

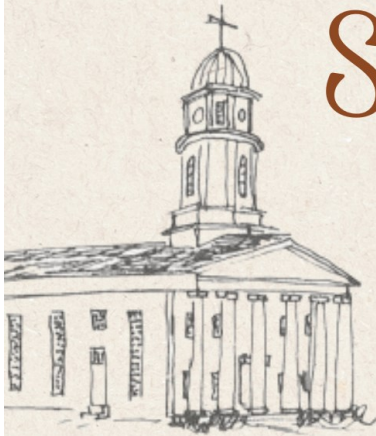


SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023
10:00 A.M. SERVICE

STEWARDSHIP

DEDICATION

SUNDAY



*Media
Presbyterian
Church*



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

Reverend Rose Sparrow, Parish Associate

Lisa VanHeldorf, Director of Traditional Music

Sandy Campbell, Worship Leader

The Chancel flowers are donated by the Kauffman family "in memory of Robin's father, John Woodford, and Chris' brother, Scott Kauffman."

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Stewardship

Belle Patton, Member of Missions
Stewardship Dedication Sunday

Call to Worship (Psalm 24)

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

All: the world, and those who live in it.

Prayer of Praise

All: Blessed are you, Lord God, for setting our lives amid fellowships that care about our faith, offer us encouragement, and enfold us in love. Blessed are you, Lord God, for bringing us into contact with men and women, youth and children, who relate to us as brothers and sisters in faith. May our responses to your many blessings be a blessing to others. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

*Opening Worship (Led by Worship Team)

(Music Sheets available)

Graves Into Gardens

Elevation Worship

Living Hope

Phil Wickham

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."

**please stand in body or in spirit*

Call to Confession (Matthew 6:21)

Leader: Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

All: *For all the times that we have treasured anything or anyone over our relationship with our God, let us confess our sins together.*

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

Prayer of Confession (All)

All: *Forgiving God, we confess that we are a fearful people. Too often, we walk through the abundance of your world afraid that there is not enough. We covet what little our neighbors have. We hoard the goodness of your creation. We make of ourselves earthly titles and names, as though human honor was itself a finite commodity. And we make idols of scarcity and want, as though they and not you were eternal. Have mercy on us. Gently ease our grip, and open our hands and our eyes that we, trusting in your righteousness, may truly live out the heart of all commandments: to love our neighbors as ourselves. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon (Romans 8:34; II Corinthians 5:17)

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, and Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends, believe the Good News.

All: *To God be the glory! Alleluia! 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

Sandy Campbell

First Reading: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, 10-14 (pg.638)

Sandy Campbell

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-6, 9-11 (pg.953)

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Fearlessly Giving for Our Future with God"

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

RESPONDING

***Affirmation of Faith (All)**

From: *A Declaration of Faith*

Leader: Brothers and sisters, what do you believe?

All: Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain that love involves.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Stewardship

Offering Song (Led by the MPC Choir)

*Song of Response

Hymn #555 (Blue)

*All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in highest heaven
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God, Whom heaven and earth adore,
The God Who was, and is, And shall be evermore.*

*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...

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 #414 (Blue)**

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

Prayer for Pledge Dedication

Charge and Blessing

***Postlude**

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 3 years old during our 9:00 a.m. Sunday School hour and the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Sunday School -Adults meet at 9:00 a.m. in Room 102 and via Zoom.

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 are Monday - Thursday, 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).

ONLINE GIVING

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Hartford Survey**

- ◆ Have you taken the Hartford Survey? This is the first major step towards finding the next Pastor of MPC. It is imperative that we have as much participation as possible. Each member of a family, 14 or older, should complete a survey. Everyone's voice counts! Please use the link bit.ly/MPCMissionSurvey (note that capitals matter) or the QR code to access and complete the survey. We ask that everyone complete the survey no later than next Sunday, November 5.



- **Annual MPC Fall Clean-Up**

- ◆ Join us for our annual MPC Fall Clean-Up happening on Saturday, November 4 (rain date November 11), starting at 8:30 a.m. Bring your favorite garden tools and a bagged lunch. Any questions, please contact Doug Crosby at 484-880-0609.

- **Media Food Bank-Turkey Collection**

- ◆ It's that time of year again when we are helping the Media Food Bank support local families in need this Thanksgiving. Please bring a turkey, turkey coupon, or cash donation to the church by Thursday, November 16. If you have any questions, please reach out to Eileen McLaughlin (mclaughlin.bes@gmail.com).

- **Media Food Bank**

- ◆ Let's bless our community with a Thanksgiving meal through our support of the Media Food Bank! If you are able, please donate the following items to support families in need here in Media. If you have any questions, please reach out to Eileen McLaughlin (mclaughlin.bes@gmail.com).

- Stuffing Mix
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Canned Green Beans
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Cranberry Sauce
- Cornbread Mix
- French's Onion Rings

- **MPC Youth Ministry-Thanksgiving Pies**
 - ◆ The MPC Youth are ready to make your Thanksgiving as easy as PIE! Pre-order fresh or frozen, pumpkin and apple pies for \$15 each using the link signupgenius.com/go/9040548ACAA2DAB9-45526145-orders# or sign up in Hassler Chapel on Sunday, November 5 or 12 after the service. Pick up your order on Sunday, November 19 after the service. The Youth will be donating the funds raised to an organization they are voting on (to be announced soon!). For more information please reach out to Robin Kauffman (robinkauffman@hotmail.com).

ONGOING MINISTRIES

- **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.
 - ◆ **Cornerstone Kids Wednesday Nights**-Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade join us every Wednesday night from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Children's Wing for games, crafts, songs, and more!
 - ◆ Contact Janis Richards (janis_richards@yahoo.com).
- **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.
- **Women's Book Club**
 - ◆ We meet every 4th Monday in Room 102 and via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Our book for the November 27 meeting is "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. Contact: Jean Furey (jeanfurey@yahoo.com).
- **Fall Book Study**
 - ◆ The Spiritual Formation Committee along with the Pastoral staff has chosen for the Fall Book Study "The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism" by Tim Keller. The study will run until November 12. Check the calendar for days, dates, and times of groups that you may join. For more information contact Rose (rose@mediapresbyterian.org).

- **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.

MPC IS HIRING

- **Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries**

- ◆ The Search Committee requests your help in finding a qualified applicant for the position of Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries at MPC. This is a full-time, non-ordained position that is responsible for developing and leading our ministry to children, youth, and families. The ideal candidate will have a passion for working with children and youth, a strong understanding of Protestant theology and practice, and experience working with children and youth in a variety of settings. Qualified candidates may contact employment@mediapresbyterian.org. See the website or newsletter for more information.

- **Nursery Person Needed**

- ◆ We are looking to hire a part-time person to join our nursery worker, Amanda Jacobson, Wednesday evenings from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. to care for children ages 4 and younger. Presently, we are looking for a volunteer to help out until the position is filled. There is a PA State Police Background Check and PA Child Abuse Clearances required for anyone who volunteers with children. For all inquiries, please email office@mediapresbyterian.org.



FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 29, 2023

Sunday, October 29

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- 8:45 a.m. Nursery opens for drop-off
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Room 102 & Zoom
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School, Children's Wing
- 9:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
- 10:00 a.m. Stewardship Dedication Sunday Worship Service
with BLOC, Sanctuary

Monday, October 30

- 12:00 p.m. Prayer & Devotion, Rev. Rose, Zoom
- 4:45 p.m. Mission Study Team meeting, Room 102
- 7:00 p.m. LuAnn Crosby's Fall Book Study, Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Kate Meehan's Fall Book Study

Tuesday, October 31

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Room 102
- 7:30 p.m. Martha Harriz & Lisa VanHeldorf's Fall Book
Study, Zoom

Wednesday, November 1

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors, Rev. Rose Sparrow
Call 425-436-6394, Code 338523#
- 2:30 p.m. Rich & Renee Erickson's Fall Book Study,
Lima Estates
- 6:30 p.m. Cornerstone Kids Wednesday Nights,
Children's Wing
- 7:00 p.m. Steve Buxton's Fall Book Study

Thursday, November 2

- 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 Group, Youth Room
- 7:00 p.m. Yoga

Friday, November 3

- Office Closed
- 7:00 p.m. Kate Meehan's Fall Book Study

Saturday, November 4

- 8:30 a.m. Fall Clean-Up
- 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Sunday, November 5

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- 8:45 a.m. Nursery opens for drop-off
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Room 102 & Zoom
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School, Children's Wing
- 9:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service with BLOC, Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Signup for Thanksgiving Pies, Hassler Chapel

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