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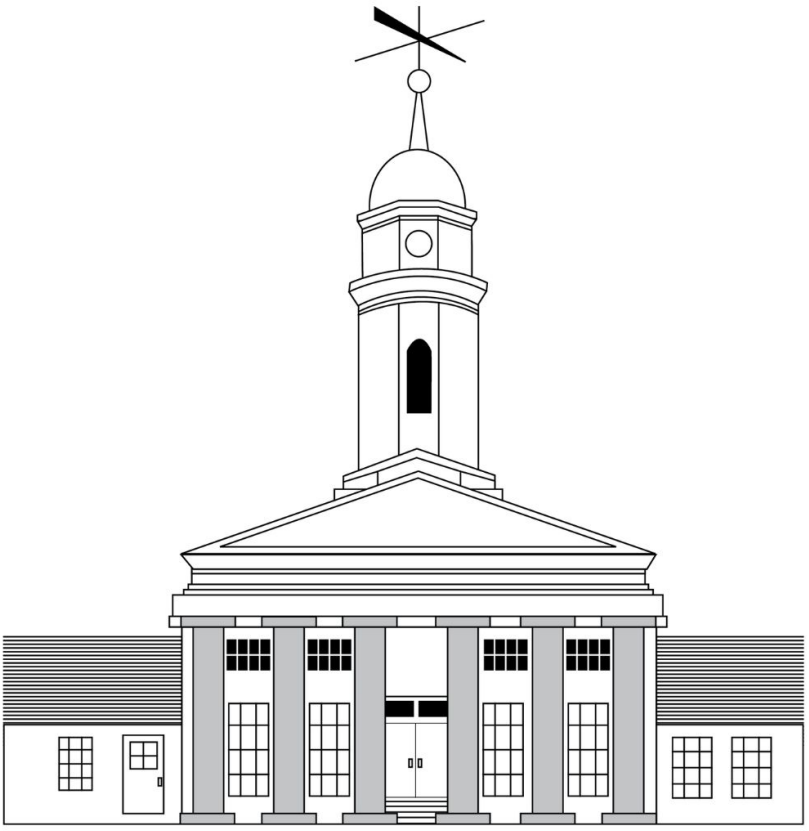

“Bearers of the Light: In the Darkness”

Worship. Grow. Serve. Together

Sunday, October 5th, 2025

Welcome

MPC'S MISSION

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Together

VISITING TODAY?

If this is your first time worshiping 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

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Leading Worship This Morning...

Rev. Doug Forsberg, Senior Pastor
Lisa VanHeldorf, Director of Traditional Music
Andrew Behringer, Director of Contemporary Music
Emily Barth, Organist
Cornelia Vieira, Worship Leader

Today's chancel flowers are given in loving memory of John Bosma.
~ Chris Bosma

GATHERING

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus* MPC Bells

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Doug Forsberg

Minute for Mission Stewardship

Call to Worship (Psalm 139)

Leader: O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

People: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

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All: How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.

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

Unstoppable God
Chris Brown, Steven Furtick, & Wade Joye

How Great is Our God
Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves & Ed Cash

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

Prayer of Confession (*All*)

Lord Jesus, our lives are cluttered by too many things and too much to do. We are driven by our fears and distracted from our service. We are to reflect your light to a world adrift in darkness, but so often we fail to do so because we are easily sidetracked. We have often lost our way. Hear us as we confess our sin to you in the quiet of our own hearts . . .

[silent confession]

Forgive us. Help us to live faithfully in your light, for we pray in your name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*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.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Moment Ty Harvey

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.

EQUIPPING

THE WORD

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-8 pg. 862

Sermon "Bearers of the Light: In the Darkness"

Rev. Doug Forsberg

RESPONDING

***Affirmation of Faith (*All*)** *Apostles' Creed*

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.

Baptism

Today, we are celebrating the Baptism of *Josephine Kelly Canavan*, daughter of Jennifer & Edward Canavan. We welcome all of the Canavan family and friends who are worshiping and celebrating with us today.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Stewardship

Offertory Anthem *Look at the World* John Rutter

*Doxology

Hymn #592 *OLD HUNDRETH*

Praise God from whom all blessings grow;
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

***Closing Hymn #451** *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*
(Red)

Charge and Blessing

Postlude *Postlude on "O Zion, Haste"* Matthew McConnell

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 (PreK-5th grade). Youth Sunday School is in the Youth Room (6th grade & up).

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.

Attention Parents of Young Children- Please ask our ushers for a busy board so your child can draw during service.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Fellowship, Prayer, & Book Study**
  Everyone is welcome to join us on Mondays (starting September 8th) at 12pm on Zoom for *Fellowship, Prayer, and a Book Study*. This fall, we will be reading *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life* by Tish Warren. For more information, please contact Janis Richards at janis_richards@yahoo.com.

- **New Members Class**
  Are you interested in learning about becoming a member of Media Presbyterian Church? If so, we'd love for you to join a new members class meeting following worship today. The class will include lunch and meet for an hour or so. Our time will be conversational and offer you an opportunity to learn about MPC, being presbyterian and the responsibilities of a member. Attending the group does not mean that you are required to join the church. If you do desire to be a member, you'll be able to indicate that at the end of our time together. If you have any questions, please check in with Pastor Doug. If you plan on attending, please let Pastor Doug know so that we'll have enough class materials and lunch.

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).

- **Adult Christian Education (Wednesday Nights)**
  - New class beginning Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00 PM titled, "Understanding the Parables of Jesus". You can join from the comfort of your own home! Streaming on ZOOM using the link posted on StayConnected.
  - This course will be led by Steve Buxton (sbuxton320@comcast.net)

- **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 Ty Harvey (Ty@mediapresbyterian.org) for more information.

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 5th, 2025

Sunday, Oct 5th		
	8:30am	Choir Practice, Sanctuary
	8:45am	Nursery opens for drop-off
	9:00am	Adult Sunday School, RM 102
	9:15am	Worship Team, Sanctuary
	10:00am	Sunday Worship Service (BLOC), Sanctuary
	11:15am	Worship Team, Sanctuary
	11:15am	New Members Class, RM 102
Monday, Oct 6th		
	12:00pm	Prayer & Devotion, Zoom
Tuesday, Oct 7th		
	10:00am	Staff mtg., RM 102
	7:00pm	Mission cmt. mtg., RM 102
	7:00pm	Property cmt. mtg., RM 103
Wednesday, Oct 8th		
	9:00am	Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen
	11:00am	Prayer Warriors, Call 605-313-5637, Code 2707235#
	6:30pm	Weds. Night Kids Club
	6:30pm	MOYC, RM 103
Thursday, Oct 9th		
	7:00am	Men's Bible Study, Court Diner, Media
	10:00am	Women's Bible Study, Zoom
	6:30pm	MPC Bells, Sanctuary
	7:00pm	Yoga
	7:00pm	Youth Group, Youth Room
Friday, Oct 10th		
	Office Closed	
Saturday, Oct 11th		
	6:00pm	NA Meeting, Dale Hall
Sunday, Oct 12th		
	8:30am	Choir Practice, Sanctuary
	8:45am	Nursery opens for drop-off
	9:00am	Adult Sunday School, RM 102
	9:00am	Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
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	Parlor *(Back of Sanctuary)*	Ext. 1022
	Nursery	Ext. 1023
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