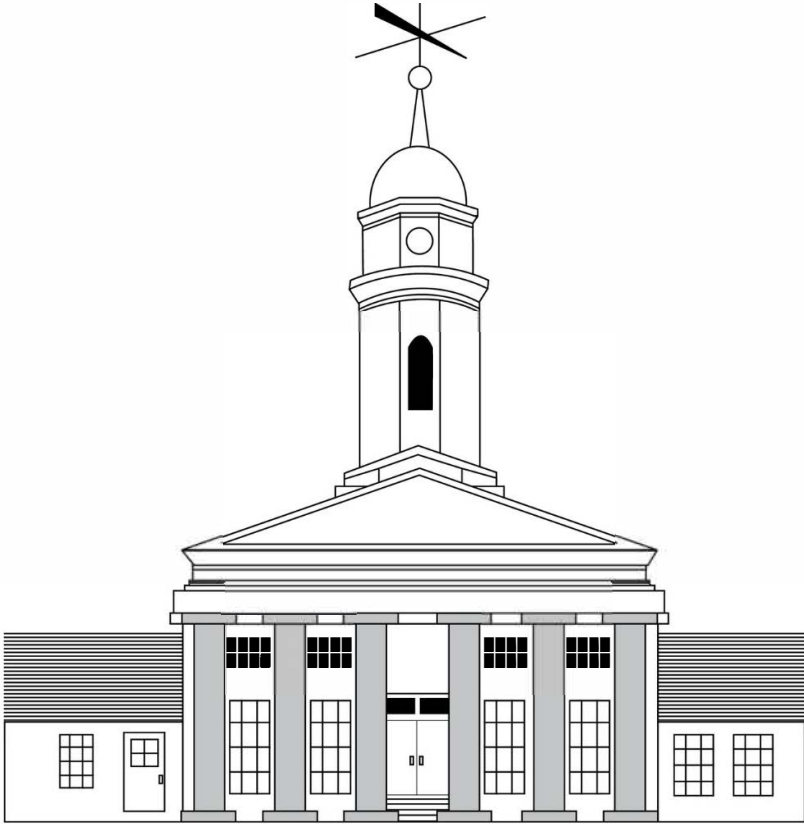


Media Presbyterian Church



**“Growing God’s Kingdom:
Serve”**

Worship. Grow. Serve.
Together

Sunday, September 28th, 2025

Welcome

MPC'S MISSION

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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...

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

*Today's chancel flowers are donated in
loving memory of Lydia Abel, Mother of
Eric & Scott MacDonald, Sarah & Jim
McVey, and her grandchildren, Connor,
Colin and Rachael.
~ Eric MacDonald*

GATHERING

Prelude

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

Terry Kirkland

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Doug Forsberg

Call to Worship (Psalm 84)

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

People: **My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh cry out for the living God.**

Leader: Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

People: **Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing
your praise. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in
whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

Leader: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

All: **O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

*Opening Worship (Led by Worship Team)

Fill My Cup

Andrew Ripp, Ethan Hulse,
& Thad Cockrell

Holy Spirit

Bryan & Katie Torwalt

Prayer of Confession (All)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

***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.**

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Children's Moment

Ty Harvey

Blessing of the Children (A//)

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

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 1:10-17 pg. 549

Eric MacDonald

Second Scripture Reading: Romans 16:1-15 pg. 925

Sermon "Growing God's Kingdom: Serve"

Rev. Doug Forsberg

RESPONDING

***Affirmation of Faith (A/I)**

Scots Confession

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Stewardship

Offertory Anthem

We Have Been Told

David Haas

***Doxology**

Hymn #592

OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God from whom all blessings grow;
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 God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues...

Sanctus (A//)

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 (A//)

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

Voluntary in F

Robert Lau

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.

Update from the Property Committee

Have you noticed that things are looking fresher and brighter around MPC? Here's what was done this summer-

- Exterior painting of the sanctuary- Damage around the gutters and downspouts made this project a priority this summer. As part of this project, the exterior of the sanctuary windows was reglazed and painted. Thank you to the anonymous donor who helped support this need.
- New roof for Kesel House- This was the oldest section of roof. Recent storms loosened a few shingles and there was a minor leak into the office space. This was funded by a gift from the estate of Carol Coller.
- Upgraded lighting in the sanctuary and Hassler Chapel- New, brighter, and more efficient light fixtures were installed in Hassler Chapel. The sanctuary chandeliers, wall sconces, and chancel now have brighter and efficient LED bulbs. Lighting in the balcony was also upgraded. We hope this enhances worship for both those in the sanctuary and those who attend online. This project was funded by the 2025 annual Building and Property endowment distribution.

The Property and Technology Committees are working on other projects to maintain and enhance our historic building. Stay tuned for more updates in the future.

UPCOMING EVENTS

◆ Fellowship, Prayer, & Book Study

Everyone is welcome to join us on Mondays (starting September 8th) at 12pm on Zoom for *Fellowship, Prayer, and a Book Study*. This fall, we will be reading *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life* by Tish Warren. For more information, please contact Janis Richards at janis_richards@yahoo.com.

◆ New Members Class

Are you interested in learning about becoming a member of Media Presbyterian Church? If so, we'd love for you to join a new members class meeting Sunday Oct 5 following worship. The class will include lunch and meet for an hour or so. Our time will be conversational and offer you an opportunity to learn about MPC, being presbyterian and the responsibilities of a member. Attending the group does not mean that you are required to join the church. If you do desire to be a member, you'll be able to indicate that at the end of our time together. If you have any questions, please check in with Pastor Doug. If you plan on attending, please let Pastor Doug know so that we'll have enough class materials and lunch.

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).

◆ **Spiritual Formation**

- New recorded teachings are available on the Spiritual Formation page of the website! Click on [Recorded Teachings](#). The newest offering is the *Parables of Jesus*.

◆ **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 SEPTEMBER 28th, 2025

Sunday, Sept 28th

8:30am Choir Practice, Sanctuary
8:45am Nursery opens for drop-off
9:00am Adult Sunday School, RM 102
9:15am Worship Team, Sanctuary
10:00am Sunday Worship Service (BLOC), Sanctuary
11:15am Worship Team, Sanctuary

Monday, Sept 29th

12:00pm Prayer & Devotion, Zoom
7:00pm Children's cmt. mtg., Zoom

Tuesday, Sept 30th

10:00am Staff mtg., RM 102

Wednesday, Oct 1st

9:00am Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen
11:00am Prayer Warriors, Call 605-313-5637,
Code 2707235#
6:30pm Weds. Night Kids
6:30pm Club MOYC, RM 103

Thursday, Oct 2nd

7:00am Men's Bible Study, Court Diner, Media
10:00am Women's Bible Study, Zoom
6:30pm MPC Bells, Sanctuary
7:00pm Yoga
7:00pm Youth Group, Youth Room

Friday, Oct 3rd

Office Closed

Saturday, Oct 4th

2:00pm Memorial Service, Sanctuary
6:00pm NA Meeting, Dale Hall

Sunday, Oct 5th

8:30am Choir Practice, Sanctuary
8:45am Nursery opens for drop-off
9:00am Adult Sunday School, RM 102
9:00am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
9:15am Worship Team, Sanctuary
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