

CHRIST OUR EXAMPLE

JANUARY 24TH, 2021

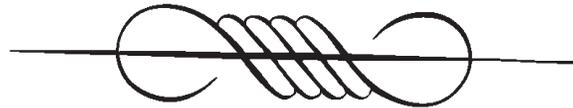


MEDIA
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 or email.*

We also invite you to visit our website at www.mediapresbyterian.org

Leading worship this morning...

Rev. Jonathan Fettig, Senior Pastor

Rev. Rose Sparrow, Parish Associate

Sebastian Carpenter, Director of Contemporary Music

and Worship, Interim Director of Youth Ministries

Elder Steve Buxton, Worship Leader

Lisa VanHeldorf, Choir Director

Sean Michael McDonald, Organist

GATHERING

Prelude

Sean Michael McDonald, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing the Joy of Our Faith

We encourage you to greet others and receive greetings while remaining in your pews. If you are able, you are invited to stand; you may wave, offer the peace sign, clap your hands, tap your feet, whichever way you choose - we are blessed to be together to worship while remaining a safe physical distance apart.

For those worshipping virtually, we invite you to extend greetings using the chat feature.

Call to Worship:**Let us worship God**

Liturgist: God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

People: *God's love endures forever.*

Liturgist: God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

People: *God's love endures forever.*

Opening Hymn/Song*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***Children's Moment****Blessing of the Children (All)**

"Lord God, bless us your children here, in our neighborhoods and in our ministries throughout the coming week. Show us your goodness. Give us your peace for when we are afraid. Teach us to hear your voice and go with us, your children as we go to worship you!"

Call to Confession (1 John 1:8-9)

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

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

(a time of honesty before God in silent confession)

Prayer of Confession

Thank You for being a loving, gracious, and merciful God. Thank You for Your perfect love that never fails, and for the knowledge that we cannot be separated from Your love. Lord, when we were children, we thought and reasoned like children. But now, as Christ followers, we are called to love those around us with the unselfish love of Jesus. We confess that there are still moments where we are prone to act selfishly and childishly. Forgive us, Lord, as we humbly repent of those foolish actions. We pray that our lives would be filled and overflowing with the power of Your love. Help us to daily honor You by loving You completely and by choosing to love others with intentionality and understanding. We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (from Psalm 91: 14-16)

Liturgist: Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord;

I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them;

I will be with them in trouble,

I will rescue them and honor them,

With long life I will satisfy them,

and show them my salvation.

Receive the good news of the gospel.

EQUIPPING

THE WORD

First Reading: Philippians 2: 1-8

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Reading: 1 Peter 2:13-25

Sermon: “*Christ Our Foundation*”

Pastor Jonathan Fettig

RESPONSE

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

Please join me in the affirmation of faith, the Apostles Creed.

Brothers and sisters what do you believe?

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

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency [a] in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

At this time we are invited to join God in generosity. We invite you to give by navigating to the MPC website and click the [GIVE ONLINE](#) button in the top right corner. You can also mail a check or drop off your contribution in the church mailbox. If you are unable to give financially, you are still invited to Join Jesus in generosity. If you would like to offer your gifts through the ministry of the church, please reach out to Pastor Jonathan or Pastor Rose. Freely you have received, freely give.

Offering Song Grateful

Doxology (*All*) (Blue Hymnal 592) OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God 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...

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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**

Communion/ Sean Michael McDonald, Organ

Meditation

Prayer of Affirmation

***Closing Hymn/Song** Jesus Shall Reigh Were'er the Sun

CHARGE AND BLESSING

***Postlude** Sean Michael McDonald, Organ

Small Group Questions

1 Peter 2:3-25

Questions to ponder as we get to know a little about each other:

- Growing up, who was the authority figure in your family? How was disobedience handled?

Questions to help us dig into the Scripture:

- What does Peter say in verses 11-12 that helps to set the stage for this passage?
- How are Christians to act toward governmental authority?
- When submit is used in the NT, it is voluntary in nature. How is this different from other interpretations of the word today?
- What is Peter's response to one whose master is not Christian or is just a difficult person (v. 18)?
- How does Christ's death result in both an ending and a beginning in our lives?

Questions to help us apply the Scripture to our own life, to take personal inventory and discuss possible action:

- In Peter's day, persecution and slavery made submission to authority difficult. What conditions today make it difficult?
- How can Jesus' example help you face hardships you can't change?
- What should people do whose legal rights are being violated by authority gone bad? Accept suffering? Insist on justice? Confront the authority? (See also Mk 11:15-16; 15:1; Ac 16:35-37)