



*Grounded in the grace of God,  
we are a vibrant Christian community,  
disciples of all ages, gathered for worship and nurture,  
scattered to serve and to love.*  
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WORSHIP *for*  
SECOND SUNDAY *of* LENT  
FEBRUARY 25, 2024

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE** — *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* - George Matheson

Yun Kang

**WORDS of WELCOME**

Pastor Rachel Rhodes

**INTROIT** — *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* - Kyle Saint-Sauveur

Chancel Choir

*We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place.  
Where we wait with hope and longing for a token of God's grace.  
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,  
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.*

--Carl P. Daw, Jr

**CALL to WORSHIP** - from *Psalms 118*

Adrienne Poissant

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**All: His love endures forever.**

One: The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid.

**All: The Lord is with me; he is my helper.**

One: The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

**All: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

One: The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us.

**All: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

**HYMN** — *I'll Praise My Maker*

OLD 113TH

*I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;  
and when my voice is lost in death,  
praise shall employ my nobler powers.  
My days of praise shall ne'er be past  
while life and thought and being last,  
or immortality endures.*

*How happy they whose hopes rely  
on Israel's God, who made the sky  
and earth and seas with all their train;  
whose truth forever stands secure,  
who saves the oppressed and feeds the poor;  
and none shall find God's promise vain.*

*The Lord pours eyesight on the blind;  
the Lord supports the fainting mind  
and sends the laboring conscience peace.*

*God helps the stranger in distress,  
the widowed and the parentless,  
and grants the prisoner sweet release.*

*I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;  
and when my voice is lost in death,  
praise shall employ my nobler powers.  
My days of praise shall ne'er be past  
while life and thought and being last,  
or immortality endures.*

**PRAYER of CONFESSION** - Written by Beth Merrill Neel, used with permission

One: To open our hearts to God is to risk vulnerability, judgment, and condemnation. But throughout the scriptures, we learn that God is merciful and just, slow to anger, and eager to forgive. Let us then risk our confession.

All: **God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We bristle with anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole.**

**SILENT PRAYERS of CONFESSION** *Here each worshiper may offer silent prayers of confession.*

**PROMISE of FORGIVENESS**

One: Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

**RESPONSE to GOD'S GRACE** — *Glory to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.*

**L I T U R G Y o f t h e W O R D**

**PRAYER for ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** — *Romans 8:31b-39*

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM** — *Jesu, Grant Me This, I Pray* - C. H. Kitson

Chancel Choir & Instrumentalists

*Jesu, grant me this, I pray, ever in thy heart to stay;  
let me evermore abide hidden in thy wounded side.*

*If the evil one prepare, or the world, a tempting snare,  
I am safe when I abide in thy heart and wounded side.*

*If the flesh, more dangerous still, tempt my soul to deeds of ill,  
naught I fear when I abide in thy heart and wounded side.*

*Death will come one day to me; Jesu, cast me not from thee:  
dying let me still abide in thy heart and wounded side.*

Sir H. Baker from an unknown Latin text

## TIME *for* YOUNG DISCIPLES

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — *Revelation 21:3-4, 22:5*

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

### CANTATA — *Come Sweet Hour of Death* - Johann Sebastian Bach

#### Aria mit Chorale

Komm, du süße Todesstunde, da mein Geist  
Honig speist aus des Löwen Munde;  
mache meinen Abschied süße,  
säume nicht, letztes Licht,  
dass ich meinen Heiland küsse.

#### Recitative

Welt, deine Lust ist Last!  
Dein Zucker ist mir als ein Gift verhasst!  
Dein Freudenlicht ist mein Komete,  
und wo man deine Rosen bricht,  
sind Dornen ohne Zahl zu meiner Seelen Qual!

Der blasse Tod ist meine Morgenröte,  
mit solcher geht mir auf die Sonne,  
die Herrlichkeit und Himmelswonne.  
Drum seufz ich recht von Herzensgrunde  
nur nach der letzten Todesstunde.  
Ich habe Lust, bei Christo bald zu weiden,  
Ich habe Lust, von dieser Welt zu scheiden.

#### Aria

Mein Verlangen ist, den Heiland zu umfassen  
und bei Christo bald zu sein.  
Ob ich schon zu Asch und Erde durch den Tod  
zermalmet werde,  
wird der Seele reiner Schein dennoch gleich den Engeln  
prangen.

#### Recitative

Der Schluss ist nun gemacht, Welt, gute Nacht!  
Und kann ich nur den Trost erwerben,  
In Jesu Armen bald zu sterben:  
Er ist mein sanfter Schlaf.  
Das kühle Grab wird mich mit Rosen decken,  
bis Jesus mich wird auferwecken,  
bis er sein Schaf führt auf die süße Lebensweide,  
dass mich der Tod von ihm nicht scheide.  
So brich herein, du froher Todestag,  
so schlage doch, du letzter Stundenschlag!

#### Solo with Hymn

Come, sweet hour of death, when my spirit  
feeds on honey from the lion's mouth;  
make my departure sweet,  
do not delay, last light,  
so that I may kiss my savior.

#### Recitation

World, your pleasure is a burden,  
I hate your sweetness as if it were poison,  
your joyful light is my star of ill omen  
and where your roses are gathered  
there are thorns beyond counting to cause my soul  
anguish.

Pale death is for me the glow of dawn,  
with which arises for me the sun  
of glory and heavenly delight.  
Therefore I truly sigh from the bottom of my heart only  
for the final hour of death.  
I desire to rest soon with Christ,  
I desire to depart from this world.

#### Solo

My longing is to embrace my Savior  
and to soon be with Christ.  
Although by Death I may be crushed into ashes and  
earth  
The pure light of my soul will then be resplendent like  
the angels.

#### Recitation

The decision is already made, World, goodnight!  
and if I can only gain consolation  
by dying soon in Jesus's arms,  
He is my sweet sleep.  
The cool tomb will cover me with roses  
until Jesus awakens me,  
until he leads his sheep to the sweet pastures of  
life, so death does not separate me from him!  
Therefore dawn, sweet day of death,  
therefore sound, stroke of the last hour!

### Chorus

Wenn es meines Gottes Wille, wünsch ich,  
dass des Leibes Last heute noch die Erde fülle,  
und der Geist, des Leibes Gast,  
mit Unsterblichkeit sich kleide  
in der süßen Himmelsfreude.  
Jesu, komm und nimm mich fort!  
Dieses sei mein letztes Wort.

### Chorale

Der Leib zwar in der Erden  
von Würmen wird verzehrt,  
Doch auferweckt soll werden,  
Durch Christum schön verklärt,  
Wird leuchten als die Sonne und leben ohne Not  
In himml'scher Freud und Wonne.  
Was schadt mir denn der Tod?

*Texts by Salomo Franck (1-5) and Christoph Knoll (6)*

### Chorus

If it is the will of my God, I wish that the  
burden of my body may this day fill the earth,  
and that my spirit, the body's guest,  
may be clothed in immortality  
in the sweet joy in heaven.  
Jesus, come take me from here!  
May this be my last word.

### Hymn

The body indeed in the earth  
will be eaten by worms,  
but it will be awakened,  
transfigured in beauty through Christ,  
it will shine like the sun and live without need  
in the joy and delight of heaven.  
What harm then can death do me?

*English translation by Francis Browne*

## **HYMN — *Give to the Winds Thy Fears* (verses 1, 2, & 4)**

FESTAL SONG

*Give to the winds thy fears;  
hope and be undismayed.  
God hears thy sighs and counts tears;  
God shall lift up thy head.*

*Through waves and clouds and storms  
God gently clears the way.  
Wait patiently; so shall this night  
soon end in joyous day.*

*Let us in life, in death,  
thy steadfast truth declare,  
and publish with our final breath  
thy love and guardian care.*

## **AFFIRMATION of FAITH — from *A Brief Statement of Faith***

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news, teaching by word and deed, healing the sick, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. God is faithful still.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

### PSALTER READING — *Psalm 23*

Pulpit Side: The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  
Lectern Side: *He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.*  
Pulpit Side: He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.  
Lectern Side: *Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;*  
Pulpit Side: Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
Lectern Side: *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.*  
Pulpit Side: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Lectern Side: *Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,*  
All: **And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

### ANTHEM — *No Night There* - Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir with violin & piano

*God is with us. God is for us; do not be afraid.  
There shall be no night there, no crying there.  
God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.  
Even in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.  
God is with us. God is for us:  
"Lo, I am with you always, even to the end (of the age.)"  
There shall be no night there.*

--texts from scripture

### OFFERING

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music — *London Trio #2* for two flutes and 'cello

Doxology — *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

Prayer of Dedication

## S E N D I N G

### HYMN — *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

WATERLIFE

*"I was there to hear your borning cry; I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."  
"When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on.  
You were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time and join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."*

*"In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise."  
"I was there to hear your borming cry; I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."*

## **CHARGE and BLESSING**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** — *God is Here Today* - Kyle Saint-Sauveur  
*God is here today as certain as the air I breathe,  
as certain as the morning sun that rises!  
God is here today, as certain when I sing, you'll hear my song.*

--Javier Gacías, translated by C. Michael Hawn

**POSTLUDE** — *God is Here Today* - Kyle Saint-Sauveur

Instrumentalists

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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***\*Please note all announcements for Sunday bulletins are due by noon the Tuesday before they are to be published. Please email announcements to [Bulletin@MPCusa.net](mailto:Bulletin@MPCusa.net).***

### **REGARDING TODAY'S SERVICE**

Today's anthems are related to the theme: "Nothing can separate us from the love of God" from St. Paul's letter to the church in Rome. The music will span the centuries and the Chancel Choir will be accompanied by organ, piano, flutes and strings.

Our guest instrumentalists this morning are Erica Simon and Katherine McClure, flutes; Alex Yavtuhovich and Ingrid Tang, violins; Dennis Krasnokutsky, viola; Elina Lang, 'cello; and Steve Kyle, bass. Our solo singers are Maureen Kyle, soprano; Carol Carpenter, alto; Tyler Brown, tenor; and Kyle Saint-Sauveur, bass.

### **TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The Chancel Flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given by Craig and Karen Hill in loving memory of Craig's father, Charles A. Hill, and Karen's mother, Lois I. Golding. The second arrangement is given by Caroline B. Pickering in loving memory of her brother, H. Russell "Rusty" Brown, Jr.

### **CODE BLUE VOLUNTEER MEETING TODAY!**

Reminder for all Code Blue volunteers, please join us today after worship service in Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy a light lunch and review the Code Blue plans and answer any questions. The cooking of freezer meals has been postponed to next Sunday, March 3. Contact Beth Becker or Dawn Flook with any questions.

### **CODE BLUE THANKS YOU!**

All involved with our March Code Blue homeless shelter want to thank the congregation for your generous donations. We raised \$1,092 during the February 4 Souper Bowl Sunday and we give great thanks for the continued commitment of this church to Code Blue. We hope you will join us in prayer and preparation throughout March, and thank you for your generous support.

### **NEXT LENTEN SOUP SUPPER IS MARCH 6**

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, March 6, as well as Maundy Thursday, March 28. The Lenten Suppers begin at 6:00 p.m. Come and join us for a simple meal, fellowship, and program as we journey together through Lent.

### **SIGN UP TO BE A GREETER**

Please sign up to be a Greeter in the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings. No special skills required, just arrive by 10:10 a.m. and welcome folks as they arrive for worship. The sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center.

### **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Childcare at church is an amazing gift to young families, providing a safe, fun space for small children, and enabling parents to participate in worship in our sanctuary. We are reliant on volunteers to staff the nursery and we need your help. To volunteer, please add your name to the sign-up sheet outside the Nursery, or contact Cynde Jacobus at [cyndej127@gmail.com](mailto:cyndej127@gmail.com) or Patrick Gilbride at [pgilbrid@estee.com](mailto:pgilbrid@estee.com). Thank you for considering this wonderful way to support young families and the mission of MPC.

### **UPDATING OUR DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

We want to be sure that we have correct information to contact you. If unable to check at the Welcome Center in the church, please contact the church office at 215-295-4191 or [office@mpcusa.org](mailto:office@mpcusa.org) with your name and your correct/preferred address, phone number and email.

### **CHANCEL FLOWERS NEEDED FOR MARCH**

If you would like to give flowers on a Sunday in March please contact DeeAnn Martin at 215-493-3865 or email [deemar918@aol.com](mailto:deemar918@aol.com). An arrangement is \$35 and may be given in memory of a loved one or in gratitude or celebration of a person, ministry or act of kindness. These flowers not only add beauty to our worship but also serve as an outreach ministry to our church family.

### **LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET**

Pick up an MPC Lenten Devotional in the Welcome Center this morning, or access the PDF version online at our website [mpcusa.org/lent](http://mpcusa.org/lent). You won't want to miss this year's devotions as our very own members offer faithful reflections on a new scripture each day. Take on something new this Lent! Be sure to get your copy.

### **FEBRUARY'S FOOD CENTER REQUEST**

Our Food Center is asking for pasta sauce in any variety as this month's food donation. For safety reasons, sauce packaged in cans or plastic jars is preferred. A shopping cart has been put in the Welcome Center to receive your donations. Thank you for your generous help!

### **MARCH ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Women are essential to the story of God's salvation in the Bible. From well known characters like Eve and Mary to the important lesser known people like Miriam and Esther, women have shaped faith and life throughout the Biblical narrative. So we hope you will join us as we study these powerful figures in a three week Adult Sunday School class taught by Kathryn Jarvis March 3, 10, and 17. Come and learn in our Conference Room, located on the second floor, from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

### **BOOK DISTRIBUTION DURING CODE BLUE AND MORE UPDATES**

During the month of March, we will provide reading materials to Code Blue participants who will be dinner and overnight guests of MPC. Joy Rees will make available compact books, including small New Testaments with magnifier cards, and magazines to our guests. If you have thin paperback copies of books, please put them in the special Book Distribution collection box in the Welcome Center. We are also looking for magazines like *National Geographic* or *Smithsonian* which contain a lot of pictures and upbeat stories. Books written for middle school ages are also often very interesting adult reads.

Simple cookbooks with healthy recipes that do not require expensive ingredients are now in high demand. The Book Distribution always needs more preschool board books, books in Spanish for children, and books for the early school grades. Alice Garcia and Joy Rees are distributing bibles and dictionaries to Food Center clients, and there is a need for a steady supply again. Small items (coloring books for all ages, bible stories, puzzles, battery free toys, board games, etc.) are also very welcome. Please contact Alice Garcia at 609-230-1786 about helping with the books during some Food Center distributions, and Susan Light at 215-801-8185 about helping with obtaining/processing books.

### **CLOTHING CENTER DONATIONS**

The MPC Clothing Center is now accepting clean and gently used spring and summer clothes, as well as spring and Easter decorations. No fall and winter clothing, or Christmas and winter decorations will be accepted at that time as space does not allow for storage of off-season items. As a reminder, all donated items (housewares, linens, glass, china, etc.) must be washed and clean, and no donations should be left outside the church doors. Donations may be dropped off at any time when the church is open. Please place all donations on the shelves downstairs by the elevator.

Open each Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Clothing Center volunteers are committed to providing a pleasant shopping experience for our valued customers. The last day to shop before closing for the summer is June 13.

Profits from the Clothing Center are given to charitable agencies and organizations, both local and global, determined by the MPC Outreach Committee. Your continued support and cooperation are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

### **MPC Nominating Committee Needs Your Help**

Each year the MPC Nominating Committee is tasked with selecting individuals from our church membership to serve with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, as Deacons, Elders, and Trustees.

#### ***What does it mean to be a Deacon?***

The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry. (PCUSA *Book of Order*, G-2.0201)

#### ***What does it mean to be an Elder?***

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they "lord it over" the congregation (Matthew 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders (pastors), exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session. (PCUSA *Book of Order*, G-2.0301)

#### ***What does it mean to be a Trustee?***

In very technical terms, "the corporation so formed, or the individual trustees, shall have the following powers: to receive, hold, encumber, manage, and transfer property, real or personal, for the congregation, provided that in buying, selling, and mortgaging real property, the trustees shall act only after the approval of the congregation, granted in a duly constituted meeting; to accept and execute deeds of title to such property; to hold and defend title to such property; to manage any permanent special funds for the furtherance of the purposes of the congregation, all subject to the authority of the session and under the provisions of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)." (PCUSA *Book of Order*, G-4.0101) In more layman's terms, the Trustees work to maintain, protect, and preserve the church's property, as well as oversee the church's finances and investments. Trustees should be individuals of honesty, integrity, and deep faith, knowing that above all they are called to serve the mission of the church, and that unless the Lord builds the house, those who work so hard labor in vain.

***See next page for how you can help!***



## ***MPC CURRENT CHURCH OFFICERS***

### **Deacons, Class of 2024**

Donna Damiani  
John Damiani  
Heidi Dous  
Karl Helland  
Karen Hill  
Kathy Larkin  
Jim Levan  
Ruth Levan

### **Deacons, Class of 2025**

Jennifer Jones  
Beth Keys  
Bill Miller  
Cindy Moskow  
Eric Moyer-Harrington  
Christy Stephenson  
Tim Stover  
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### **Deacons, Class of 2026**

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Tom Drake  
Jim Gaston  
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Curt Rimler  
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Travis Keys  
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Carol Carpenter  
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Wendy McCleskey  
Shellie Stoddard  
Lisa Zazzu

### **Elders, Class of 2026**

Dan Jones  
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### **Trustees, Class of 2024**

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### **Trustees, Class of 2025**

Robb Dugan  
Jim Lytle  
Seth McHenry

### **Trustees, Class of 2026**

Paul Clough  
Tom Evans  
Elizabeth Lester-Abdalla

**As we discern God's will for the next chapter of leadership in the life of our church, the MPC Nominating Committee would love to hear from you!**

**If you would like to nominate someone who may be particularly gifted to serve as an Elder, Deacon, or Trustee in the life of our church, please send their name(s) to the Nominating Committee Chairperson, Dan Jones, at [djones@fresnelpartners.com](mailto:djones@fresnelpartners.com).**

**We can't wait to see where the Spirit will lead us next!**

**iPhone**




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**Android**



Need Help? email [Office@mpcusa.org](mailto:Office@mpcusa.org) and ask that your questions be forwarded to the stewardship committee.

## **New Members Class**

*Believing—Belonging—Becoming*

March 3, March 10, March 17

If you are not a member at MPC, we would love for you to consider joining us in ministry and mission. This three-week class, led by Pastor Rachel Rhodes and Pastor Alex Lester-Abdalla, will be an opportunity to explore church membership, whether you're ready to join or just curious about what that would mean.

We will explore topics like:

- What do we believe as Presbyterians?
- How are we called to be the church in the world?
- What does ministry and mission look like at MPC?
- Who is it that God is calling you to be and how can you seek to pursue God's call more fully through membership at MPC?

This class will gather at 9:00 a.m. for three Sundays and you'll be welcomed into membership during worship on Sunday, March 24.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the church office at 215-295-4191 or [office@mpcusa.org](mailto:office@mpcusa.org) by Wednesday, February 28, or email Pastor Rachel directly at [rachelrhodes@mpcusa.net](mailto:rachelrhodes@mpcusa.net).

## MPC Weekly Calendar

### SUNDAY, February 25 - Second Sunday of Lent

9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages (No Adult Sunday School)	
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Worship Service -</b>	<b>Sanctuary &amp;</b>
	<b>Word in Music Service</b>	<b>Livestream</b>
11:30	Code Blue Volunteer Meeting	Fellowship Hall
11:30	Fellowship Hour	Lounge
	Host: Personnel Committee	
11:45	Nominating Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Room 220

### MONDAY, February 26

9:00 a.m.	Ivins Outreach Center	Lounge
5:30 p.m.	Food Packing	Food Center
6:30	Mostly Motets	Music Room
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Lounge
	Parent & Board Meeting	
7:30	Session Meeting	Conference Room

### TUESDAY, February 27

9:00 a.m.	Produce Prep	Food Center
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### WEDNESDAY, February 28

9:00 a.m.	Food Center Distribution	Parking Lot
Noon	Brown Bag & Bible Study	Conference Room
12:30 p.m.	Clothing Center Drop-off	Room 4
1:00	Prayer Meeting	Conference Room
6:00	Cub Scout Pack 3	Room 220
6:00	Youth Club	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Girl Scout Troop 2888	Room 220
7:15	Chancel Chimes	Chapel

Want to know when a future event is taking place or want to book a room for your committee or group? Check out the MPC calendar at [mpcusa.org/calendar](http://mpcusa.org/calendar) to see when events takes place and room availability.

### THURSDAY, February 29

10:00 a.m.	Clothing Center	Room 4
6:00 p.m.	Oakville Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Chancel Choir	Music Room

### FRIDAY, March 1

6:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Lounge
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### SATURDAY, March 2

### SUNDAY, March 3 - Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m.	God's Thunder	Chapel
9:00	New Members Class	Lounge
9:30	Sunday School for all ages	
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Worship Service -</b>	<b>Sanctuary &amp;</b>
		<b>Livestream</b>
11:30	Fellowship Hour	Lounge
	Host: Book Ministry & Book Club	
11:45	Nominating Committee Meeting	Conference Room
11:45	Teen Choir	Music Room
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Room 220
Noon	Deacons Meeting	Conference Room



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