



MEDIA
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday July 16, 2023

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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 Dr. David Cagle, Transitional Pastor

Sebastian Carpenter, Director of Contemporary Music &

Worship, Director of Youth Ministries

Lisa VanHeldorf, Director of Traditional Music

Andria Kaskey, Director of Children's Ministry

Elizabeth Rohr, Worship Leader

Emily Barth, Organist

The Chancel flowers are donated by Judy Wentz "in memory of my mother, Elizabeth Macky Wentz."

GATHERING

Prelude

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: The very Word of God is a light to our feet,

All: A lamp to our path.

Leader: We gather this day to hear the Word of God.

All: To offer prayers and sing songs of praise.

Leader: We gather this day,

All: To worship God!

*Opening Worship (Led by the Worship Team)

(Music Sheets available)

Great Are You Lord

All Sons and Daughters

Good Good Father

Housefires

Children's Moment

Andria Kaskey

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."

**please stand in body or in spirit*

Call to Confession

Leader: To know God is to know of God's mercy, justice, and love. To know God is to also know ourselves, and we are a people who have not loved as much as we should, always showed mercy, or worked for justice. So let us offer our prayer of confession, knowing that out of God's great mercy, we will be forgiven and made new.

All: *Let us confess our sins together.*

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

Prayer of Confession (All)

Gracious and loving God, we are a people who are always concerned about ourselves. We worry about what is ours and are concerned with getting more. We have not been guided by your Spirit or the teachings of Christ. Forgive us, we pray, and gently guide us back to your way. Help us to think of others and sharing what we have with the world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the Good News! There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus! Know you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

*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.*

*Sharing the Joy of Our Faith

EQUIPPING

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Elizabeth Rohr

Sermon Reading: Matthew 13:1-9 (pg.794)

Reverend Dr. David Cagle

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“A Very Foolish Farmer”

Reverend Dr. David Cagle

RESPONDING

***Affirmation of Faith**

A Declaration of Faith

All: *We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell. The story itself tells us God works his sovereign will among all peoples of the earth. We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe. We acknowledge no other God. We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help. We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power. We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God. We praise and enjoy God. To worship God is highest joy. To serve God is perfect freedom. Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Stewardship

Offering Song

Be Thou My Vision

MPC Choir

Bill Cilcott

***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

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 #426 (Blue)

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

Voluntary in F

Robert Lau

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 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Sunday School -Adults meet at 9:00 a.m. in Room 102. Youth and Children's Sunday School is off for the summer and will resume in the fall.

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 are 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. Effective the week of August 7, the church office will be closed on Fridays.

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- VBS-STELLAR is happening here at MPC July 31 through August 4 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Registration is required and can be done through the Newsletter or on our website. Contact: Andria Kaskey (andria@mediapresbyterian.org) for more information.
- Refreshments on the Lawn is happening all summer long until Labor Day! Join us for some light refreshments outside after the worship service. Today is sponsored by the Administration Committee.

- Long-time member Philip Spencer passed away on June 10, 2023. His Memorial Service will be held at MPC on Friday, July 21, 2023 starting with the calling hour at 10:00 a.m., a service at 11:00 a.m., followed by a reception in Dale Hall. See the Newsletter to sign-up to donate a dessert.

ONGOING MINISTRIES

- **Cornerstone Kids Children's Ministry**

- ◆ Building Lives on Christ (BLOC) is available most Sundays for children going into 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.
- ◆ Every 3rd Saturday join Cornerstone Kids at 10:00 a.m. for a hike near Media. Our next hike will be August 19 at Hildacy Farm Preserve Loop in Hildacy Preserve.
- ◆ Join our email list for weekly schedule updates and summer activity information.

Contact Andria Kaskey (andria@mediapresbyterian.org)

- **MPC Youth Ministry**

- ◆ The Youth are having a DND Game Night Thursday, July 20 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.
Contact: Sebastian (sebastian@mediapresbyterian.org).

- **Men's Book Club**

- ◆ July 27 and every 4th Thursday in Room 103 and via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Contact Joe Haviland (rurahrah@comcast.net).

- **Women's Book Club**

- ◆ We meet every 4th Monday in Room 102 and via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Our book for August is "[The Rose Code](#)" by Kate Quinn
Contact: Jean Furey (jeanfurey@yahoo.com). We are not meeting in July. See you August 28.

- **Yoga**

- ◆ A new session of Hatha yoga will be held in Dale Hall at 7 p.m. every Thursday in July and August (except August 3rd). This is an all-levels class incorporating yoga poses to improve strength, balance, and flexibility. Consider joining our friendly class! Cost for the eight classes is only \$40. If interested, please contact Lisa Dombroski (L.Dombroski@yahoo.com).

- **MOYC (Mothers of Young Children)**
 - ◆ We will be meeting every Wednesday through July 26 and studying the book “Seamless” by Angie Smith. Contact Jeanne Cunningham (fuselloj@gmail.com) for more information.
- **Faith & Film**
 - ◆ Every 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Room 103 or Zoom join us for film conversations. Our next meeting is August 10.
Contact: Steve Beckley(strybeck242@gmail.com).
- **Spiritual Formation Committee: Pick Up The Sword This Year**
 - ◆ The Spiritual Formation Committee invites you to participate in their 52-Week Bible Reading Plan for 2023! The entire plan can be found in the newsletter or on our website.
- **Lima Estates Bible Study**
 - ◆ All residents of Lima Estates are invited to join Reverend Rose Sparrow for a Bible Study on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Email Reverend Rose (rose@mediapresbyterian.org) for more information.
- **Digital Picture Directory**
 - ◆ We are updating our Digital Picture Directory. If a picture of you and your family is not in our digital directory, if your picture is out of date, or if you are not sure if your picture is in there or what it looks like, contact Sue Hare (susanmlowry@hotmail.com).
- **Intercessory Prayer and Prayer Chain Updates**
 - ◆ Calling all Prayer Warriors! Join us for prayer on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and Thursdays from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Call 425-436-6394, and use code 338523#. To submit prayer requests or updates, email Reverend Rose (rose@mediapresbyterian.org).

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- **Financial Information**

Financial updates will be posted once a month for the previous month. Please see the newsletter for more details.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

- **Media Food Bank**
 - ◆ Donate food items from current list in newsletter or website. 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.
 - ◆ Donations have decreased and the Food Bank has immediate needs. See the newsletter or website for the list.
Contact: Brian McLaughlin (brianmclaughlin363@gmail.com).

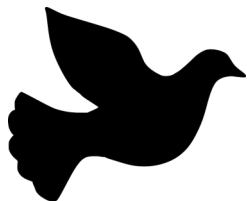
ELDERS

<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	Suzanne Beaumont
Renee Erickson	Jeanne Furey	Doug Crosby
Kim Gilchrist	Karen Gible	Susan Hare
Brian McLaughlin	Dave Layton	Dave Heckman
	Lynne McCone	Robin Kauffman
		Jill Lardon
		Betsy McKeone
		Pamela Orr
		Belle Patton



FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 16, 2023

Sunday, July 16

- 8:30 a.m. Choir practice, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Room 102 & Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with BLOC, Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Refreshments on the Lawn,
sponsored by the Administration Committee

Monday, July 17

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

Tuesday, July 18

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Room 102
- 6:30 p.m. Session Meeting, Room 102 & Zoom

Wednesday, July 19

- 9:00 a.m. Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors, Rev. Rose Sparrow,
Call 425-436-6394, Code338523#
- 6:00 p.m. MOYC

Thursday, July 20

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Youth DND Game Night, Youth Room
- 7:00 p.m. Yoga, Dale Hall

Friday, July 21

- Philip Spencer's Memorial Service
- 10:00 a.m. Calling Hour, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Service, Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Reception in Dale Hall

Saturday, July 22

- 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Sunday, July 23

- 8:30 a.m. Choir practice, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Room 102 & Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with BLOC, Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Refreshments on the Lawn,
sponsored by the Music Ministries

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