

**Sunday April 21st, 2024**

**Fourth Sunday Of  
Easter**



**'The Good Shepherd'**



**10:00 A.M. Service**



**MEDIA**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

# Welcome

## 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.

## 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  
Lisa VanHeldorf, Director of Traditional Music  
Andrew Behringer, Director of Contemporary Music  
Emily Barth, Organist  
Jim Gatch, Worship Leader

*Today's flowers are dedicated in memory of our Mothers: Maureen Wood & Lois Lauer.*

*~John & Carol Wood*

## GATHERING

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### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

**Minute for Mission**                      Women's Time Apart                      Kate Meehan

### Call to Worship (Psalms 23)

Leader:                      Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

**All:                      He leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul.**

Leader:                      Even though we walk through dark valleys, even though we are fearful and in need of comfort,

**All:                      Our cup overflows with God's goodness and mercy; we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.**

### \*Opening Worship (Led by Worship Team)                      (Song Sheets available)

**This is Amazing Grace**

Phil Wickham

**Yet Not I But Through Christ**

Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren,  
& Rich Thompson

### Children's Moment

Jeanne Cunningham

### 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

Leader:                      The joy of this Easter season continues as we are called to Word and worship. Let us pause to confess our sins to our Good Shepherd.

**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 (*All*)

Savior God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn. You welcome us to your fold, but we make others feel as if they don't belong. Forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment; the way we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade. Redeem us. Restore us. Help us be faithful as your flock. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews.  
Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings.  
We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace.

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

## \*Song of Praise,

### Hymn #123 (v.4) Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia  
Praise eternal as God's love, Alleluia  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia

## \*Sharing the Joy of Our Faith

### EQUIPPING

#### THE WORD

#### Prayer for Illumination

Jim Gatch

#### Scripture Reading: Psalms 23 (pg. 435)

Jim Gatch

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

#### Scripture Reading: John 10:11-18 (pg. 872)

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

#### Sermon: "I Am The Good Shepherd"

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

# RESPONDING

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## \*Affirmation of Faith (*All*)

*A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

## Prayers of the People

## Invitation to Stewardship

## Offertory Anthem

**Hail Thee, Festival Day!**

Vaughan Williams

(Led by the MPC Choir)

## Doxology

## \*Hymn #106 (v. 4)

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks**

*(Refrain)*

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his Name.**

**Come, let us praise the living God.**

**Joyfully sing to our savior.**

*(Refrain)*

## 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 God.**

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 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 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**

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## **SENDING**

**\*Closing Hymn #108**

**Christ Is Alive!**

### **Charge and Blessing**

### **Postlude**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Plant Sale Following Service Today!**

- 11am-4pm, on the lawn.
- Cash or venmo accepted.
- Plant selection of annuals or native perennials.
- Proceeds from the sale will benefit the MPC Outreach Ministry.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **Guest Preacher - April 28th**

- ◆ This upcoming Sunday, April 28th, Pastor John Clifford, President and Pastor of Greenhouse, will be preaching.

### **Women's Time Apart**

- ◆ Women's Time Apart will be hosting a retreat, *A New Hope: Learning to spread light in a dark world* on May 18th from 9:00am- 2:00pm. More information to follow this upcoming week. Please contact Kate Meehan (kmeehan1207@gmail.com) with any questions.

## ONGOING MINISTRIES

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- **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: Pastor Rose Sparrow (rose@mediapresbyterian.org) or Deacon 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 Thursdays from 7-8:30pm in the Youth Room.

## **MPC IS HIRING- See the website for more information**

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### **•Nursery Staff**

-We are seeking volunteers to help out in the fall on Wednesday evenings, 6:15-7:45pm.

-Clearance requirements for this position include, PA State Police Background Check and PA Child Abuse Clearance. Please reach out to the office, (office@mediapresbyterian.org), or Susan Kassab, (susan.kassab@gmail.com) for more information or questions.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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**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 Reverend Rose.

**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. During inclement weather, please call to make sure staff is present before coming to the office.



# FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21st, 2024

## **Sunday, April 21st**

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  
11:00am Plant and Craft Sale, Lawn  
11:15am Daycare Q & A, Sanctuary  
11:30am Inquirer's Class, Room 102

## **Monday, April 22nd**

12:00pm Prayer & Devotion, Rev. Rose, Zoom  
Call 425-436-6394, Code 338523#  
4:45pm Mission Study Team mtg., Room 102  
7:00pm Women's Book Club, Room 102 & Zoom

## **Tuesday, April 23rd**

10:00am Staff Meeting  
5:30pm Spiritual Formation Comm. mtg., Zoom  
7:00pm Deacon mtg., Room 102 & Zoom

## **Wednesday, April 24th**

9:00am Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen  
10:00am Prayer Warriors, Rev. Rose Sparrow  
2:30pm Lima Estates Bible Study, Lima Estates  
6:00pm Admin. Comm. mtg., Room 102 & Zoom

## **Thursday, April 25th**

7:00am Men's Bible Study, Court Diner, Media  
10:00am Women's Bible Study, Rev. Rose, Zoom  
12:30pm Intercessory Prayer & Prayer Chain Updates  
6:30pm MPC Ringers, Sanctuary  
7:00pm Men's Book Club, Room 103  
7:00pm Youth Group, Youth Room  
7:00pm Yoga

## **Friday, April 26th**

Office Closed

## **Saturday, April 27th**

7:00pm NA Meeting, Dale Hall

## **Sunday, April 28th**

- 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 Children's Sunday Worship Service (BLOC), Sanctuary
- 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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## **ONLINE GIVING**

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