



FOURTH SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

“IF I
HAVE
TO PULL
THIS CAR
OVER...”

SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 22ND, 2024

10AM WORSHIP SERVICE

MEDIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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

Cindy McPeak, Worship Leader

*Today's chancel flowers are dedicated
to the staff of MPC.*

GATHERING

Prelude*He is Born*

MPC Bells

Welcome and Announcements**Call to Worship** (Psalms 89:1-18) (Advent, Christmas, & Epiphany pg. 63)

Leader: O God, whose Name is Wonderful,

All: We will sing of your love forever, and declare your faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: The universe is yours, and so is the earth. You established them and all that they contain.

All: Your judgment seat is built on righteousness and justice. Love and fidelity stand in your presence.

Leader: Happy are those who know how to praise you, who walk in the light of your presence.

All: Hallelujah! Amen!**Advent Song** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

**O Come, Desire of nations, Bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy strive, and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Lighting of the Advent Candle of LOVE by: The Gibble Family**Prayer of the Day (All)**

Eternal God: through long generations you prepared a way in our world for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you are still bringing the light of the gospel to darkened lives. Renew us, so that we may welcome Jesus Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love, as Lord of lords and King of kings, to whom be glory always. Amen.

***Opening Worship**

(Music Sheets Available)

(Led by Worship Team)

*O Come, All Ye Faithful**King of Kings*

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 (Feasting on the Word pg. 50)

Leader: Assured that God hears our repentance, let us turn our minds to the truth, confessing our sins to God and one another.

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

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

Prayer of Confession (All) (Feasting on the Word pg. 50)

The Lord is near. In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live-in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Feasting on the Word pg. 50)

Leader: In the name of the one who lives and moves among us, you are forgiven, The Lord has taken away the judgments against you. Do not worry. Live in peace & receive the good news of the Gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

***Song of Praise,** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

Henry Smart

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ,
the newborn King!**

***Sharing the Joy of Our Faith**

EQUIPPING

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Cindy McPeak

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 pg. 645

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

Scripture Reading II: Luke 1:46-56 pg. 831

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "If I Have to Pull this Car Over"

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

RESPONDING

*Affirmation of Faith (*All*)

John 1:1-5, 10-14, 16

Leader: Brothers and sisters, what do you believe?

All: **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, And the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it... He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory of a father's only son, full of grace and truth... From his fullness we have received, grace upon grace.**

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Stewardship

Offertory Anthem

The Angel Gabriel

(MPC Choir)

***Doxology**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

**Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!**

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 #2**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

(Blue)

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Sussex Carol

Alfred Fedak

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 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.

The Church Office will be closed for the holidays, starting December 25th and we will reopen on the 6th of January.

If anything is urgent please either call the office at (610) 566-3944 or email office@mediapresbyterian.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

◆ **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, or 610-299-4326.

◆ **Christmas Eve Service**

MPC's Christmas Eve Service will be held at **5pm** on Tuesday, December 24th.

◆ **Annual Christmas Eve Concert is Tonight at 7pm, in the sanctuary!**

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.

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 22nd, 2024

Sunday, Dec 22nd

8:30am Choir Practice, Sanctuary
8:45am Nursery opens for drop-off
9:00am Youth Sunday School
9:15am Worship Team, Sanctuary
10:00am Sunday Worship Service (BLOC), Sanctuary
7:00pm Annual Christmas Concert, Sanctuary

Monday, Dec 23rd

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

Tuesday, Dec 24th

5:00pm Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary

Wednesday, Dec 25th

Office Closed Merry Christmas!

Thursday, Dec 26th

Office Closed
7:00am Men's Bible Study, Court Diner

Friday, Dec 27th

Office Closed

Saturday, Dec 28th

6:00pm NA Meeting, Dale Hall

Sunday, Dec 29th

8:30am Choir Practice, Sanctuary
8:45am Nursery opens for drop-off
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

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