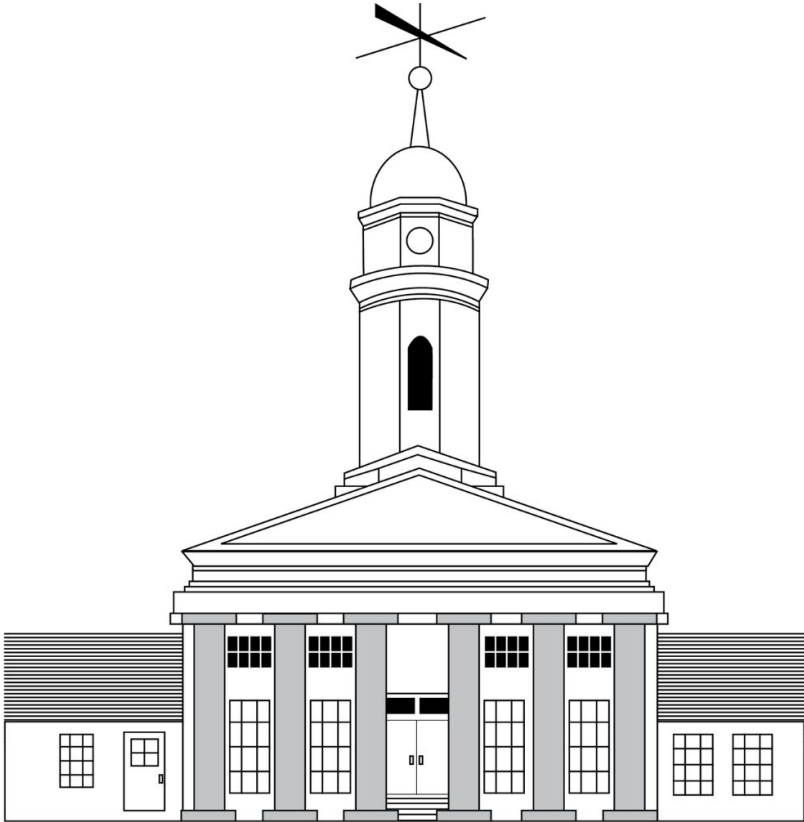


# Media Presbyterian Church



**“Growing God’s Kingdom:  
Pray“**

Worship. Grow. Serve.  
Together

**Sunday, September 7th, 2025**

# Welcome

## MPC'S MISSION

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### 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...*

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

*Today's chancel flowers are dedicated in  
loving memory of Clifford D. Craig.  
~ Robin Smith*

## **GATHERING**

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### **Prelude**

*Meditation on "Power in the Blood"*

Mark Williams

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Doug Forsberg

Jeanne Cunningham

### **Call to Worship** (Psalm 61)

Leader: Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.

**People: From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.**

Leader: For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe.

**People: I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings.**

Leader: Let us worship God who alone is worthy of our praise!

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

*The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)*

Matt Maher, Bryan Fowler,  
& Jacob Sooter

*In Christ Alone*

Keith & Krysten Getty,  
& Stuart Townend

### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

### **Children's Moment**

Jeanne Cunningham

### **Blessing of the Children (A/I)**

**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.**

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit*

## Prayer of Confession (A/I)

Most gracious and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that are hard and unwilling to yield. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments but all too often have failed to love our neighbor much less you. We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Have mercy upon us, for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

**\*Song of Praise,**

*Glory Be to the Father*

Hymn #579 (Blue)

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.**

**\*Sharing the Joy of Our Faith**

## EQUIPPING

### THE WORD

#### **Prayer of Illumination**

**First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 56:6-7 pg. 599**

Rev. Doug Forsberg

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:5-13 pg. 787**

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon "Growing God's Kingdom: Pray"**

Rev. Doug Forsberg

## RESPONDING

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### **\*Affirmation of Faith (A/I)**

*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.

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **Invitation to Stewardship**

#### **Offertory Anthem**

*Hear My Prayer*

Moses Hogan

### **\*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 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 (A//)**

*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 (A//)**

**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**

*Goodness of God*

## **Charge and Blessing**

## **Postlude**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Terry Kirkland

## 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 (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](mailto: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.

**StayConnected & Prayer Chain-** If you feel as though you have not received the weekly StayConnected email or Prayer Chain... Please check your spam folder. If you still feel as though you are missing either, please call the office and we will be happy to help you try to figure out the issue.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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◆ Our BBQ Bash will immediately follow today's service!

◆ If you would like your child to receive monthly notes or small packages from the deacons during the 2025-2026 school year please email their college addresses to either [sriley1347@gmail.com](mailto:sriley1347@gmail.com) or [jeanfurey@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanfurey@yahoo.com).

Praying for all our students this school year.

◆ Media Presbyterian Church is going to join the Media Borough's Fall Yard Sale on Saturday, September 20th. Items for donation can be brought to Dale Hall starting Sunday, September 14th at noon. Funds raised will be given evenly to the Media Food Bank and to Outreach. Please bring items that you feel may sell (examples of items not sellable – VHS tapes). Be prepared to help remove items that don't sell – either back to your home or to various organizations (GreenDrop, Goodwill, FreeStore) in a timely manner. If you have questions, please contact Sue Hare or Jeanne Cunningham.



## 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: 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 Ty Harvey (Ty@mediapresbyterian.org) for more information.

# **FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7th, 2025**

## **Sunday, Sept 7th**

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 BBQ Bash, Front Lawn

## **Monday, Sept 8th**

### **Sept 9**

12:00pm Prayer & Devotion, Zoom  
10:00am Staff mtg., RM 102  
7:00pm Finance cmt. mtg., Zoom

## **Wednesday, Sept 10th**

9:00am Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen  
11:00am Prayer Warriors, Call 605-313-5637,  
Code 2707235#  
2:30pm Bible Study, Lima Estates  
4:30pm Worship cmt. mtg., Zoom  
6:30pm Weds. Night Kids Club

## **Thursday, Sept 11**

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

## **Friday, Sept 12**

Office Closed

## **Saturday, Sept 13**

6:00pm NA Meeting, Dale Hall

## **Sunday, Sept 14th**

8:30am Choir Practice, Sanctuary  
8:45am Nursery opens for drop-off  
9:00am Adult Sunday School, RM 102  
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**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

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**ONLINE GIVING**

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