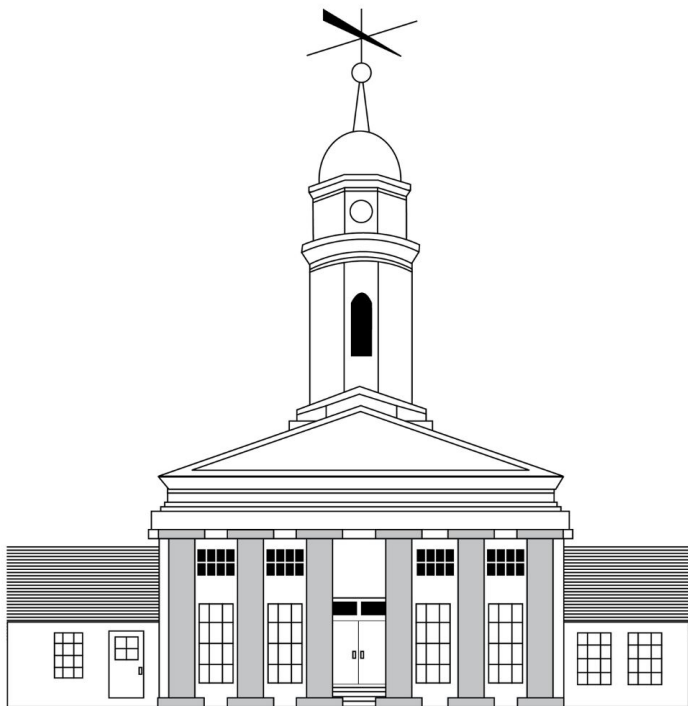


# Media Presbyterian Church



## **“New Year’s Resolutions”**

Worship. Grow. Serve.  
Together

**Sunday, January 5th, 2025**

# Welcome

## **MPC'S MISSION**

Worship. Grow. Serve.  
Together

## **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](http://www.mediapresbyterian.org)

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### *Leading Worship This Morning...*

Reverend Dr. David Cagle, Transitional Pastor

Reverend Rose Sparrow, Parish Associate

Andrew Behringer, Director of Contemporary Music

Lisa VanHeldorf, Director of Traditional Music

Emily Barth, Organist

Sue Hare, Worship Leader

*Today's chancel flowers are  
dedicated in memory and  
thankfulness of loved ones.*

*~ Sharon Riley*

# GATHERING

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## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship

Leader: True light is entering our world through Jesus Christ. Sing for joy and praise God, all people.

**All: God's Word makes the winds blow and water flow. Jesus Christ is God's Word to us and for us.**

Leader: Receive the Word, and believe the good news. Know you are children of God, born of the Spirit.

**All: The Word became flesh to dwell with humanity. Grace and forgiveness are lavished upon us.**

Leader: Be radiant in appreciation of God's goodness. Hear the Word of God and declare it to others.

**All: In Christ we have obtained an inheritance. Spiritual blessings are abundantly available to us.**

## \*Opening Worship (Led by Worship Team) (Song Sheets available)

*God So Loved*  
We The Kingdom

*Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me*  
Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, & Rich  
Thompson

## 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: God has set before us straight paths to follow, but we have stumbled along our own byways. God shows us the way of peace, but we choose the vanity of competition and strife. God is calling us now to repentance and new life.

**All: Let us confess our sins together.**

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

## Prayer of Confession (All)

Infinite God, look upon your finite creatures, broken and bereaved, with compassion and consolation. We view your world with unseeing eyes. We listen to the cries of your hurting people with ears that do not hear and hearts that do not feel their plight. The wind blows among us, but we do not discern your Spirit. You offer wisdom and insight, but we reject your counsel. You present to us the gospel of salvation, but we turn away from its saving grace. O God, help us change the direction of our lives so we may act like your children and reflect your love into the world. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Word made flesh in Jesus is for us. God's gift of new life is ever available. God grants us power to change if that is our sincere desire. The Holy Spirit is at work in our midst. We are destined to live as children of God. Let us open our eyes, unstop our ears, and live with empathy for all. With faith, we can live our beliefs, praising God who has blessed us in Christ.

**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

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### THE WORD

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

Sue Hare

**Scripture Reading: Psalm 147:12-20 pg. 507**

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Scripture Reading II: John 1:1-5, 10-14,16 pg. 862** Rev. Dr. David Cagle

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon: "New Year's Resolutions"** Rev. Dr. David Cagle

## RESPONDING

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#### **\*Affirmation of Faith (All)**

*Apostle's Creed*

**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**

#### **Offertory Anthem**

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Harold Darke

(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

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### SENDING

### \*Closing Hymn #63

*As With Gladness Men of Old*

(Blue)

### Charge and Blessing

### Postlude

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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**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 Reverend Rose.

**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

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### ◆ **Confirmation Class**

MPC will offer a Confirmation Class for high school students who are interested in exploring their faith more deeply and in becoming members of Media Presbyterian Church. We will have an informational meeting for interested students and parents in mid-December, and the class will begin in late January. Here is a description of the curriculum we will be using from the PCUSA called "Big God, Big Questions." "Focused on preparing students to authentically answer the traditional membership questions, this Confirmation curriculum will equip students with the vital skills of asking and seeking answers using scripture, tradition, and church to tell their own story as Christian believers." For more information, please contact Tom Jackson at [tjack713@hotmail.com](mailto:tjack713@hotmail.com), or 610-299-4326.

## ONGOING MINISTRIES

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### ◆ **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



# FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 5th, 2025

## **Sunday, Jan 5th**

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 Worship Team, Sanctuary

## **Monday, Jan 6th**

12:00pm Prayer & Devotion, Rev. Rose, Zoom  
6:30pm PNC, Room 102

## **Tuesday, Jan 7th**

10:00am Staff meeting  
6:00pm Mission cmt. mtg., Room 102 & Zoom  
7:00pm Property cmt. mtg., Room 103 & Zoom

## **Wednesday, Jan 8th**

9:00am Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen  
10:00am Prayer Warriors, Rev. Rose Sparrow  
Call 425-436-6394, Code 338523#  
2:30pm Bible Study, Lima Estates  
7:00pm Christology class, Zoom

## **Thursday, Jan 9th**

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

## **Friday, Jan 10th**

Office Closed

## **Saturday, Jan 11th**

6:00pm NA Meeting, Dale Hall

## **Sunday, Jan 12th**

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  
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	Nursery	Ext. 1023
	Benevolence Hotline	Ext. 2000

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## ONLINE GIVING

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