



**MECHANICSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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February 4, 2024 • 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany • 10:30am

### **The Mission of Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church**

The Mission of the Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church is to glorify and serve God as a community of believers, and to bring people into the transforming presence and power of Jesus Christ through:

◆ OUR WORSHIP ◆

Worship expresses our love for God through praise, prayer, and proclamation.

◆ OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ◆

Christian Education invites us to risk opening our minds to transforming possibilities.

◆ OUR CHRISTIAN NURTURE ◆

Christian nurture puts a human face on God's Love.

◆ OUR MISSION CALLING ◆

Our ministry to others sets our feet in Christ's footprints.

◆ OUR WELCOMING THE STRANGER ◆

Welcoming the stranger brings newcomers into a relationship with God, not just into our building.

In order to be faithful to this Mission, we will be:  
A welcoming, diverse and hospitable community of faith,  
Committed to open communication within the community of faith, and  
willing to risk our time, talent and financial resources trusting in God's faithfulness.

### **Gathering Around the Word**

*We gather knowing God is with us.*

#### **Quiet Meditation**

- How have you seen God at work in this church family in the last year?
- What are the gifts and talents God has given to you?
- How might you cultivate and share these interests, skills and abilities to build up the body of Christ?
- How will you be a part of next year's Annual Report?

#### **Prelude**

*Sonata in C Minor, I & III*

Felix Mendelssohn, Op. 65

#### **Welcome**

#### **Moment for Mission**

Margie's Love Sunday

Barry Fealtman

\*Introit #414

*Be Still and Know*

Psalm 46

*Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God. (3x)*

\*Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 147

Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God;

**For the Lord is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.**

The Lord heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

**The Lord determines the number of the stars and gives to all of them their names.**

Great is the Lord, their understanding is beyond measure.

**The Lord takes pleasure in those who hope in their steadfast love.**

\*Hymn #401, vv. 1-3

*Here in This Place*

Gather Us In

\*Prayer of Affirmation

\*Response #582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Vasile

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.*

**Amen.**

*World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

### Proclaiming the Word

*We experience the Word of God.*

### Beloved Children of God Moment

We invite children to remain in worship. The nursery is available with parental supervision.

### Reception of New Members

Today we celebrate and welcome the newest members of our community of faith!

WELCOME! Steve Fish, Michael Heindel, Linda Whitesitt

Response #701

*Sanctuary*

Sanctuary

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.*

*With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you. (3x)*

### Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Mark 1:35-39

NT pg. 35

The story of God for the people of God... **thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*We Cannot Measure How You Heal*

Malcolm Archer

MPC Chancel Choir, Tricia Krebs, Soloist

Communion Meditation

*Prophet Margins*

Rev. Kathryn Z. Johnston

*Joint Account (1/14) ~ Liability (1/21) ~ Beneficiary (1/28) ~ **Compound Interest (2/4)** ~ Liquidity (2/11)*

2023 Year in Review!

## Responding to the Word

*We affirm our faith and commitment to the Word of God.*

\*Hymn #401, v. 4

*Here in This Place*

Gather Us In

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Please note, according to the *Book of Order* this portion of the meeting will follow the parliamentary procedures of Robert's Rules of Order. Only members of Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church have voice and vote.

Although the Session creates and decides on the budget, the congregation votes on the pastor's Terms of Call (salary package).

**Review of the Session-approved 2024 budget.** (p. 29)

**MOTION: to approve the 2024 Terms of Call for the Reverend Kathryn Z. Johnston.** (p. 32)

**MOTION: to approve the 2024 Terms of Call for the Reverend Emily D. Sutphin.** (p. 33)

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### Offering of Tithes & Gifts

Offertory

*Sonata in A Major, II*

Felix Mendelssohn, Op. 65

\*Doxology #609

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known. Creator, Word, and Spirit one.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

### The Lord's Supper – Please see insert

*After the Words of Institution, you are invited to come forward using the center aisle to receive the gluten-free bread, then to the table on the side to receive the cup. There are also gluten-free individual packets in the back.*

### Bearing & Following the Word

*We declare the Word of God throughout the week.*

\*Hymn #305

*Come Sing, O Church in Joy*

Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>

\*Charge & Benediction

Response #722, v. 4

*Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak*

Canonbury

*O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow  
in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.*

Postlude

*Sonata in C Minor, IV*

Felix Mendelssohn, Op. 65

### Welcome to worship this morning!

**Bold print** indicates congregational reading or response.

**An asterisk \*** indicates when to stand in body or in spirit.

**Offerings are welcome!** Place in the plates at each of the entrances or give online.

**New here?** Check out our website: [mechpresby.org](http://mechpresby.org)

**The yellow rose** symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

Pastor Kathryn will be on vacation next week. She returns to the office on February 12.

**NEXT WEEK!!!**

Wear your favorite team’s jersey (football, baseball, cricket... it doesn’t matter).

**JOIN US IN THE THOUGHTFUL CHRISTIAN CLASS**

**NEXT WEEK!** – During the Thoughtful Christian class, we will pack kits for Gifts of the Heart. **Please consider donating the following items for the kits: hand towels (16”x 28”), washcloths, wide-tooth combs, nail clippers, bars of soap, toothbrushes, and band-aids.** Donations can be dropped off to Pastor Emily throughout the week or brought to the Thoughtful Christian class.

**MARGIE’S LOVE SUNDAY**

Sponsored by Barry and Margie Fealtman, in honor of Margie’s mother, Margie F. Wolfe. This is a special opportunity for MPC members to provide food donations to the Stop the Violence Food Pantry. Suggested food items: **mashed potatoes, pancake mix, pancake syrup, oatmeal, Spam, canned fruit, canned soup, jelly, Jiffy corn muffin mix, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, coffee, and other non-perishable items.**

Drop off these items on February 11 prior to the 8:15 service or from 12-2pm. Look for us in UFH. If you can’t make this date, please use the food box in the Gathering Area. Please include a grand total of food items with your donation. If items are in a multi-pack, count each item within the pack. Thank you for your continued support and generosity over the years!

**SCAN QR CODE FOR THE MPC 2023 ANNUAL REPORT:**



**Our Worship Leaders**

Rev. Kathryn Z. Johnston – Pastor | Rev. Emily D. Sutphin – Associate Pastor  
Cathay L. Snyder – Christian Education Director | Mark G. McKeever – Director of Music  
Marti Derr – Reader  
MPC 2023 Year in Review! – Tim Wonder

**Ministers**

**All members of the congregation**

Senior Pastor/Head of Staff ..... Rev. Kathryn Z. Johnston (she/her) ..... kjohnston@mechpresby.org  
Associate Pastor ..... Rev. Emily D. Sutphin (she/her) ..... esutphin@mechpresby.org  
Christian Education Director ..... Cathay L. Snyder (she/her) ..... csnyder@mechpresby.org  
Director of Music ..... Mark G. McKeever (he/him) ..... mmckeever@mechpresby.org  
Church Administrator ..... Angela J. Weir (she/her) ..... aweir@mechpresby.org  
Playful Beginnings Director ..... Karen P. Taylor (she/her) ..... playfulbeginnings.mpc@gmail.com

## Communion Liturgy

### The Invitation to the Table

**One:** This is not a Presbyterian table – it is for all members of the church universal. This is not a table only for adults – children may partake in the Sacrament with guidance from those around them. This is not a table for those who have not sinned – for no one would eat.

**All:** We come to this table, not because we must, but because we may. We come to testify not that we are righteous, but that we sincerely love our Lord Jesus Christ and desire to be his true disciples. We come, not because we are strong, but because we are weak. We come to this table, not because of any goodness of our own, but because we need God's mercy and help. We come to this table not to testify that we are righteous, but to sincerely declare that we love God.

**One:** Beloved Children of God, come to the table of our Lord. All are welcome here...

### The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

**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 our thanks and praise!

**All:** It is right to give our thanks and praise!

**One:** It is truly right and our greatest joy to give thanks and praise, O God our creator and redeemer. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You formed us in your image to love and serve you, but we forgot your promises and abandoned your commandments. In your mercy, you did not reject us but still claimed us as your own.

Therefore we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*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.*

**One:** Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and the cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of Christ. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Help us to discover the gifts that you have given us and to use them each day.

Service to the church is one of the many ways we are good stewards of these gifts. In 2023 we gave thanks to the following Deacons and Elders who completed their terms: Jan Daft, Mike Daft, Patti Hinkson, Nat League, Scott Rogers, Phil Van Zile, and Amy Zullo.

We also give thanks for those who are serving the Presbytery and Synod: Ted Foor, Margaret Mielke, Nickie Shaddock, and Cathay Snyder.

Your servant, Apostle Paul, reminded us that if one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. We have had much to rejoice. We have also had sorrow. Although we know that our loved ones who have left this earthly kingdom are at peace, we still hurt from the separation. We pray for your comfort upon our broken hearts. We pray for the family and friends of: Rosemary Breen, Audrey Garlitz, Rich Richardson, RuthAnn Neubold, Mary Lou Rhodes, Phyllis Fry, Helen Bensing, Bill Hosler, Andy Singiser, Anne Patridge, Karen Kostelac, Jim Nelson, Diane Lane, George Eichelberger, and Marcia Conner.

It is because your Word is so strong. It is because your love is so binding. It is because joy in you is so unprecedented that we even dare to breathe in this space, call out your name and rejoice in the work and the faith of your people. Whether it be spiritual or physical, we pray for the healing of those on our hearts this day.

The eternal God is our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God. We pray these things in the name of your Son. Amen.

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

Albert Hay Malotte

*Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.*

*Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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*

#### **Word of Institution**

*After the Words of Institution you are invited to come forward using the center aisle to receive the gluten-free bread, then to the table on the side to receive the cup.*

*There are individual gluten-free Communion packets available in the back.*

*If you cannot come forward, Communion will be brought to you.*

#### **Prayer after Communion**

**All: Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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**SESSION**

Class of 2024

Dan Alex, Bob Bell, Katie Chase,  
Becky Giovagnoli, Lori Heenan

Class of 2025

Amy Berry, Ted Foor, Sue Karakantas,  
Larry Stoner, Rick Whitcomb

Class of 2026

Nils Hagen-Frederiksen, Kelli  
Scurfield, Ran Singiser, Jenn  
Thomson, Tim Wonder

**DEACONS**

Class of 2024

Marybeth Hummel, Ken Kleinert, Rich  
Marlin, Cathy Petko, Kim Savidge,  
Jan Whitcomb

Class of 2025

Martie Bricker, Shannon Hammel,  
Grace House, Bill Klebe, Judy Klebe,  
Keni Melphis

Class of 2026

Heather Barto, Jan Burrows, Dave  
Donat, Lara Frymark, Debi Gross,  
Patti Hinkson

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**Church Office Hours**

**9-4:30 Monday-Thursday**

**Closed Fridays**

**The office will be closed  
February 19th.**

2/4/2024

**WELCOME TO MPC**

**More People Caring**

Whether you're a first time visitor, a long time member, or  
anywhere in between—

**We're glad you're here!**

**3 WAYS TO GIVE**



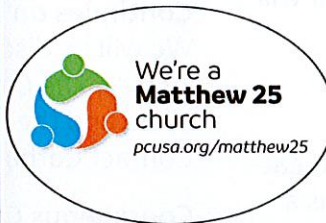
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**WEEKLY SERVICES & THINGS TO KNOW**

**Sundays: 8:15 & 11am Worship; 9:35 Sunday School**

**Children are welcome** in worship and are invited to participate in Communion. Activity packets can be found in the back and there are children's tables in the front and back of the Sanctuary.

**Restrooms** with baby changing stations can be found through the middle Sanctuary door, to the left of the kitchen. Non-gendered restrooms are located through the front right Sanctuary door, down the hallway and on the right.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (9:35am)

Age 2—K | Center Room (Nursery Wing)  
 1st-5th grades | Lower Fellowship Hall  
 6th-8th | Confirmation Class | Mission & Student Center  
 9th-12th | Chat & Chew | Mission & Student Center  
 Joyful Hearts | P.W. Conference Room  
 Women's class studying *Ephesians*  
 Dave Petko Class B | Library  
 Bible study currently looking at the Book of Esther  
 Thoughtful Christian | Upper Fellowship Hall  
 Short-term studies focused on current events & issues.

### TEXT ALERTS

Please sign up for text alerts in case of weather delays or cancellations. Text "START" to 717-384-2403.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Tuesday Nights @ MPC | UFH | 1st & 3rd Tuesdays**

**Next one: Tuesday, February 6 | 5:30pm Dinner**

ALL ages are invited for dinner, fellowship, and activities. We gather in Upper Fellowship Hall.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL AT 6PM.**

This week: Pastor Emily, Cathay, and S.A.L.T. participants will share their experiences from the recent DC trip over MLK weekend. The Joyful Noise Choir will practice.

**Learn! Craft! Eat! |**

**UFH | Friday, February 9 | 5:00-8:00pm |**

Join us for an evening of learning, crafting, and eating! All kids ages 3-8 are invited. Parents, this is a great opportunity for a parents' night out! Suggested donation is \$5 per child or \$10 for a family. Contact Pastor Emily if your child(ren) will be attending or if you are interested in volunteering. Friends of MPC families are welcome!

### 6th—12th Grade Events

**Friends Are Always Welcome!**

**2/9 | Learn! Crat! Eat! | 5pm-8:00 | UFH**

**2/25 | 4th @ 304 | 6pm-7:30 | M&S Center**

**3/10 | Escape Room! | 6:00pm-8:00 | M&S Center**

**WE NEED TO RESERVE OUR SPACE SO PLEASE LET PASTOR EMILY KNOW ASAP IF YOU ARE GOING!**

## February 4 - February 11, 2024

|           |                                                |                           |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sunday    | 9:30 AM                                        | Sunday School             |
|           | 10:30 AM                                       | Sunday Worship Service    |
|           | 10:30 AM                                       | Annual Meeting            |
|           | 3:45 PM                                        | Boy Scouts, LFH           |
| Monday    | 8:30 PM                                        | Alcoholics Anon, LFH      |
| Tuesday   | 5:30 PM                                        | Tuesday Nights @ MPC, UFH |
|           | 6:00 PM                                        | Girl Scouts, LFH          |
| Wednesday | 2:00 PM                                        | Soul Journey, Library     |
|           | 3:30 PM                                        | B.O.W., M&S Center        |
|           | 7:00 PM                                        | Choir, Choir Room         |
| Thursday  | 12:00 PM                                       | Pastor's Bible Study      |
| Friday    | 6:15 AM                                        | Men's Fellowship, PWCR    |
|           | 5:00 PM                                        | Learn! Craft! Eat!, UFH   |
| Saturday  | 7:00 PM                                        | Valentine's Dance, UFH    |
| Sunday    | 8:15 AM                                        | Sunday Worship Service    |
|           | <i>Wear your favorite team jersey!</i> 9:20 AM | Joyful Noise Choir        |
|           | 9:35 AM                                        | Sunday School             |
|           | 11:00 AM                                       | Sunday Worship Service    |
|           | 3:45 PM                                        | Boy Scouts, LFH           |

### Race & the Church | PWCR | 2nd Tuesdays 7 PM Continues on Tuesday, February 13

We will be discussing Chapters 4-5 of Jemar Tisby's, *The Color of Compromise* covering the colonial era and the American Revolution.

Contact Cathay Snyder for more information

### Courageous Conversations

**McBic | Sunday, Feb. 25 | 6:30-8:00pm |**

Join us for the second conversation in our Courageous Conversations education series. The

### Holy Week & Easter Schedule

**2/14 | Ash Wednesday | 3:00pm & 7:30pm**

**3/24 | Palm Sunday | 8:15 & 11:00am**

**3/28 | Maundy Thursday | 7:30pm**

**3/29 | Good Friday | 5:30pm Dinner, 6:30 Worship**

**3/31 | Easter | 9:30 & 11:00am**

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