

*Media
Presbyterian
Church*

Worship. Grow. Serve.
Together.



“Seasons of the Soul”

Pastor Rose Sparrow

Sunday, February 23rd, 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 Rose Sparrow, Parish Associate
Reverend Dr. David Cagle, Transitional Pastor
Lisa VanHeldorf, Director of Traditional Music
Andrew Behringer, Director of Contemporary Music
Emily Barth, Organist
Jim Gatch, Worship Leader

Today's chancel flowers are dedicated in appreciation of Pastor Rose's teaching and fellowship in our community.

~Susan Kassab

GATHERING

Prelude

He Leads Me Day by Day
MPC Bells

William E. Moats

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 139:1-7,23-24)

Leader: O Lord, you have examined my heart, and know everything about me.

All: You know when I sit down or stand up.

Leader: You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.

All: You see me when I travel and when I rest at home.

Leader: You know everything I do.

All: You know what I am going to say, even before I say it, Lord.

Leader: You go before me and follow me.

All: You place your hand of blessing on my head.

Leader: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,

All: Too great for me to understand!

Leader: I can never escape from your Spirit!

All: I can never get away from your presence!

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart;

All: Test me and know my anxious thoughts

Leader: Point out anything in me that offends you,

All: and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

*Opening Worship (Led by Worship Team)

Let the Redeemed
Josh Baldwin

House of the Lord
Phil Wickham and Jonathan Smith

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

Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners, Christ died for us.

All: Because we have faith in him, we dare with confidence to approach God. Let us confess our sins.

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

Prayer of Confession (All)

Almighty God: you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concern. We have gone along with evil, with prejudice, warfare, and greed. God our Father, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! This statement is completely reliable and should be universally accepted: Christ Jesus entered the world to rescue sinners. He personally bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is good. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*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

Jim Gatch

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 pg. 537

Jim Gatch

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Scripture Reading II: Genesis 8:22 pg. 6,
Acts 1:7 pg. 884**

Rev. Rose Sparrow

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Seasons of the Soul"

Rev. Rose Sparrow

RESPONDING

***Affirmation of Faith (All)**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Stewardship

Offertory Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

(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

SENDING

Special Tribute to Rev. Rose Sparrow

Elder Art Kalemkarian Jr.

* Closing Hymn #43

Through It All

(Red)

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Postlude on "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Arr. John G. Barr

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 Pastor Rose at Rose@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 last Sunday at the conclusion of the Inquirers Class. They will be officially introduced to the congregation in worship next Sunday. 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 the 10:00 AM worship service on Sunday, March 9, 2025, for the purposes of receiving reports from staff and committees, the presentation of the 2025 Operating Budget, and any other business that may properly come before the assembly. The meeting will be held in-person in the sanctuary and via the Zoom platform for those unable to attend in-person.

UPCOMING EVENTS

◆ Youth Family Game Night!

Youth Family Game Night is this Wednesday, from 6-8pm. There will be games, refreshments, and food. Please reach out to Ty at Ty@mediapresbyterian.org

◆ Teachers' Teammates

Teachers need **new** and **like-new** items to help them finish the 2024-2025 school year. Please contact a Deacon with any questions OR to make a financial contribution to Teachers' Teammates.

Items are listed below:

- Markers, Dry Erase & Highlighter
- Pencil Pouches (3-Hole Grommet Style)
- 2-Pocket Folders
- Pencil Sharpeners (Handheld Barrel Type)
- Erasers, Wedge
- Rulers
- Crayons & Colored Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- Pens
- Filler Paper, W/R & C/R

◆ 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

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 FEBRUARY 23rd, 2025

## **Sunday, Feb 23rd**

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 Celebration of Love, Rev. Rose Sparrow  
11:30am Confirmation Class, Youth Room  
11:30am Worship Team, Sanctuary

## **Monday, Feb 24th**

10:00am Prayer & Devotion, Zoom  
6:30pm PNC, Room 102  
7:00pm Women's Book Club, Zoom

## **Tuesday, Feb 25th**

10:00am Staff meeting, Room 102  
5:30pm SFC, Zoom  
7:00pm Deacons mtg., Zoom

## **Wednesday, Feb 26th**

9:00am Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen  
10:00am Prayer Warriors,  
Call 603-313-5637, Code 2707235#  
6:00pm Youth Family Game Night, Youth Room

## **Thursday, Feb 27th**

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

## **Friday, Feb 28th**

## **Saturday, Mar 1st**

Office Closed

7:00pm NA Meeting, Dale Hall

## **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

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|                                            | Main Kitchen                         | Ext. 1021                              |
|                                            | Parlor<br><i>(Back of Sanctuary)</i> | Ext. 1022                              |
|                                            | Nursery                              | Ext. 1023                              |
|                                            | Benevolence Hotline                  | Ext. 2000                              |

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