



Media Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 3, 2023

10:00 a.m. Service

mediapresbyterian.org

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

Lisa VanHeldorf, Director of Traditional Music

Sebastian Carpenter, Director of Contemporary Music & Worship,
Director of Youth Ministries

Andria Kaskey, Director of Children's Ministry

Jim Gatch, Worship Leader

Emily Barth, Organist

The Chancel flowers are donated by Dee Casner in praise to all the saints who served God through Olivet Presbyterian Church.

GATHERING

Prelude

Brother James' Air

Arr. Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Psalm 105)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known
God's deeds among the peoples.

All: Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God; tell of all God's wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek
the LORD rejoice.

All: Seek the LORD and God's strength; seek God's presence continually.

*Opening Worship (Led by Worship Team)

(Music Sheets available)

This is Amazing Grace

Phil Wickham

Way Maker

Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

Children's Moment

Andria Kaskey

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: Siblings in Christ, we have not always walked with integrity or trusted the Lord without wavering. Our love of God and neighbor has lacked zeal and at times we have done the very things we hate. We need God's grace, God's mercy and God's transforming power. Confident in God's promise to be with us always, we boldly confess our sin and seek to be made new in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: *Let us confess our sins together.*

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

Prayer of Confession (All)

All: *Lord, you instruct us to hate what is evil and hold fast to that which is good. You tell us to love genuinely, ardently, fully. You teach us to weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice, and yet we neglect those who suffer and resent the successes of others. We fail to honor one another and fall easily into judgment, anger and revenge. In your abundant mercy, break our hearts of stone and put a new and right spirit within us. Grant us the eyes to see our own sin and the strength of character to be gentle with others. Do not let our Christian witness be tarnished by our inability to admit our mistakes, make amends and alter our ways. Forgive us, Lord, and set us free to follow you more closely, even to the cross. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: We seek the Lord's strength and presence, knowing that those who seek will find. We believe that Jesus came to save sinners. We rejoice in the truth that we are forgiven and made new, freed to live a new life in Christ.

All: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 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

Jim Gatch

Sermon Reading: Matthew 16:21-28 (pg.798)

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "What's in it for Me?"

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

RESPONDING

*Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith

Leader: Brothers and sisters, what do you believe?

All: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Stewardship

Offering Song (Led by the MPC Choir)
Rock of Ages

***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

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

*** Hymn #415 (Blue)**

Come, Labor On

Charge and Blessing

***Postlude**

Voluntary on “Pleading Savior”

Lani Smith

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 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 starts September 10 in the Children’s Wing. Youth Sunday School also begins on September 10 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.

NEW 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) & Instagram (@mediapresby).

ONLINE GIVING

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Inquirer's Class**-On Sunday, September 17, following Worship, there will be an Inquirer's Class for visitors of our church. This will be an opportunity to learn more about what Presbyterians believe, how Presbyterian congregations are organized and make decisions (church government), and how to get involved in our church. Some of the visitors who attend this class will be joining our church, while others may be inquiring about Presbyterianism and getting actively involved in our church's ministry and mission. If you are interested in attending, contact Sue Hare at susanmlowry@hotmail.com. If you would like more information, contact Pastor David at david@mediapresbyterian.org.
- **College Student Ministry**-Attention parents of college students! If you would like your college student to receive monthly notes and/or small care packages, please email Jean Furey (jeanfurey@yahoo.com) with the student's name, college address, any allergy information, and birthday. We will send monthly reminders that MPC is praying for them as they continue their studies.

ONGOING MINISTRIES

- **Cornerstone Kids Children's Ministry**
 - ◆ Our MPC "Blessing of the Backpacks" will take place during the 10 a.m. worship service next Sunday, September 10, 2023. Please drop off your child's backpack to the front of the sanctuary before Sunday school at 9 a.m. Each backpack will receive a special tag, and we will pray over the children and their backpacks as part of our Children's Message that morning. Children can retrieve their backpacks after the service.
 - ◆ Building Lives on Christ (BLOC) is available most Sundays for children going into 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 Andria Kaskey (andria@mediapresbyterian.org).

- **MPC Youth Ministry**
 - ◆ Check out the newsletter or website for a calendar of events or contact Sebastian (sebastian@mediapresbyterian.org). Sunday School starts next week, September 10, in the Youth Room.
- **Card Ministry**
 - ◆ Thank you to everyone who so generously donated greeting cards to our ministry. We are no longer accepting greeting cards. For more information, reach out to Jean Furey (jeanfurey@yahoo.com).
- **Faith & Film**
 - ◆ Every 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Room 103 or Zoom join us for film conversations. Our next meeting is September 14. 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.
- **Women's Book Club**
 - ◆ We meet every 4th Monday in Room 102 and via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Our book for September is "The Girl with Seven Names: Escape from North Korea" by Hyeonseo Lee and David John. Contact: Jean Furey (jeanfurey@yahoo.com). Our next meeting is September 25.
- **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.
- **Digital Picture Directory**
 - ◆ 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, contact Sue Hare (susanmlowry@hotmail.com).
- **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#. To submit prayer requests or updates, email Reverend Rose (rose@mediapresbyterian.org).

- **Prayer and Devotion Group**

- ◆ From the tiny beginnings among Jesus’ disciples, the Church exploded into a worldwide force in just a few years. How? Come and join us Mondays at noon via Zoom as we study Luke’s account of how the gospel was carried from Jerusalem to Rome. We are using as our Study Guide, *Acts* by Life Change, A NavPress Bible Study.

Zoom Meeting ID: 861 5515 1611; Passcode: 19063

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

- **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).

Elders

Class of 2023

LuAnn Crosby*
Jeanne Cunningham*
Eileen McLaughlin*
Robin Smith*

Class of 2024

Sandy Campbell
Art Kalemkarian, Jr.

Cindy McPeak+
Elizabeth Rohr
Robin Smith+
Jo Snead+

Class of 2025

Jim Gatch
Julie Havel
Jessica Johnson
Eric MacDonald
Kate Meehan
Paul Tutton
John Walton+

Class of 2026

LuAnn Crosby+
Jeanne Cunningham+
Mark Gibble+
Susan Kassab+
Eileen McLaughlin+

Deacons

Class of 2023

Jeff Beaumont*
Renee Erickson*
Kim Gilchrist*
Brian McLaughlin*

Class of 2024

Jeanne Furey
Elaine Fetterman
Karen Gibble
Dave Layton
Lynne McCone

Class of 2025

Suzanne Beaumont
Doug Crosby
Susan Hare
Dave Heckman
Robin Kauffman
Jill Lardon
BetsyMcKeone
Pamela Orr
Belle Patton

Class of 2026

Jim Archambo+
Kim Gilchrist+
Michael Kaskey+
Alex Moore+
Sharon Riley+

Joe Hare, Clerk of Session

*Term ends September 17, 2023

+Term begins September 17, 2023

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Sunday, September 3

- 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, September 4

Office Closed, Happy Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Room 102
- 6:30 p.m. Property & Technology Committee Meeting,
Room 103

Wednesday, September 6

- 9:00 a.m. Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors, Rev. Rose Sparrow
Call 425-436-6394, Code 338523#

Thursday, September 7

- 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. Yoga, Dale Hall

Friday, September 8

Office Closed

Saturday, September 9

- 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Sunday, September 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. Worship Service (no communion), with
BLOC, with Ordination and Installation of
Elders and Deacons, with "Blessing of the
Backpacks", Sanctuary

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