

Worship. Grow. Serve. Together

"Choosing to See"



Sunday, October 20th, 2024



# **MPC'S MISSION**

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# VISITING TODAY?

If this is your first time worshiping 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 Andrew Behringer, Director of Contemporary Music Lisa VanHeldorf, Director of Traditional Music Dave Layton, Worship Leader

Today's chancel flowers are in loving memory of Helen L. Huff, mother & grandmother of Kate, Colleen, & Neil Meehan ~ Kate Meehan

#### **GATHERING**

Prelude Fairest Lord Jesus MPC Bells

Welcome and Announcements

**Minute for Stewardship** 

Sandy Campbell

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 34)

Leader: God is gathering us from many different places. No one is

worthy, but all are invited.

All: God lifts us up when we stumble and leads us back. God cares

for us amid our pain and losses.

Leader: We are delivered from our fears and saved from trouble. Happy

are those who take refuge in a loving God.

All: Our lips pour forth laughter and joyous singing. We join in shouts of praise to God Most High.

Leader: Taste and see how good God is. Trust in the One who awakens

joy in place of tears.

All: We will bless our god in all times and places. Let us exalt

God's name together!

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

**Come What May** 

In Christ Alone

We Are Messengers & Cory Asbury Keith and Krysten Getty, Stuart Townend

#### **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.

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand in body or in spirit

#### Call to Confession

Leader: Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us

embrace this time of confession with honesty and humility.

All: Let us confess our sins together.

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

# Prayer of Confession (All)

Holy God, your truth is oftentimes hard to hear. We confess our avoidance, purposeful distractions, our prideful arrogance that keeps us from hearing and responding to your Word. Although you send us messages and messengers, we dismiss and disregard those who tell us we are wrong. Have mercy upon us, Holy God. Open us to hearing the truth no matter how it is conveyed. Amen.

# **Assurance of Pardon** (Book of Common Worship)

Leader: Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only

Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begin. Know

that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Amen.

\*Song of Praise, Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, halle, halle-lujah Halle, halle, halle-lujah Halle, halle, halle-lujah Hallelujah, hallelujah!

(repeat)

# \*Sharing the Joy of Our Faith

#### **EQUIPPING**

#### THE WORD

**Prayer for Illumination** 

Dave Layton

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:46-52 pg. 823

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Choosing to See" Rev. Dr. David Cagle

#### RESPONDING

# \*Affirmation of Faith (All)

Philippians 2:5b-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of deatheven death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

**Prayers of the People** 

**Invitation to Stewardship** 

**Offertory Anthem** 

(MPC Choir)

**Doxology** 

\*Hymn #647

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
Give thanks

**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 #280 Amazing Grace

(Blue)

**Charge and Blessing** 

Postlude Amazing Grace (instrumental)

#### **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.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# **♦ MPC Holiday Craft Market!**

- Our Holiday Craft Market will be held on November 30th, 2024 from 12-4pm. Looking for more information on being a vendor or the Holiday Craft Market in general? Check out our website and go to the events page and click on our Holiday Craft Market tile!

#### **♦ FAITH & FILM CLUB**

will meet next on **Thursday, November 14th at 7:00 pm** in Room 103 and via a Zoom conference. In the Faith and Film Club we assign and discuss movies much like a book club does books. The next assignment is to watch the 2015 film "The Invitation," directed by Karyn Kusama, and starring Logan Marshall-Green, John Carroll Lynch, and Michiel Huisman. The film encompasses one night at a dinner party attended by Will, his girlfriend, and some old friends at the home of his ex-wife Eden and new husband David. The ex-couple's tragic past haunts an equally disconcerting present as Will observes Eden's suspicious behavior and mysterious house guests. Please email Steve Beckley at strybeck242@gmail.com to request an invitation to the Zoom conference or for any questions.

#### MPC IS HIRING- See the website for more information!

#### **♦** Director of Children & Youth Ministries

- Education: Bachelor's degree with focus in Christian Education is preferred. Demonstrated work experience in lieu of degree will be considered.

#### **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.
- All Aboard!

Everyone is welcome to ride the Bethlehem Express with us this fall! On Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30, we will start preparing for Christmas by learning songs, doing crafts, playing games, and taking imaginary train rides to some unexpected places! In preparation, look up some cool facts about trains and get ready to share them with your fellow passengers. You won't want to miss this adventure!

#### **♦** 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 OCTOBER 20th, 2024

Sunday, Oct 20th		
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	0:00am	Sunday Worship Service (BLOC), Sanctuary
11	1:30am	Worship Team, Sanctuary
Monday, Oct 21st		•
12	2:00pm	Prayer & Devotion, Rev. Rose, Zoom
	5:30pm	PNC, Room 102
Tuesday, Oct 22nd	- 1	,
•	0:00am	Staff Meeting
	:30pm	SFC mtg., Zoom
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Wednesday, Oct 23rd		W C D1: C W:1
	:00am	Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen
10	):00am	Prayer Warriors, Rev. Rose Sparrow
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	:30pm	Bible Study, Lima Estates
	:30pm	MOYC, Room 103
6	:30pm	Wednesday Night Kids Club
Thursday, Oct 24th		
	:00am	Men's Bible Study, Court Diner, Media
	):00am	Women's Bible Study, Rev. Rose, Zoom
	2:30pm	Intercessory Prayer & Prayer Chain Updates
	:30pm	MPC Ringers, Sanctuary
	:00pm	Yoga
	:00pm	Youth Group, Youth Room
Friday, Oct 25th  Office Closed		
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Saturday, Oct 26th		
7	:00pm	NA Meeting, Dale Hall
Sunday, Oct 27th		
	3:30am	Choir Practice, Sanctuary
8	:45am	Nursery opens for drop-off
9	:00am	Adult Sunday School, Room 102
9	:00am	Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
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# Media Presbyterian Church Our Mission & Vision

# Mission

To be a welcoming Christian fellowship of all ages and walks of life,

- igniting a passion for God through worship,
- striving to grow as faithful disciples of Christ,
- being inspired by the Spirit to love and serve others.

# Vision

Our church will be a Spirit-filled community that invites God to work powerfully among us as we worship, grow, and serve together.

As a sanctuary of grace, we welcome all who enter to experience the love of Jesus Christ.

United in the essentials of our shared faith, we are committed to growing deeper in relationship with God and one another.

We are especially devoted to nurturing the faith of the next generation, helping them become compassionate disciples who share God's love. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we aim to be a radiant light in today's world, sharing the good news of God's mercy and grace in word and deed.

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	Parlor (back of sanctuary)	Ext. 1022
	Nursery	Ext. 1023
	Benevolence Hotline	Ext. 2000

# **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

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#### **ONLINE GIVING**

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