

MEDIA PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

"Thin  
Places"

FEBRUARY 19, 2023  
10:00 A.M.

# 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

Andria Kaskey, Director of Children's Ministries

Robin Kauffman, Worship Leader

Monika Rehoric, Organist

Chancel flowers are being donated by Reverend Rose Sparrow  
"In loving memory of my dearest friend Janet Crossley."

## GATHERING

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Doug Crosby

Sharing the Joy of Our Faith

Call to Worship (From 2 Peter 1:13-16)

**Leader:** Prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you.

**All:** *As he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct.*

**Leader:** For it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

**All:** *Trust in God who raised him and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.*

**Leader:** Let us worship God!

\*Opening Hymn 487 (Blue)

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Children’s Moment

Sandi Gatch

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*

*\*please stand in body or in spirit*



*danger and hold them safe in your arms.  
In Jesus' name. Amen."*

## **Call to Confession (Hebrews 4:14-16)**

**Leader:** Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin.

**People:** *Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.*

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

## **Prayer of Confession (All)**

*We seek you on the mountaintop, O God, for we fear to face the world below. We would rather be dazzled by your splendor on some Mount Sinai than obey your commands in our everyday lives. We find it easier to worship the wonder-working Jesus than to follow the Christ, who was obedient unto death. Merciful God, forgive our shallow ways. Help us to find you wherever you choose to dwell, and to serve you wherever you choose to send us.*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Leader:** The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**All:** *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.*

# EQUIPPING

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## THE WORD

**First Reading:** Matthew 17:1-9 (pg. 798) Robin Kauffman

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

*“Thin Places”*

Reverend Dr. David Cagle

## RESPONDING

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Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

All: *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Stewardship

## Song for Offering

*O Lord My Heart is Not Proud*

Margaret Rizza

MPC Choir

## \*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

*After the Words of Institution, we invite you to celebrate Communion using your bread and your juice. If you are in the sanctuary, you will be invited to take a single-serve communion cup. Remove the first wrapper for the wafer, the second for the grape juice.*

## Invitation to the Lord's Table

### The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: 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



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the  
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the



pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

Music Adapt. © 1980 Church Pension Fund

Music Arr. © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc.

LAND OF REST

## 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

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**\*Closing Hymn 74 (Blue)**

*Jesus on the Mountain Peak*

**Charge and Blessing**

**Postlude**





# GENERAL INFORMATION

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**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 and 10:00 a.m. worship service.

**Sunday School**-All groups meet at 9:00 a.m. Adults meet in Room 102. Youth meet downstairs in the Youth Room. Children meet downstairs in the Children's Wing.

**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.

**The Church Office Hours** will be Monday - Friday, 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) & Instagram (@mediapresby).

## ONLINE GIVING

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Visit [MediaPresbyterian.org/GiveOnline](https://MediaPresbyterian.org/GiveOnline) or scan the QR code to give your tithes & offerings.



## **CORNERSTONE KIDS**

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Cornerstone Kids Wednesday Nights are happening the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 pm. Children ages 4 and under are in the Nursery, children in kindergarten to 5th grade meet in The Post. Contact Andria Kaskey (andria@mediapresbyterian.org) for more information.

## **CHURCHWIDE SPRING CLEAN UP**

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The Property Committee is asking you to join them for a Spring Clean Up on Saturday, March 18, starting at 8:00 a.m.! Join us in keeping our church grounds beautiful! Contact Doug Crosby (douglascrosby@comcast.net) for more details.

## **SESSION MEETINGS**

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Starting in February, Session meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in person and via Zoom. Reach out to the Clerk of Session, Joe Hare (harej@comcast.net) with any questions.

## **MEN'S BOOK CLUB**

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Join us every 4th Thursday in Room 103 at 7:00 p.m. Our next meeting is February 23 where we will discuss The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah. Email Joe Haviland (rurahrah@comcast.net) with any questions.

## **MPC YOUTH MINISTRY**

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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. Be sure to check out the website and newsletter to see what's going on or email Sebastian ([sebastian@mediapresbyterian.org](mailto:sebastian@mediapresbyterian.org)).

## **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION & CORPORATION**

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The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation will be held next Sunday, February 26, at 11:30 a.m. in person and via Zoom. We are meeting for the purpose of receiving annual reports from staff, ministry areas, and committees of Session as well as receiving financial reports from fiscal year 2022, the approved 2023 operating budget and any other business that may come before the meeting consistent with the Bylaws for MPC and the Constitution of the PC(USA).

## **LENTEN DEVOTIONAL**

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The Spiritual Growth Committee has produced a Lenten Devotional again this year! You can view the devotional through our weekly newsletter or website. Copies are also available in the sanctuary.

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYER & PRAYER CHAIN UPDATES**

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Calling all Prayer Warriors! Join us for prayer on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays from 12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m., along with Prayer Chain Updates. Call 425-436-6394, use code 338523#. To submit prayer requests or updates, email Reverend Rose.

## **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

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Join us February 27 and every 4th Monday in Room 102 and via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. to discuss a new book. The book for February is I Think You're Wrong (But I'm Listening), by Sarah Stewart Holland and Beth Silvers. Check out the website or email Jean Furey ([jeanfurey@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanfurey@yahoo.com)) for more information.

## **MOYC-MOTHER'S OF YOUNG CHILDREN**

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The MOYC Wednesday group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Room 103 and via Zoom. They are continuing their study of Understanding the Gifts of the Spirit.

The MOYC Monday group meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month on Zoom at 8:00 p.m. This group is continuing their study of Walk and Not Grow Weary.

Please contact Reverend Rose Sparrow ([rose@mediapresbyterian.org](mailto:rose@mediapresbyterian.org)) for more information.

## **LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

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Join Reverend Dr. David Cagle as he goes through a Lenten Bible Study either on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. both in Room 102 (and via Zoom on Wednesdays). Email Reverend David (David@mediapresbyterian.org) for more information.

## **MEDIA FOOD BANK**

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Volunteers are always needed to help support local families facing food insecurities.

Please consider the list below and ask God where you may be able to lend a helping hand.

- Donate food items-See newsletter or website for current list of needed items and 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.

Go to the website, newsletter or contact Brian McLaughlin (brianmclaughlin363@gmail.com) for more information.

# FAITH & FILM

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In the Faith and Film Club, we assign and discuss movies much like a book club does with books. We meet every 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Room 103 and via Zoom. On March 9th we'll be discussing the movie, Argentina, 1985, directed by Santiago Mitre. Please email Steve Beckley (strybeck242@gmail.com) with any questions.

# SPIRITUAL FORMATION COMMITTEE

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## PICK UP THE SWORD THIS YEAR!

The Spiritual Formation Committee would like to invite you to participate in their 52-Week Bible Reading Plan for 2023!

The entire plan can be found on our website.

Sunday	Epistles:	Rom 15-16
Monday	The Law:	Gen 28-31
Tuesday	History:	Judges 12-16
Wednesday	Psalms:	Ps 21-23
Thursday	Poetry:	Job 15-16
Friday	Prophecy	Isa 40-44
Saturday	Gospels:	Matt 20-22

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

	Month As Of 2/16/2023	Year to date Total for 2023	Giving Needed Year To Date	2023 Budget
Receipts:	\$26,742	\$84,348	\$100,154	\$868,000
Expenditures:	\$22,975	\$96,795		\$868,000

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Receipts minus  
Expenses

\$3,767    \$(12,447)

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

Deacons Fund:

Beginning

balance in 2023

\$17,103

+ Received YTD

\$1,105

- Spending for

Benevolence

-\$2,024

Total balance

to date

\$16,184

## ELDERS

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
LuAnn Crosby	Sandy Campbell	Jim Gatch
Jeanne Cunningham	Art Kalemkarian, Jr.	Julie Havel
Eileen McLaughlin	Elizabeth Rohr	Jessica Johnson
Robin Smith		Eric MacDonald
		Kate Meehan
		Paul Tutton

*Moderator:* Reverend Dr. David Cagle    *Clerk of Session:* Joe Hare

## DEACONS

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Jeff Beaumont	Elaine Fetterman	Suzanne Beaumont
Renee Erickson	Jeanne Furey	Doug Crosby
Kim Gilchrist	Karen Gibble	Susan Hare
Brian McLaughlin	Dave Layton	Dave Heckman
	Lynne McCone	Robin Kauffman
		Jill Lardon
		Betsy McKeone
		Pamela Orr
		Belle Patton



MY NOTES



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# FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19, 2023

Sunday, February 19

- 8:30 a.m. Choir practice, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Room 102  
Youth Sunday School, Youth Room  
Children's Sunday School,  
Children's Wing
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, February 20

President's Day  
Office Closed

Tuesday, February 21

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Room 102
- 6:30 p.m. Session Meeting, Room 102 & Zoom

Wednesday, February 22

- 9:00 a.m. Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors, Rev. Rose Sparrow,  
Call 425-436-6394, Code338523#
- 2:30 p.m. Lima Estates Bible Study, Rev. Rose  
Sparrow, Lima Estates
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary

Thursday, February 23

- 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. MPC Ringers Practice, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Book Club, Room 103
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Room
- 7:00 p.m. Yoga

Friday, February 24

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, February 25

- 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Sunday, February 26

- 8:30 a.m. Choir practice, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Room 102
- Youth Sunday School, Youth  
Room
- Children's Sunday School,  
Children's Wing
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with BLOC,  
Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting of the  
Congregation & Corporation,  
Sanctuary & Zoom

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	Parlor <i>(back of sanctuary)</i>	Ext. 1022
	Nursery	Ext. 1023
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