

Sunday, February 5, 2023
10:00 a.m.

*“God Cares
For You!”*



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 Rose Sparrow, Parish Associate

Sebastian Carpenter, Director of Contemporary Music & Worship, Director of Youth Ministries

Andria Kaskey, Director of Children's Ministries

Jeanne Cunningham, Worship Leader

Dr. Stan Orr, Organist

Chancel flowers are being given in loving memory of "my brother-in-law, Jim Meese," by Connie Hughes.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

MPC Ringers

Amazing Grace

Lloyd Larson

Sharing the Joy of Our Faith

Call to Worship (From Psalm 66:1–4)

Leader: Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!

All: Sing out the honor of His name;

Leader: Make His praise glorious.

All: Say to God, “How awesome are Your works!

Leader: Through the greatness of Your power.

All: Your enemies shall submit themselves to You.

Leader: All the earth shall worship You.

All: And sing praises to You;

Leader: They shall sing praises to Your name. Selah.

*Opening Song

Your Love Never Fails

Chris Quilala/Jesus Culture

Worship Team

Nothing can separate
Even if I ran away
Your love never fails
I know I still make mistakes but



You have new mercies for me every day
Your love never fails

*You stay the same through the ages
Your love never changes
There may be pain in the night
But joy comes in the morning
And when the oceans rage
I don't have to be afraid
Because I know that You love me
Your love never fails*

The wind is strong and the water's deep
But I'm not alone here in these open seas
Your love never fails
The chasm is far too wide
I never thought I'd reach the other side
Your love never fails

*You stay the same through the ages
Your love never changes
There may be pain in the night
But joy comes in the morning
And when the oceans rage
I don't have to be afraid
Because I know that You love me
Your love never fails*

You make all things work together for my good
You make all things work together for my good
You make all things work together for my good
You make all things work together for my good

*You stay the same through the ages
Your love never changes
There may be pain in the night
But joy comes in the morning
And when the oceans rage
I don't have to be afraid
Because I know that You love me
Your love never fails*

*Your love never fails
Your love never fails*

Great Are You Lord

All Sons & Daughters
Worship Team

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

*It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only*

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

*It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only*

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord (x2)

*It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only*

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 (1 John 1:8-9)

Leader: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Prayer of Confession (All)

We come to you today with bowed heads and humble hearts. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and in deed. We have allowed our problems to become bigger than our God. Also, we have believed the Devil’s lies instead of embracing the truth of your word. Please forgive us and help us to realize how much you love us and how much you care. Help us to always come boldly to your throne and to cast all our cares on you. We thank you for hearing our prayer. In Jesus name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Micah 7:18-19 NKJV)

Leader: Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us and will subdue our iniquities. He will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

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

EQUIPPING

THE WORD

First Reading: Matthew 11:28-29 (pg. 792)

Jeanne Cunningham

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 5:6-9 (pg. 986)

Jeanne Cunningham

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Reading: Psalm 142 (pg. 505)

Reverend Rose Sparrow

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“God Cares For You!”

Reverend Rose Sparrow

Affirmation of Faith

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

Shall We Gather at the River

Robert Lowery

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
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

*Closing Hymn 293 (Blue)

This is My Father's World

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

GENERAL INFORMATION

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.

BLOC Program-Children in 2nd grade or younger are invited to join our Building Lives On Christ (BLOC) program after the Children's Moment and Blessing. (You may pick up your child after the worship service in Room 201.)

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

Sign up to receive our weekly digital newsletter by going to our website or by emailing rebecca@mediapresbyterian.org.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Like and follow us on Facebook (Media Presbyterian Church) & Instagram (@mediapresby).

ONLINE GIVING

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



CORNERSTONE KIDS

Cornerstone Kids Wednesday Nights are happening every Wednesday 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. We will be finding creative possibilities in everyday objects through printmaking so wear something you don't mind getting paint on! Contact Andria Kaskey at andria@mediapresbyterian.org for more information.

SESSION MEETINGS

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.

MPC YOUTH MINISTRY

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@mediapresbyterian.org.

MEN'S BOOK CLUB

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.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION & CORPORATION

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation will be held on Sunday, February 26, 2023 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, approving 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).

M.O.Y.C-MOTHER'S OF YOUNG CHILDREN

MOYC will begin meeting again on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. starting February 1st. Our first meeting of the year will be a time of prayer, praise, and worship, led by Sebastian Carpenter and Reverend Rose. It will be held in the Youth Room. All other meetings will be hybrid, unless otherwise noted. This group will continue their study of The Gifts of the Spirit.

MOYC's Monday group will resume on Monday, February 13th at 8:00 pm. This group meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month on Zoom at 8:00 p.m. This group will continue their study of Walk and Not Grow Weary.

Email Reverend Rose (rose@mediapresbyterian.org) for more information.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive communion, please contact office@mediapresbyterian.org.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION COMMITTEE

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 or check here for each week's readings:

Sunday	Epistles:	Rom 11-12
Monday	The Law:	Gen 20-23
Tuesday	History:	Judges 1-6
Wednesday	Psalms:	Ps 15-17
Thursday	Poetry:	Job 11-12
Friday	Prophecy	Isa 29-33
Saturday	Gospels:	Matt 14-16

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

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) for more information.

FAITH & FILM

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 February 9th we'll be discussing the movie, Harold and Maude, directed by Hal Ashby. Please email Steve Beckley (strybeck242@gmail.com) with any questions.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

Join us every Thursday at 7:00 a.m. at the Court Diner in Media for a Men's Breakfast and Bible Study! No need to register, just show up and fellowship! For more information, contact Walt Koenig (jhwkoenig1@verizon.net).

PRAYER AND DEVOTION GROUP

Join Reverend Rose on Mondays at noon via Zoom where they are studying To Walk and Not Grow Weary, twelve Bible Studies of triumph in the lives of God's People. Everyone is welcome!

MPC RINGERS PRACTICE

All are welcome to join the MPC Ringers every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary for practice. For more information contact Sue Hare (susanmlowry@hotmail.com).

INTERCESSORY PRAYER & PRAYER CHAIN UPDATES

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.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

The Spiritual Growth Committee is producing a Lenten Devotional this year. If you would like to participate by writing a daily devotion, for more information or to receive a link to the Sign-Up Genius, please email Rebecca (rebecca@mediapresbyterian.org) in the church office.

MEDIA FOOD BANK

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.

ALL CHURCH STUDY- “THE VERTICAL CHURCH”

Please join us in an All-Church Study of James MacDonald’s book, The Vertical Church. Books will be available at church and can also be purchased on Amazon and Audible. There are also video presentations of the book on YouTube. Please contact Reverend Rose (rose@mediapresbyterian.org) or Elder Kate Meehan (kmeehan1207@gmail.com) for more information and to connect with a group.

MISSION HIGHLIGHT-

CHESTER EASTSIDE MINISTRIES

Join us Tuesday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. in room 102 or via Zoom to meet Reverend Andy Jacobs, Executive Director of Chester Eastside Ministries. MPC has supported this ministry since its founding in 1985. Come hear about the services we help Chester Eastside offer to children and adults. Email the Missions Chair, Eileen McLaughlin (mclaughlin.bes@gmail.com) for more information.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Update for January 2023 & Year End Totals:

	Month As Of	Year to date	Giving Needed	2023
	1/31/2023	Total for	Year To Date	Budget
		2023		
Receipts:	\$53,649	\$53,649	\$66,769	\$868,000
Expenditures:	\$56,176	\$56,176		\$868,000
Receipts minus				
Expenses	\$(2,527)	\$(2,527)		

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	\$995
- Spending for	
Benevolence	-\$1,900
Total balance	
to date	\$16,198

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	Susanne 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

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Sunday, February 5

- 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

Monday, February 6

- 12:00 p.m. Prayer & Devotion, Rev. Rose, Zoom

Tuesday, February 7

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Room 102
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Highlight, Room 102 & Zoom

Wednesday, February 8

- 9:00 a.m. Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors, Rev. Rose Sparrow,
Call 425-436-6394, Code 338523#
- 2:30 p.m. Lima Estates Bible Study, Rev. Rose
- 4:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting, Room 102

Thursday, February 9

- 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. Faith & Film, Room 103, Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Room
- 7:00 p.m. Yoga

Friday, February 10

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, February 11

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Sunday, February 12

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

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