



*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  
FOURTH SUNDAY  
after EPIPHANY  
FEBRUARY 1, 2026 ~ 10:30 A.M.

## Youth Sunday

### GATHERING

#### WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla

#### PRELUDE — *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr* - Andreas Vetter

Yun Kang

#### CALL to WORSHIP

One: In the sea of life's daily stress and strife,  
**All: In the struggle to keep our heads above the waves,**  
One: Words of ancient wisdom remind us,  
**All: "The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light!"**  
One: Jesus calls us from the shore:  
**All: "Follow me, and be fishers of people!"**  
One: So let us join the community of faith,  
**All: Let us worship God together!**

#### HYMN — *Come! Live in the Light!* (verses 1 & 2)

WE ARE CALLED

*Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God.*

Refrain:

*We are called to act with justice;  
we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.*

*Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
so hatred and violence will be no more.*

Refrain

#### PRAYER of CONFESSION

Dear God, we are sorry for the many things that we have done that are wrong in your eyes. We are also sorry for all the things we should have done, but did not do. Please forgive us for forgetting about your love, for holding grudges for so long, for not being welcoming, for turning a blind eye to the injustices in the world, and for forgetting to pray.

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

#### PROMISE of FORGIVENESS

One: God has given us a light that will never be extinguished, a love that is endless, and forgiveness for whatever we do. Through the love of God we are forgiven. Together, let us proclaim the good news of the gospel:  
**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!**

**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.*

**LITURGY of the WORD**

**PRAYER for ILLUMINATION**

**RESPONSIVE READING** — *Psalm 27:1, 4-9*

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

One: One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple.

**All: For God will hide me in God's shelter in the day of trouble; God will conceal me under the cover of God's tent; God will set me high on a rock.**

One: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in God's tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

**All: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!**

One: "Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.

**All: Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**SCRIPTURE READING** — *Matthew 4:12-22*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

Max Dous, Elisabeth Halloran, & Eliana Song

**HYMN** — *Will You Come and Follow Me* (verses 1, 2 & 4)

KELVINGROVE

*"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"*

*"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"*

*"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"*

**AFFIRMATION of FAITH** — written by the Confirmation Class

**I believe in a God who cares for all. A God that loves all. I believe that God's grace is present when I struggle or doubt myself, and that this grace helps me keep going rather than giving up. Even though the world is hard, God is always there.**

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Because God loved me and all His creations so much, He sent His only son Jesus. Jesus taught people important lessons through stories and parables, speaking to everyone regardless of gender, ethnicity, health, or background. Through all of Jesus' parables and teachings, I continue to understand how God calls us to live. Because of his sacrifice, my life is washed clean.

The Holy Spirit looks like a small flame living in both my heart and my mind. The Holy Spirit is kind of like God's cursor; it's always a feeling rather than something you can see, until it does something.

I believe the church is a sanctuary for all people and a community to come together and worship God. The church is the people, it's the music, it's watching the kids of the church grow up and develop their faith, but no matter who you are we all come to love, love each other regardless of who we are. I believe that I am called to be a part of the church and live out my faith by loving others, serving those in need, and sharing love through my own thoughts and actions.

## OFFERING

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music — *This Is My Father's World* - Franklin L. Sheppard

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.  
Amen.*

## R I T E   *o f*   C O N F I R M A T I O N

### PRESENTATION

### PROFESSION *of* FAITH

### LAYING ON *of* HANDS

### WELCOME

## S A C R A M E N T   *o f*   t h e   L O R D ' S   S U P P E R

### INVITATION

### PRAYER *of* GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### 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.

### WORDS *of* INSTITUTION

## COMMUNION *of the PEOPLE*

MUSIC *during* COMMUNION — *When at This Table* - Jane Marshall

PRAYER *after* COMMUNION

## S E N D I N G

HYMN — *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'M GONNA LIVE

*I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!*

CHARGE *and* BLESSING

## 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.org](mailto:Bulletin@MPCusa.org).*

### THANK YOU YOUTH AND TEACHERS!

Liturgy throughout this worship service was written by our wonderful youth with the help of trusted adults. The Confession and Assurance of Pardon was written by our Middle School Quest Class. The Affirmation of Faith was written by our Confirmation Class. The Prayers of the People were written by our Youth Club. So a big "Thank you" to all the youth, teachers and confirmation mentors who helped: McKinley Bausher, Lincoln Bausher, Sha'miia Byrd, Elijah Song, Tucker McCleskey, Micah Subers, Ella Halloran, Sarah Maddie Halloran, Bella Keys, James Leiby, Eliana Song, Max Dous, Elisabeth Halloran, Michelle Byrd, Dan Jones, Russell McCleskey, Patrick Gilbride, Wendy McCleskey, Kevin Subers, Travis Keys, April Halloran, Keith Halloran, Carol Carpenter, Luisa Herrera, David Massey, and Rich Ryan.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

A congregational meeting will be held today, February 1, immediately following the worship service for the purpose of approving the terms of call for Pastor Alex Lester-Abdalla and presenting the annual 2026 budget. This meeting will not be livestreamed.

### TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given in loving memory of Richard H. Evans by his wife, Carol, and daughter, Nancy Stoner. The second arrangement is given in gratitude to all those who volunteered to serve as Sunday School teachers this past program year. Thank you for so generously sharing your time and talent to teach the story of our faith to our youngest members.

### 2026 PER CAPITA CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT

When making your Per Capita Contribution for 2026, please calculate the amount at \$37.00 per member. Further details regarding the increase will be provided in a future bulletin announcement. Should you have any immediate questions, please contact Tom Smith at [tsmith7493@gmail.com](mailto:tsmith7493@gmail.com) or 215-595-8575.

### SCOUT SUNDAY BAKE SALE NEXT SUNDAY!

Save the Date! On February 8 our Cub Pack 3 will be holding a Bake Sale in the Welcome Center as MPC recognizes Scout Sunday. Please support them when leaving church. The money raised goes toward supplies they use throughout the year.

### **EVERGREEN LUNCHEON**

Feeling the chill this winter? Join us for an Evergreen Valentine Luncheon that will warm your heart! Enjoy delicious soups and sandwiches while sharing fellowship with old friends and new. If you are interested, contact the church office at 215-295-4191 or [office@mpcusa.org](mailto:office@mpcusa.org) to sign up.

### **KEEP US BLOOMING THROUGH THE WINTER! CHANCEL FLOWERS NEEDED FOR FEBRUARY.**

If you would like to give an arrangement on a Sunday in February, please contact DeeAnn Martin at 215-493-3865 or email [deemar918@aol.com](mailto:deemar918@aol.com). The cost for an arrangement is \$37. They may be given in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special event, or in gratitude for an act of kindness or special ministry. Not only do these flowers add beauty to our Sunday worship service they also go forward as an outreach ministry to our MPC family.

### **CODE BLUE PREPARATIONS RESCHEDULED**

In this extreme cold and frigid weather, we hope you are staying warm! Code Blue preparations are under way for the month of March. As we have done in the past, MPC will open its doors providing shelter to those in need as we support Advocates for the Homeless and Those in Need (AHTN). We will be preparing meals ahead of time, to be kept in the freezer, and used as needed. This cook day has been rescheduled to Sunday, March 1. If you are interested in volunteering to cook and serve meals in March, or would like to be added to the email chain, please email [mpccodeblue@gmail.com](mailto:mpccodeblue@gmail.com). Your support of this ministry is greatly appreciated. Please reach out to Beth Becker or Dawn Flook with any questions.

### **PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Pastor Nominating Committee has been meeting weekly since mid-November. They completed a Ministry Discernment Profile which includes the job description as well as the qualities and experiences of the person who would be the best fit for our congregation. The Session reviewed and approved the form on January 11. Once approved by Presbytery, it will be uploaded to a website, that can be used by pastors to search for open positions. If you are aware of someone who may be a suitable candidate, please refer them to the Presbytery website or one of the PNC co-chairs, Nancy McHenry or Dave Hough.

### **NEW VANGO ONLINE GIVING ACCOUNT**

MPC now has a new Vango account for online giving. This account is linked to Realm so that your online giving will automatically be recorded in Realm. Currently, our financial administrator manually records online giving.

What does this mean for you if you already use online giving?

- Please use the [new link on the MPC website](#) or go to <https://onrealm.org/mpcusa/give/now> to create a new Vango online giving account.
- Once the new account is set up with your online giving preferences be sure to turn off any autopay settings that you have in your current account.
- Please complete this by the end of January so that we can close out the old Vango account.

If you have any questions please contact the Church office.

Thank you for your continued financial support of MPC!

### **UPCOMING ADULT SUNDAY CLASS**

Adult Sunday School is held each Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room, on the second floor. Join us for this upcoming class:

- **BECOMING MORE EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY**

This adult education class, spanning two Sundays, will explore anxiety and depression through both a clinical and a spiritual lens. It will help participants better understand these conditions by distinguishing normal emotional responses to stress and loss from anxiety and depressive disorders that may require additional help. The discussion will include how common these conditions are, the types of symptoms people often experience, and associated conditions.

We will consider what steps individuals can take to care for themselves in healthy, constructive ways. Emphasis will be placed on building emotional resilience through daily habits, practical suggestions for keeping things in perspective, and how regular daily devotions can help both spiritually and emotionally.

### FOOD CENTER'S JANUARY REQUEST

For the month of January, the requested food donation is peanut butter. A shopping cart has been put in the Welcome Center to receive your donations. Thank you for your continued generosity!

### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

The pastoral staff encourages you to notify the church office regarding hospitalizations and deaths in your immediate family. We will list these pastoral concerns in the bulletin. MPC also has a committed group of members who are part of the MPC prayer chain. If you have prayer concerns for the prayer chain, please contact Ron Workman at [ron\\_workman@prodigy.net](mailto:ron_workman@prodigy.net) to be placed on the prayer chain. **Please note, out of respect for privacy, to be included in the Pastoral Concerns and/or MPC the prayer chain, the individual named must give their permission.** Let us pray without ceasing.

### MPC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP'S NEXT READING

The MPC Book Discussion group's next reading is *Fire Weather: A True Story from a Hotter World* by John Vaillant. While not a winner, it was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in General Nonfiction and is a comprehensive account of the 2016 Fort McMurray wildfire in Canada. The book explores the connection between the fire, climate change, and the petrochemical industry.

Discussion on the reading will take place on Monday, February 23 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. You can also attend by Zoom. Contact the church office at [office@mpcusa.org](mailto:office@mpcusa.org) or Shellie Stoddard at [stoddard.shellie@gmail.com](mailto:stoddard.shellie@gmail.com) for link and more information.



### Inclement Weather Announcements

In the event of inclement weather during this winter season, members will be notified of church closings and delayed openings via email blasts, as well as website and Facebook postings. Every effort will be made to make the information available by 8:00 a.m. Only closing and delayed opening messages will be sent and posted.

## MPC Weekly Calendar

### **SUNDAY, February 1 - Youth Sunday & Confirmation**

8:30 a.m.	God's Thunder Rehearsal	Room 121
9:30	Sunday School for all ages	
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary &amp; Livestream</b>
11:30	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
11:45	Youth Choir	Music Room
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Chapel
Noon	Deacons Meeting	Conference Room
4:00 p.m.	Scout Banquet	Fellowship Hall

### **MONDAY, February 2**

6:30 p.m.	Mostly Motets	Music Room
6:30	Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall
6:30	Cub Scout Pack 3	Rooms 220 & 122
7:00	Food Center Food Packing	Room 4
7:30	Personnel Committee	Zoom

### **TUESDAY, February 3**

9:00 a.m.	Food Center Produce Prep	Room 4
10:00	Weekday Nursery	Room 220
	School Projects	
7:00 p.m.	Food Center Distribution	Parking Lot

### **WEDNESDAY, February 4**

9:00 a.m.	Food Center Distribution	Parking Lot
Noon	Brown Bag Bible Study	Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 2888	Room 220
7:15	Chancel Chimes Rehearsal	Room 121

### **THURSDAY, February 5**

10:00 a.m.	Clothing Center	Room 4
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Room

### **FRIDAY, February 6**

### **SATURDAY, February 7**

### **SUNDAY, February 8 - Scout Sunday**

8:30 a.m.	God's Thunder Rehearsal	Room 121
9:30	Sunday School for all ages	
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary &amp; Livestream</b>
11:45	Youth Choir	Music Room
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	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.

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