



SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

“GOOD
OLD-
FASHIONED
‘FEAR &
TREMBLING”

SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 8TH, 2024

10AM WORSHIP SERVICE

MEDIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

MPC'S MISSION

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VISITING TODAY?

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Leading Worship This Morning...

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Today's chancel flowers are dedicated in loving memory of Wesley Argo, from his wife, Marjorie and daughters Deborah, Sharon, and Carolyn.

GATHERING

Prelude

The Golden Carol

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

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All: You have turned to your people and set them free. You have raised a strong deliverer from the house of your servant David.

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All: Thank God for the messengers of hope, who bring knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of sins.

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All: An ancient promise is fulfilled: On people who live in a dark night, under the shadow of death, the dawn from heaven breaks to free us all from fear and guide our feet into the way of peace. Praise God! Praise God Amen!

Advent Song

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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Lighting of the Advent Candle of PEACE by: _____ S

Prayer of the Day (All)

God, our light and our salvation, you bring hope and peace to the lowly and oppressed. Let us see the world through your eyes that we may love the widow and orphan, that we may work for justice, that our lives may bear witness to the good news of the kingdom at hand and our vocation serve to draw people to your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Opening Worship**

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Light of the World

O Little Town of Bethlehem

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

Children's Moment

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

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All: Let us confess our sins together.

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

Prayer of Confession (*All*)

Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Assurance of Pardon S

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All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Song of Praise,

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ,
the newborn King!

*Sharing the Joy of Our Faith

EQUIPPING

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Malachi 3:1-4 pg. 778

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

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All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading II: Philippians 1:3-11 pg. 953

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All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Good Old-Fashioned 'Fear & Trembling'"

RESPONDING

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

A Declaration of Faith

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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 a 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

Offertory Anthem

***Doxology**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

**Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory
to God, all Glory in the highest!**

O come, let us adore Him,

O come let us adore Him,

O come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

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

All: And also with you.

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All: We lift them to the Lord.

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All: It is right to give our thanks and praise. *The prayer continues...*

Sanctus (*All*)

Holy, Holy, Holy

**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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

◆ Confirmation Class

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◆ Christmas Eve Service

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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: Reverend David Cagle (david@mediapresbyterian.org).

◆ **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) for more information.
- All Aboard!

Everyone is welcome to ride the Bethlehem Express with us this fall! On Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30, we will start preparing for Christmas by learning songs, doing crafts, playing games, and taking imaginary train rides to some unexpected places! In preparation, look up some cool facts about trains and get ready to share them with your fellow passengers. You won't want to miss this adventure!

◆ **MPC Youth Ministry**

- Youth Sunday School meets from 9-9:45am in the Youth Room.
- Youth Group meets on Thursday from 7-8:30pm in the Youth Room



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 15**. Poinsettias may be taken home after the 5pm 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:

In honor of:

To the Glory of God:

GIVEN BY:

Please hold _____ plant (s) for pickup.

Please deliver _____ plant (s) to shut-ins.

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8th, 2024

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