



*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.*
MPC Mission Statement adopted by the Session March 31, 2008

WORSHIP for
FIFTH SUNDAY
after EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 8, 2026 ~ 10:30 A.M.

GATHERING

WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

MINUTE for MINISTRY

Scout Sunday

Stephanie Huston

PRELUDE — *Nun danket alle Gott* - George Kaufmann

Yun Kang

CALL to WORSHIP

Cindy Moskow, Liturgist

One: Return to the Lord with all your heart,

All: For God is gracious and merciful.

One: Through Christ, we are reconciled to God.

All: This is not our own doing, but a gift from God.

One: Come, let us worship and praise the Lord.

HYMN — *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

*Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!
Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!
Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!*

PRAYER of CONFESSION

God of grace and God of glory, you sent your only son to save lost sinners. Lord, we confess that we are lost. We exchange lies for truth. We seek to be served, while you call us to serve the least of these. We speak unkind words and criticize others for the same sins we overlook in ourselves. Forgive us Lord. Without your grace we will forever be lost in our foolish ways. Wash us clean and renew a right spirit within us, as silently we confess our sins.

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

PROMISE of FORGIVENESS

One: Listen to the promise of the scriptures and make it your own. For God so loved the world that He sent his son to us, not to condemn us, or scold us, or punish us, but love and forgive us. Believe the good news of the gospel.

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.*

LITURGY of the WORD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING — *Psalm 28:6-9*

One: Blessed be the Lord, for he has heard the sound of my pleadings.

All: The Lord is my strength and my shield, in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

One: The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

All: O, save your people, and bless your heritage; be their shepherd, and carry them forever.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM — *God Be in My Head* - K. Lee Scott

*God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and my departing.*

--Sarum Primer, 1558

TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE READING — selections from *Deuteronomy*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Life is not a Spelling Bee

Rev. Dr. Kort

HYMN — *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

BEECHER

*Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.*

*Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.*

*Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.*

*So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.*

AFFIRMATION of FAITH — from *Scots Confession of 1560*

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, to whom alone we must serve, whom alone only we must worship, and whom alone we put our trust.

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.

OFFERING

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music — *In the Garden* - Charles Miles

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.*

Prayer of Dedication

S E N D I N G

HYMN — *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your loving kindness; bear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.*

*Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.*

*Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!*

CHARGE and BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE — *Amen*

POSTLUDE — *Processional in C* - arr. Hal Hopson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.*

TODAY WE CELEBRATE SCOUT SUNDAY

This is a special day in the life of Troop 3. We celebrate our 115th birthday. We give thanks to MPC for being our chartered organization for these many years. We continue to mentor young boys and now girls in our troop. They learn team building skills, camping experiences, community service and much more. MPC's support over the years, to say the least, has been remarkable and has kept Troop 3 alive. Please join us in the lounge for refreshments after today's service.

Thank you,
Bill Burgess, COR Tr3

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given by Jill Jurey and family "in memory of our loved and dearly missed mother, sister, cousin and friend: Happy Heavenly Birthday, Betsy Jurey." The second arrangement is given by Mark and Paula Marseglia "in loving memory of our beautiful daughter, Becky, and all those who have passed. We are always with you." The floral arrangement on the table is given in celebration of the 115th Anniversary of Scout Troop 3. MPC has sponsored this troop since it was established in 1911. What a blessing it has been to have this connection and to watch so many grow into young adults whose lives reflect the values that Scouts has taught them.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Join us Tuesday, February 17, for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper being served from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to this wonderfully intergeneration opportunity to share a meal with the MPC community as we prepare for the upcoming Holy Season. This dinner kicks off Youth Ministry's fundraising for the 2026 Youth in Mission trip to Pipestem, WV. The support from our MPC community for this outreach every year always overwhelms us. A free will offering will be accepted in lieu of purchasing tickets.

EVERGREEN LUNCHEON

Feeling the chill this winter? On February 10, join us for an Evergreen Valentine Luncheon that will warm your heart! The luncheon will start at noon in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy delicious soups and sandwiches while sharing fellowship with old friends and new. If you are interested, sign up in the Welcome Center or contact the church office at 215-295-4191 or office@mpcusa.org.

CHANCEL FLOWERS NEEDED FOR FEBRUARY 22

If you would like to give flowers on Sunday, February 22, please contact DeeAnn Martin at 215-493-3865 or email deemar918@aol.com. The cost of an arrangement is \$37, and may be given in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special event, or in gratitude for an act of kindness or ministry. Not only do these flowers add beauty to our Sunday worship services, but they also go forward as an outreach ministry to our MPC family.

VOLUNTEER TO CREATE PRAYER SHAWLS

Here's an opportunity to support our Code Blue guests with handmade prayer shawls. Katie McHenry has offered to teach us how to make prayer shawls for our Code Blue guests. Katie promises it is very easy to learn and she will help us. Please join us following the worship service on Sunday, February 15, in room 220. Contact Katie McHenry at 419-348-7954 or Beth Becker at 215-262-1556 with any questions.

Circle
meetings
this week

DEBORAH CIRCLE

Deborah Circle meets Monday at **noon** in the **Lounge**.

REBECCA CIRCLE

Rebecca Circle meets Monday night at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Conference Room..**

All women of MPC are welcome to come for fellowship and faith enrichment

FOOD CENTER'S FEBRUARY REQUEST

For the month of February, the requested food donation is pasta sauce (preferably not in glass jars). A shopping cart has been put in the Welcome Center to receive your donations. Thank you for your continued generosity!

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. Your support of this ministry is greatly appreciated. Please reach out to Beth Becker or Dawn Flook with any questions.

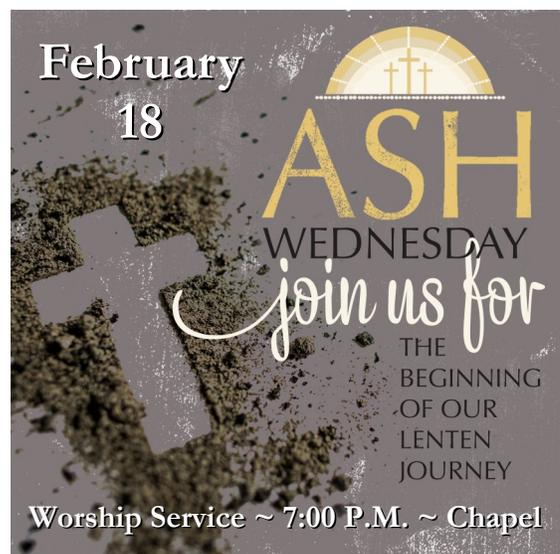
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

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 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 or Shellie Stoddard at stoddard.shellie@gmail.com for link and more information.



MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, February 8 - Scout Sunday

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

MONDAY, February 9

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| Noon | Deborah Circle | Lounge |
| 6:00 p.m. | Rebecca Circle | Conference Room |
| 6:30 | 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 |

TUESDAY, February 10

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| 9:00 a.m. | Food Center Produce Prep | Room 4 |
| 10:00 | Weekday Nursery | Room 220 |
| | School Projects | |
| Noon | Evergreen Luncheon | Fellowship Hall |

WEDNESDAY, February 11

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| 9:00 a.m. | Food Center Distribution | Parking Lot |
| Noon | Brown Bag Bible Study | Conference Room |

WEDNESDAY, February 11 (continued)

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| 6:00 p.m. | Youth Club | Fellowship Hall |
| 7:00 | Girl Scout Troop 2888 | Room 220 |
| 7:15 | Chancel Chimes Rehearsal | Room 121 |

THURSDAY, February 12

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| 10:00 a.m. | Clothing Center | Room 4 |
| 6:00 p.m. | Weekday Nursery School | Room 225 |
| | Board Meeting | |
| 7:00 | Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Music Room |

FRIDAY, February 13

SATURDAY, February 14

SUNDAY, February 15

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| 8:30 a.m. | God's Thunder Rehearsal | Room 121 |
| 9:30 | Sunday School for all ages | |
| 10:30 | Worship Service | Sanctuary & Livestream |
| 11:45 | Youth Choir | Music Room |
| Noon | Adonai Tabernacle | Chapel |
| Noon | Prayer Shawl Volunteer | Room 220 |
| | Event for Code Blue | |
| Noon | PNC Meeting | Room 200 |

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 to see when events takes place and room availability.

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.

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