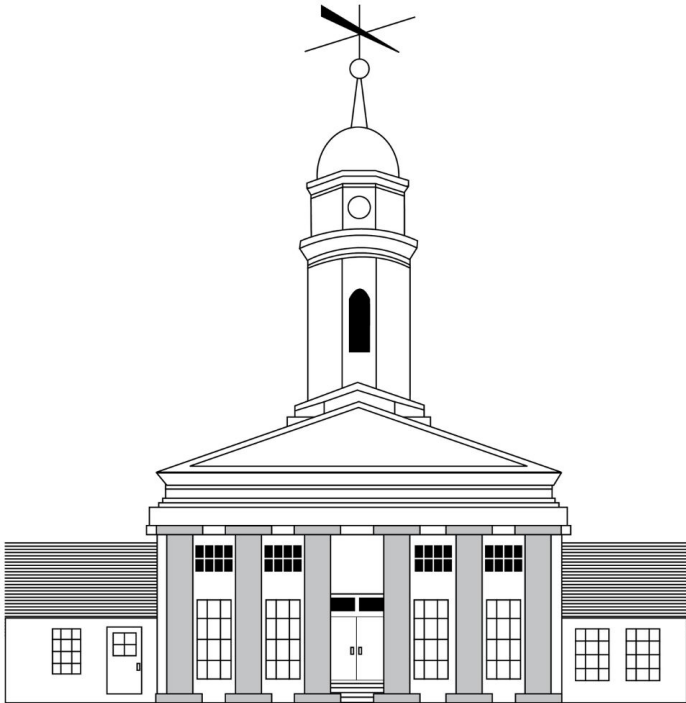


# Media Presbyterian Church



**“A More Excellent Way”**

Worship. Grow. Serve.  
Together

**Sunday, February 2nd, 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  
Lisa VanHeldorf, Director of Traditional Music  
Emily Barth, Organist  
Kate Meehan, Worship Leader

*Today's chancel flowers are dedicated  
in loving memory of  
Aunt Kathy Westmoreland.  
~Kate, Colleen, & Neil Meehan*

## GATHERING

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### Prelude

*I Must Tell Jesus*

### Welcome and Announcements

### Minute for Mission

Sue Hare & Sue Kolva

### Call to Worship (I Corinthians 13:4-8)

Leader: Love is patient.

**All: Love is kind.**

Leader: Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

**All: Love does not insist on its own way.**

Leader: Love is not irritable, it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing.

**All: Love rejoices in the truth.**

Leader: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**All: Love never ends.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord who loves us without boundaries.

### \*Opening Hymn #464

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

(Blue)

### 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: The Lord is our hope and our trust, our refuge and our fortress. With confidence born out of faith in God's power to save and deliver us, let us confess our sin.

**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)

Lord, we confess that we doubt your capacity to work through us. We hold on to fears that we are unworthy to speak your words, so we stay silent even as your Spirit pulls at our tongues. We struggle to fathom the wholeness of your claim over us, so we ignore the light of your love as it emerges in the dark places of our lives. We seek refuge in temporary towers, and are numb to the grasp of cruelty. Forgive us. Help us to trust you, to lean upon you, to speak your word to a weary world and accept the completeness of your loving claim on our lives.

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. We know this love through Jesus Christ, and by this love, we know that we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Leader: God has poured out love upon us, and we have received forgiveness for our sins. We can now live in peace! May mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.

## \*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

Kate Meehan

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 13 pg. 926

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: **"A More Excellent Way"**

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

# RESPONDING

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## \*Affirmation of Faith (All)

*The Second Helvetic Confession*

**We believe faith is efficacious and active through love. It also quiets the conscience and opens a free access to God, so that we may draw near to God with confidence and may obtain from God what is useful and necessary. The same faith keeps us in the service we owe to God and our neighbor, strengthens our patience in adversity, fashions and makes a true confession, and in a word, brings forth good fruit of all kinds, and good works.**

## Prayers of the People

### Invitation to Stewardship

#### Offertory Anthem

*You Won't Find a Man like Jesus*

(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**

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### **\*Closing Hymn #335**

*Though I May Speak*

(Blue)

### **Charge and Blessing**

### **Postlude**

*In Christ There is no East or West*

## **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 Pastor Rose at [Rose@mediapresbyterian.org](mailto: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

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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, the class will begin on February 9th. For more information, please contact Tom Jackson at [tjack713@hotmail.com](mailto:tjack713@hotmail.com), or 610-299-4326.

## ◆ Faith & Film Club

FAITH & FILM CLUB will meet next on Thursday, February 13th, 2025. The next assignment is to watch the 1931 silent film "City Lights," directed by and starring Charlie Chaplin, in which a hapless tramp falls in love with a beautiful young blind flower girl from a poor family. The tramp hopes his on-and-off friendship with a wealthy man will allow him to be the young woman's benefactor and suitor. Please email Steve Beckley at [strybeck242@gmail.com](mailto:strybeck242@gmail.com) to request an invitation to the Zoom conference or for any questions.

## ◆ Inquirer's Class

Reverend Dr. David Cagle will be hosting an Inquirer's Class directly following service on February 16th. Please reach out to the office with any questions, via email, [office@mediapresbyterian.org](mailto:office@mediapresbyterian.org), or calling us at (610) 566-3944.

## ◆ 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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### ◆ **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 remembrance of the past and sharing our hopes for the future. A catered meal will occur after the service in Dale Hall. Our Sign Up Genius can be found on the homepage of the website and the StayConnected newsletter. Please check the bulletin board to sign up on paper.

**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](mailto:susanmlowry@hotmail.com)

## 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 FEBRUARY 2nd, 2025

## **Sunday, Feb 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 Worship Team, Sanctuary

## **Monday, Feb 3rd**

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

## **Tuesday, Feb 4th**

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

## **Wednesday, Feb 5th**

9:00am Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen  
10:00am Prayer Warriors, Rev. Rose Sparrow  
Call 425-436-6394, Code 338523#  
6:30pm Cornerstone Kids  
7:00pm Christology class, Zoom

## **Thursday, Feb 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, Feb 7th**

Office Closed

## **Saturday, Feb 8th**

7:00pm NA Meeting, Dale Hall

## **Sunday, Feb 9th**

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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Visit [MediaPresbyterian.org/GiveOnline](http://MediaPresbyterian.org/GiveOnline) or scan the QR code to give your tithes.

