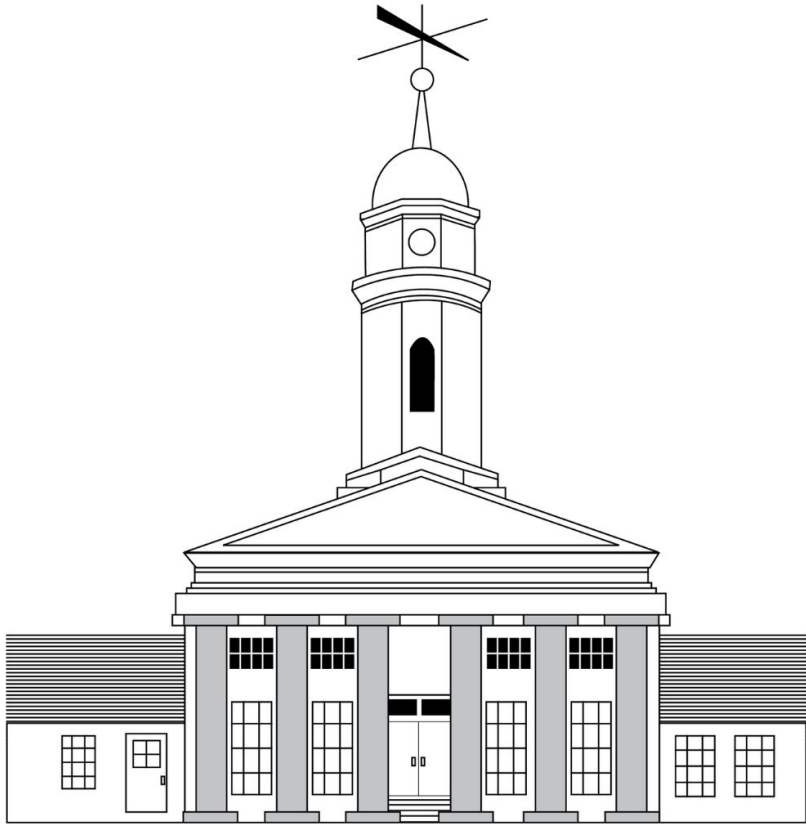


Media Presbyterian Church



“Listening to Jesus”

Worship. Grow. Serve.

Together

Sunday, March 2nd, 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

Leading Worship This Morning...

Reverend Dr. David Cagle, Transitional Pastor
Lisa VanHeldorf, Director of Traditional Music
Andrew Behringer, Director of Contemporary Music
Dr. Stanley Orr, Organist
Ed Ardis, Worship Leader

Today's chancel flowers are dedicated in thanks to God for healing our precious granddaughter, Abby, who recently had brain surgery. She has made a full recovery, and we appreciate all of you that prayed for her along the way.

~Marcia & Steve Reed

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introduction of New Members

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 99)

Leader: God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

All: For the Lord our God is exalted over all people!

Leader: God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

All: For the Lord our God loves justice and works for righteousness!

Leader: So come and proclaim at the holy mountain of the Lord:

All: God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

*Opening Worship (Led by Worship Team)

This is Amazing Grace

Phil Wickham

The Answer

Ed Cash, Jeremy Camp, Scott Cash

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: On Transfiguration, on the holy mountain of God, we see Jesus as he truly is. But in confession we let Jesus see us as we truly are. We name our sins, our faults, and the things we've gotten wrong, and we do so in faith that Jesus wants to see us as we are. So let's tell the truth together.

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 (A/I)

Almighty God, you see us as we are and know our inmost thoughts. You know the ways we've fallen short. You know the work we've left undone, the mercy we've left ungiven, the love we've left unshared, the peace we've left unmade. You know the arrogance, pride and violence that we've chosen instead of your path of forgiveness and reconciliation. You know who we are. Help us to see who we might be. Forgive us, and transform us, that we might become who you imagine us to become, in your sight, and by your mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, the Lord sees you and knows you. The Lord sees you and loves you. The Lord sees you and calls you. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*Song of Praise

Glory Be to the Father

Hymn #579

Gloria Patri

(Blue)

**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

Ed Ardis

Scripture Reading: Matthew 17:1-9 pg. 798

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "Listening to Jesus"

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

RESPONDING

*Affirmation of Faith (*All*)

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life, who inspired the prophets and apostles, rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls children of God everywhere to all ministries of the church.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Stewardship

Offertory Anthem

O How Amiable

Vaughan Williams

(MPC Choir)

*Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

Hymn #592

**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

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...

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

SENDING

***Closing Hymn #420**

God of Grace and God of Glory

(Blue)

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

O Worship the King

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 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 us at Office@mediapresbyterian.org

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

◆ **Welcoming New Members!**

We welcome to our congregation our newest members who joined our church recently at the conclusion of the Inquirers Class. They will be officially introduced to the congregation in worship today. Please welcome Jim and Carol Schnable, Crystal Garcia, and Andrew Behringer.

◆ **Annual Congregational Meeting**

The Session of Media Presbyterian Church has called for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation to be held following Worship on Sunday, March 9, 2025 in the Sanctuary and via the Zoom platform to receive reports of staff, session committees, results from the FY ending December 2024, the 2024 Annual Operating Budget, the election of two members-at-large to the Congregational Nominating Committee and other business that may properly come before the members.

UPCOMING EVENTS

◆ **175th Anniversary Celebration**

The **175th Anniversary Celebration** of Media Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, May 18th. We will be hosting a special service, remembrances of the past and sharing our hopes for the future. A catered meal will occur after the service in Dale Hall. Please check the Website and StayConnected in a couple weeks on how to signup! **Please sign up by April 6th so we can get a headcount.**

- ◆ Please share **any photos** you have taken over the years either electronically or hard copies to Deacon Sue Hare. Sue Hare will be accepting photos until **March 9th**.

You can email her at susanmlowry@hotmail.com

◆ **Ash Wednesday Service, March 5th, at 7pm!**

Please join us on March 5th at 7pm for our Ash Wednesday service.

◆ **Adult Sunday School March 9th**

As we wrap up our study in Matthew, we are preparing for our Lenten Study. Taking a prompt from Matthew, we are going to take a step away from studying a book of the Bible to study what are spiritual disciplines. This study will be guided by Richard Foster's book "Celebrations of Spiritual Disciplines". Through this 4 week study we will learn what the spiritual disciplines are, why they matter, and how we can practice them in our faith journey. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sharon Riley at sriley1347@gmail.com.

ONGOING MINISTRIES

◆ **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: Reverend David Cagle (david@mediapresbyterian.org).

◆ **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 Thursday from 7-8:30pm in the Youth Room.

LENTEN LOAVES OF LOVE

LENTEN LOAVES OF LOVE is 22 years old! Since 2003, MPC has provided well over \$50,000 via LLL to show our love for God and for our neighbors during this reflective season that culminates in the triumph and joy of the Resurrection. Once again, this year, our gifts to *Lenten Loaves of Love* will enable us not only to beautify our sanctuary with flowers but also to share our love in a concrete way.

During Lent 2025, we are supporting two new ministries in response to the devastation of the Southern California wildfires:

Cal Fire Benevolent Foundation

The Foundation provides financial assistance for the public good, by participating with burn centers and providing disaster relief throughout the state of California to relieve the burden on families. The money raised goes directly to assist firefighters, their families, those that support firefighters, and to assist burn victims.

www.calfires.foundation

World Central Kitchen

WCK is the first to the frontlines, providing fresh meals in response to humanitarian, climate & community crises. Food is essential to life every single day, all over the world—and it is more important than ever in a crisis. Not only is a thoughtful, freshly prepared meal one less thing someone has to worry about in the wake of a disaster, it is a reminder that you are not alone, someone is thinking about you, and someone cares. Food has the power to be the nourishment and hope we need to pick ourselves back up in the darkest times. WCK is currently working in Southern California providing meals and support to those displaced by the fires and the First Responders fighting the fires. www.wck.org

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*In addition to these special Mission/ Ministry opportunities, your contribution to Lenten Loaves of Love enables us to provide tulips and daffodils to make our sanctuary beautiful for Easter and to send cheer to our shut-ins after the service. If you would like to reserve flowers to take home after the worship service on Easter, please make a note on the dedication form below when you make your contribution to LLL. After we pay for the flowers, all other contributions will be divided evenly between our designated ministries.*

Each \$10.00 gift provides a single Lenten Loaf of Love. There is no limit to how many Loaves you may give! **Gifts received by Sunday, April 13, will be guaranteed acknowledgment in the Easter Sunday bulletin.** Fill out the information below and enclose it with your gift in the LLL envelope found in the pews and place the envelope in the offering plate.

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 I/we donate \$10.00 for each Lenten Loaf of Love

Total gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (make checks payable to MPC)

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tulips \_\_\_\_ Daffodils \_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

I/we would like to take a flower (s) home How many? \_\_\_\_\_

# FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 2nd, 2025

## Sunday, Mar 2nd

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  
11:30am Confirmation Class, Youth Room  
11:30am Worship Team, Sanctuary

## Monday, Mar 3rd

10:00am Prayer & Devotion, Zoom

## Tuesday, Mar 4th

6:30pm PNC, Room 102

10:00am Staff meeting, Room 102  
7:00pm Mission cmt. mtg., Room 102  
7:00pm Property cmt. mtg., Room 103 & Zoom

## Wednesday, Mar 5th

9:00am Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen  
10:00am Prayer Warriors,  
Call 603-313-5637, Code 2707235#

6:30pm Cornerstone Kids  
7:00pm Ash Weds. Service, Sanctuary

## Thursday, Mar 6th

7:00am Men's Bible Study, Court Diner, Media  
10:00am Women's Bible Study, Zoom  
6:30pm MPC Ringers, Sanctuary  
7:00pm Yoga  
7:00pm Youth Group, Youth Room

## Friday, Mar 7th

Office Closed

## Saturday, Mar 8th

7:00pm NA Meeting, Dale Hall

## Sunday, Mar 9th

8:30am Choir Practice, Sanctuary  
8:45am Nursery opens for drop-off  
9:00am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room  
9:15am Worship Team, Sanctuary  
10:00am Sunday Worship Service (BLOC), Sanctuary  
11:30am Confirmation Class, Youth Room  
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| Director of<br>Contemporary Music          | Andrew Behringer                     | Andrew@mediapresbyterian.org           |
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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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