

Sunday March 10th, 2024

Fourth Sunday Of Lent



**‘Meaning of
The Cross’**



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

Leading Worship This Morning...

Reverend Dr. David Cagle, Transitional Pastor
Reverend Rose Sparrow, Parish Associate
Lisa VanHeldorf, Director of Traditional Music
Emily Barth, Organist
Walt Koenig, Worship Leader

*These flowers are given by Steve Beckley
"In memory of my grandmother, Vera C. Hastings Moyer."*

GATHERING

Prelude

Introspection

Charles Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Ps 4:1-2 & 8)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; for
God's steadfast love endures forever.

**All: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God
redeemed from trouble and gathered in from
the lands, from the east and from the west, from
the north and from the south.**

Leader: Let them thank the Lord for God's steadfast love,
for God's wonderful works to humankind.

**All: And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and
tell of the Lord's deeds with songs of joy.**

***Opening Worship** (Led by Worship Team) (Song Sheets available)

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman

Nobody Loves Me Like You

Ed Cash & Scott Cash

Children's Moment

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

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: The faithfulness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. The mercies of God are new every morning. Beloved, confession of our sin before God is an act of trust in the goodness of God. In confession, we draw near to our maker in candor, knowing that nothing can be hidden from God. As we are honest with God and with one another about those places in our lives that stand in need of God's healing, we are opened to the mercies of God. So let us confess our sin, first in unison, and then in silence...

All: Let us confess our sins together.

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

Prayer of Confession (*All*)

All: Holy God, giver of all that is good, we rejoice that you are the source of all that is. The breath of life is a gift from your generous hand. The food we eat is grown in the world you sustain. The community that supports us is called into being by your saving activity. Everything we have is a gift from you. Why, then, do we complain as though the manna, raining down from heaven for us even now, is not enough? Why do we worry that your well of living water will someday run dry? It is surely our sin that causes us to live as though we do not trust your goodness. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us again to put all our trust in your promises that never fail. Remind us that we are always in your loving care. Fill us with grace, so that our lives might show forth the fullness of your love for all people...

Assurance of Pardon (Hebrews 10:16-18)

Leader: This is the covenant that I will make them after those days, says the Lord:

All: 'I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,'

Leader: and he adds,

All: 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.'

Leader: Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

All: Believe the promise of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*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

Walt Koenig

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 1:18-25 (pg. 926)

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"What a Foolish Message"

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

RESPONDING

***Affirmation of Faith (*All*)**

Confession of 1967

Leader: Having sung God's praise, having confessed our sin and been assured of God's pardon, having heard God's word, let us respond by affirming the faith of the church. What do you believe?

All: **God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.**

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Stewardship

Offertory Anthem (Led by the MPC Choir)

Our Father We Have Wandered Kevin Nichols

Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

*Hymn #592 (Blue)

**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 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 (*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 #371 (Blue) Lift High The Cross

George W. Kitchin

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Group Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser **TODAY!!**

- ◆ There will be a pancake breakfast fundraiser supporting youth group immediately following service **TODAY** in Dale Hall. To support, it will be \$10 for an adult and any donation that you can provide for kids. Pay when you arrive!

LOOKING AHEAD GATHERINGS

◆ The next step in our mission study is for us to meet in small groups to prayerfully discern and discuss where God is calling us as a congregation. We will be offering 10 dates and times that will meet at the church, one meeting at Lima Estates, and 1 meeting that will be during a Youth Group evening, though youth are certainly welcome at any of the gatherings. Go to: bit.ly/MPCLookingAhead or scan the QR code.

◆ In preparation for the discussions, we are asking that you prayerfully consider the questions that were emailed. There are also copies of the questions available in the back of sanctuary. These are the questions that will guide our discussion.



An Invitation from The Deacons and The Outreach Committee:

- ◆ Join us for the **MPC Progressive Dinner** this **Saturday, March 16, 2024**. We will start at the church in Dale Hall at 5pm for appetizers. At 5:45pm, we will progress to our host homes to share a meal and fellowship together.
- ◆ Hosts will be asked to provide a main dish and those attending will provide the side dishes. There will be several kid friendly host homes. We will communicate with you after the sign up period with the details of your evening.
- ◆ This is a wonderful way to meet brothers and sisters in Christ. All are welcome. We need your help to **INVITE** others!
- ◆ If you have any questions, please reach out to:
Robin Kauffman (robinkauffman@hotmail.com),
Karen Gibble (karenegibble@gmail.com),
Jean Furey (jeanfurey@yahoo.com) or
Kim Gilchrist (geyes2smile@aol.com)

Lenten Devotional Now Available!

- ◆ Read devotions authored by our MPC leaders during each day (except Sundays) of Lent. Pick up a hard copy in the sanctuary, or view online on the MPC website. If you would like a hard copy and are unable to come to the church, please contact the church office and a copy will be mailed to you.

Easter Sunday Coffee Hour

- ◆ The Outreach Committee is inviting you to join them for fellowship at an extended coffee hour on Easter Sunday, March 31st! The coffee hour will start at 9am with service to follow at 10am.

ONGOING MINISTRIES

- **Adult Sunday School**
 - ◆ Adult Sunday School meets each Sunday from 9:00-9:45am. in Room 102. You may begin attending at any time! For additional information, please contact: Pastor Rose Sparrow (rose@mediapresbyterian.org) or Deacon Sharon Riley (sriley1347@gmail.com)
- **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.
 - ◆ Wednesday Nights kick-off February 21 at 6:30pm in the Children's Wing! Join us each Wednesday for games, crafts, devotion focusing on Proverbs and more!
 - ◆ Easter Party on March 30th! The party will be from 12-2pm at MPC, we will move inside if there is rain. Invite your friends! There will be snacks, crafts, and an obstacle bounce course.
 - ◆ Contact Jeanne Cunningham (fuselloj@gmail.com) for information.
- **MPC Youth Ministry**
 - ◆ Youth Sunday School meets from 9-9:45am in the Youth Room.
 - ◆ Youth Group meets on Thursdays from 7-8:30pm in the Youth Room.

MPC IS HIRING- See the website for more information

- **Director of Contemporary Music**
 - ◆ MPC is looking to hire a Director of Contemporary music to guide the congregation and lead them in Spirit filled worship through the ministry of music. See the job description on our website or email employment@mediapresbyterian.org
- **Nursery Worker**
 - ◆ We are hiring a nursery worker to help out Wednesday evenings, 6:15pm-7:45pm through February 28th until April 10th.
 - ◆ Please reach out to the office, (office@mediapresbyterian.org) or Susan Kassab, (susan.kassab@gmail.com)

LENTEN LOAVES OF LOVE

LENTEN LOAVES OF LOVE is 21 years old! Since 2003, MPC has provided well over \$50,000 via LLL to show our love for God and for our neighbors during this reflective season that culminates in the triumph and joy of the Resurrection. Once again, this year, our gifts to *Lenten Loaves of Love* will enable us not only to beautify our sanctuary with flowers but also to share our love in a concrete way.

During Lent 2024, we are supporting two ministries familiar to many here at MPC:

David & Sara Treece – Interserve USA

Interserve is one of the oldest international, interdenominational, overseas-focused agencies in existence. We began in 1852 in South Asia to care for the poor and marginalized in such a way that they could encounter Jesus and experience the life that He wanted for them. The vision God gave to our founders is still alive. www.interserveusa.org

Maranatha Church & Childrens Home – Pastor George

Home for Boys- our missionary partners and their staff maintain a home in their own house for some 40 boys ranging in age from 4 to 19 years old. These boys, whose parents are either deceased or unable to raise them, are cared for until they graduate from high school. Financial support from our church helps pay for the boys' food, clothing, health needs, tuition, and school supplies, as well as all the costs related to maintaining their home. Individuals and families in our church provide additional necessary funds for sponsoring boys at a cost of \$50 per month per boy.

In addition to these special Mission/ Ministry opportunities, your contribution to Lenten Loaves of Love enables us to provide tulips and daffodils to make our sanctuary beautiful for Easter and to send cheer to our shut-ins after the service. If you would like to reserve flowers to take home after the worship service on Easter, please make a note on the dedication form below when you make your contribution to LLL. After we pay for the flowers, all other contributions will be divided evenly between our designated ministries.

Each \$10.00 gift provides a single Lenten Loaf of Love. There is no limit to how many Loaves you may give! Gifts received by Sunday, March 17, will be guaranteed acknowledgment in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Fill out the information below and enclose it with your gift in the LLL envelope found in the pews (also fill out the info on the envelope) and place the envelope in the offering plate.

 I/we donate \$10.00 for each Lenten Loaf of Love

Total gift \$ _____ (make checks payable to MPC)

Your name & phone number: _____

Please print legibly so that we are sure to have your dedication listed properly.

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

I/we would like to take a flower (s) home How many? _____

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 9:00am 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. 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, 8:30am- 4:00pm. During inclement weather, please call to make sure staff is present before coming to the office.

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 3rd, 2024

Sunday, March 10th

8:30am Choir Practice, Sanctuary
8:45am Nursery opens for drop-off
9:00am Adult Sunday School, Room 102
9:00am Children's Sunday School, Children's Wing
9:00am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
10:00am Sunday Worship Service (with BLOC), Sanctuary
11:15am Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, Dale Hall

Monday, March 11th

12:00pm Prayer & Devotion, Rev. Rose, Zoom
Call 425-436-6394, Code 338523#
4:45pm Mission Study Team Meeting, Room 102
7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting, Room 102
7:00pm God's Daughters, Rev. Rose Sparrow

Tuesday, March 12th

Call 316-050-8120

10:00am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 13th

9:00am Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen
10:00am Prayer Warriors, Rev. Rose Sparrow
2:30pm Lima Estates Bible Study, Lima Estates
2:30pm Small Group Disc., Lima Estates
6:30pm Cornerstone Kids

Thursday, March 14th

7:00am Men's Bible Study, Court Diner, Media
10:00am Women's Bible Study, Rev. Rose, Zoom
12:30pm Intercessory Prayer & Prayer Chain Updates
6:30pm MPC Ringers, Sanctuary
7:00pm Faith & Film Mtg., Room 103 & Zoom
7:00pm Youth Group, Youth Room
7:00pm Yoga

Friday, March 15th

Office Closed

Saturday, March 16th

4:30pm Progressive Dinner, Dale Hall
7:00pm NA Meeting, Dale Hall

Sunday, March 17th

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



Join Media Presbyterian Church for The Gospel Journey of Mercy and Grace: From Ash Wednesday Through Lent

- Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Worship Service
Sunday, February 18 at 10:00 AM – Worship Service: Theme – Baptism
Sunday, February 25 at 10:00 AM – Worship Service: Theme – Faith
Sunday, March 3 at 10:00 AM – Worship Service: Theme – Repentance
Sunday, March 10 at 10:00 AM – Worship Service: Theme – The Cross; Youth Breakfast Fundraiser
Sunday, March 17 at 10:00 AM – Worship Service: Theme – Covenant
Sunday, March 24 at 10:00 AM – Palm Sunday Worship
Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Worship Service
Friday, March 29 at 7:00 PM – Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Saturday, March 30 – Community Easter Event
Sunday, March 31
- 9:15 AM – Special Easter Morning Fellowship in Dale Hall
 - 10:00 AM – Easter Sunday Celebration Worship



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| Director of Traditional Music | Lisa VanHeldorf | Lisa@mediapresbyterian.org |
| Organist | Emily Barth | Emily@mediapresbyterian.org |
| | Receptionist | Ext. 0 |
| | Main Kitchen | Ext. 1021 |
| | Parlor <i>(back of sanctuary)</i> | Ext. 1022 |
| | Nursery | Ext. 1023 |
| | Benevolence Hotline | Ext. 2000 |

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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ONLINE GIVING

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

