

Sunday, March 9th, 2025

10:00am Service

**"LIFE-SHAPING
WORDS"**



MEDIA

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

MPC'S MISSION

Worship. Grow. Serve.
Together

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
Andrew Behringer, Director of Contemporary Music
Emily Barth, Organist
Paul Tutton, Worship Leader

Today's chancel flowers are given by Steven Beckley in loving memory of his grandmother June Louise Sullivan Beckley.

~Steve Beckley

GATHERING

Prelude

Moderato

Grieco

Welcome and Announcements

Minute For Mission

PNC Update

Eric MacDonald

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 91)

Leader: Where is our home?

All: Our home is in the shelter and shadow of God.

Leader: How can this be our refuge?

All: Because God’s angels will guard your house and those in it from evil and threat.

Leader: How can we flourish?

All: Staying close to God’s ways will bring our lives to abundance.

Leader: Let us worship God.

***Opening Worship** (Led by Worship Team)

Fill My Cup

Andrew Ripp, Ethan Hulse, & Thad Cockrell

King of Kings

Brooke & Scott Lingertwood

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.

Call to Confession (based on Romans 10)

Leader: Scripture says, “No one who believes in Christ will be put to shame.” Therefore, we do not approach God with shame but with life-giving expectation grounded in our trust of God. For when we confess with our mouth and trust in our heart, we will find healing for ourselves and for the world.

All: Let us confess our sins together.

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

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

Prayer of Confession (A/I)

God of wide circles, we too often revert to our fear-filled instinct to cut off those unfamiliar and distant. May we evaluate others based on your heart. In Romans, you remind us when we lean into your kingdom agenda, our worldview is expanded to focus on our common humanity. May we embrace your created diversity and include all in our cherished life's work.

Lenten Response #82 (Blue)

Oh Lamb Of God Most Holy!

Oh Lamb of God most Holy

Who on the cross did suffer

And patient still and lowly,

Yourself to scorn did offer:

Our sins by You were taken,

Or hope had us forsaken.

Have mercy on us, Jesus!

Assurance of Pardon (based on Romans 10)

Leader: Everyone. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Having called upon the wide arms of our gracious God, know that you are forgiven. With joy, may we amplify God's grace into the whole world. Amen.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Song of Praise

Glory Be to the Father

Hymn #579

Gloria Patri

(Blue)

**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

Paul Tutton

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:1-13 pg. 835

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Life-Shaping Words"

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

RESPONDING

*Affirmation of Faith

Theological Declaration of Barmen

Leader: "Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole-body [is] joined and knit together" (Ephesians 4:15-16).

All: The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church were permitted to abandon the form of its message and order to its own pleasure or to changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Stewardship

Offertory Anthem

You are Known

Heather Sorenson

(MPC Choir)

*Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

Hymn #592

**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

SENDING

***Closing Hymn #81**(Blue) *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

#80 (Blue) *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Wayne L. Wold

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. 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 us at Office@mediapresbyterian.org

Attention Mothers of Infants- The parlor at the back of the church is available for privacy during church services.

Church Office Hours- Monday through Thursday, 8:30am-4:00pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

◆ Annual Congregational Meeting

The Session of Media Presbyterian Church has called for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation to be held following Worship today in the Sanctuary and via the Zoom platform to receive reports of staff, session committees, results from the FY ending December 2024, the 2025 Annual Operating Budget, the election of two members-at-large to the Congregational Nominating Committee and other business that may properly come before the members.

UPCOMING EVENTS

◆ **175th Anniversary Celebration**

The **175th Anniversary Celebration** of Media Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, May 18th. We will be hosting a special service, remembrances of the past and sharing our hopes for the future. A catered meal will occur after the service in Dale Hall. Please check the Website and StayConnected in a couple weeks on how to signup! **Please sign up by April 6th so we can get a headcount.**

◆ Please share **any photos** you have taken over the years either electronically or hard copies to Deacon Sue Hare. Sue Hare will be accepting photos until **March 9th**.

You can email her at susanmlowry@hotmail.com

◆ **Adult Sunday School March 9th**

As we wrap up our study in Matthew, we are preparing for our Lenten Study. Taking a prompt from Matthew, we are going to take a step away from studying a book of the Bible to study what are spiritual disciplines. This study will be guided by Richard Foster's book "*Celebrations of Spiritual Disciplines*". Through this 4 week study we will learn what the spiritual disciplines are, why they matter, and how we can practice them in our faith journey.

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).

◆ **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.

◆ **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.

LENTEN LOAVES OF LOVE

LENTEN LOAVES OF LOVE is 22 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 2025, we are supporting two new ministries in response to the devastation of the Southern California wildfires:

Cal Fire Benevolent Foundation

The Foundation provides financial assistance for the public good, by participating with burn centers and providing disaster relief throughout the state of California to relieve the burden on families. The money raised goes directly to assist firefighters, their families, those that support firefighters, and to assist burn victims.

www.calfires.foundation

World Central Kitchen

WCK is the first to the frontlines, providing fresh meals in response to humanitarian, climate & community crises. Food is essential to life every single day, all over the world—and it is more important than ever in a crisis. Not only is a thoughtful, freshly prepared meal one less thing someone has to worry about in the wake of a disaster, it is a reminder that you are not alone, someone is thinking about you, and someone cares. Food has the power to be the nourishment and hope we need to pick ourselves back up in the darkest times. WCK is currently working in Southern California providing meals and support to those displaced by the fires and the First Responders fighting the fires. www.wck.org

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*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, April 13, 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 and place the envelope in the offering plate.

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

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

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tulips \_\_\_\_ Daffodils \_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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

# FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 9th, 2025

## **Sunday, Mar 9th**

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 (BLOC), Sanctuary  
11:30am Confirmation Class, Youth Room  
11:15am Annual mtg., Sanctuary

## **Monday, Mar 10th**

12:00pm Prayer & Devotion, Zoom  
6:30pm PNC, Room 102  
7:00pm Finance cmt. mtg., Zoom

## **Tuesday, Mar 11th**

10:00am Staff meeting, Room 102

## **Wednesday, Mar 12th**

9:00am Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen  
10:00am Prayer Warriors,  
Call 605-313-5637, Code 2707235#  
6:30pm Worship cmt. mtg., Zoom  
7:00pm Cornerstone Kids

## **Thursday, Mar 13th**

7:00am Men's Bible Study, Court Diner, Media  
10:00am Women's Bible Study, Zoom  
6:30pm MPC Ringers, Sanctuary  
7:00pm Faith & Film Club, Room 103 & Zoom  
7:00pm Yoga  
7:00pm Youth Group, Youth Room

## **Friday, Mar 14th**

Office Closed

## **Saturday, Mar 15th**

7:00pm NA Meeting, Dale Hall

## **Sunday, Mar 16th**

8:30am Choir Practice, Sanctuary  
8:45am Nursery opens for drop-off  
9:00am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room  
9:15am Worship Team, Sanctuary  
10:00am Sunday Worship Service (BLOC), Sanctuary  
11:00am Youth Pancake Breakfast, Dale Hall  
11:30am Confirmation Class, Youth Room  
11:30am Worship Team, Sanctuary

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|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Transitional Pastor                        | Reverend<br>Dr. David Cagle          | David@mediapresbyterian.org Ext.1001   |
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|                                            | Main Kitchen                         | Ext. 1021                              |
|                                            | Parlor<br><i>(Back of Sanctuary)</i> | Ext. 1022                              |
|                                            | Nursery                              | Ext. 1023                              |
|                                            | Benevolence Hotline                  | Ext. 2000                              |

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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