

Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church

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Prelude

Fanfare from the "Water Music" Suite
Messiah University Brass

GF Handel

*John 20:1-10

*Introit #243

Be Not Afraid
(3x) *Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!*
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Be Not Afraid

***Call to Worship**

adapted from Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

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The Lord is our strength and might; today, the Lord has become our salvation!

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is God's handiwork, and it is marvelous in our eyes!

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***Hymn #232**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

***Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we ignore the cries of the oppressed, and are indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord...

***Time of Silent Confession**

***Words of Forgiveness**

***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.

Response #240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks!

Alleluia No. 1

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name. Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. Alleluia...

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-10a

OT pg. 652

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

Anthem

Go and Tell
MPC Chancel Choir

Anna Laura Page

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

Sermon

Choose Your Own Adventure

Rev. Kathryn Z. Johnston

Selah: A Holy Pause for Silent Reflection

A chime will sound to mark the transition to the next element of worship.

Responding to the Word

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

*Hymn #248

Christ is Risen Shout Hosanna

Hymn to Joy

*Declaration of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

The following is the Apostles' Creed, which dates to 180 CE.

The word 'catholic' means universal; 'quick' means living.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

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 of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Canzona Bergamasca
Messiah University Brass

Sandusky Scheidt, arr. David R. Thomas

*Doxology #609

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!

*Prayer of Dedication

Bearing and Following the Word

We declare the Word of God throughout the week.

*Hymn #238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

During the singing of this hymn, you are invited to the chancel to join in singing the *Hallelujah Chorus*. Music is available on the harpsichord and piano.

*Charge & Benediction

*Response

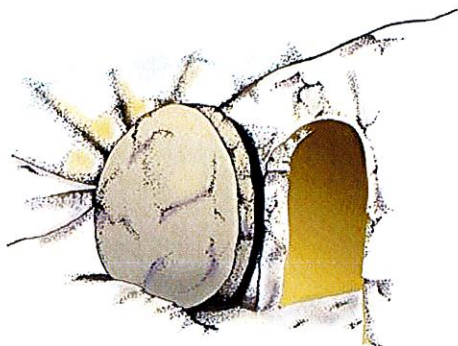
Hallelujah Chorus from *The Messiah*

G. F. Handel, HWV 56

Postlude

Rondeau
Messiah University Brass

Jean Joseph Mouret arr. David R. Thomas



HAPPY EASTER!!!

JOIN US IN WORSHIP AT 10:30AM NEXT WEEK!

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

The office will be closed tomorrow, April 1st (no foolin').

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Life is better together! Our next New Member Class is on April 7 after worship (10:30am). This class is an opportunity for you to enjoy a yummy lunch and learn more about MPC, what being a member means, and if that's right for you! After the class, you can join our church officially, or if you aren't 100% sure that's okay - you can wait! Sign up using Starting Point online (under the "I'm New tab") or on forms found at the back of the Sanctuary! Need childcare or have food allergies/restrictions? Contact aweir@mechpresby.org

This Morning's Participants

Rev. Kathryn Z. Johnston – Pastor | Rev. Emily D. Sutphin – Associate Pastor
Cathay L. Snyder – Christian Education Director | Mark G. McKeever – Director of Music
Mary Love (9:30) | Richard Prether (11:00) - Readers

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)	mmckeeper@mechpresby.org
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Playful Beginnings Director.....	Karen P. Taylor (she/her) .	playfulbeginnings.mpc@gmail.com

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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 April 1.*

3/31/2024

**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!**

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**WEEKLY SERVICES & THINGS TO KNOW**

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

**04/07/2024: 10:30 Worship & Baked Potato Brunch**

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**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, Lenten study  
 Dave Petko Class B | Library  
 Bible study currently looking at the Wisdom of Solomon  
 Thoughtful Christian | Upper Fellowship Hall  
 Short-term studies focused on current events & issues.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Tuesday Nights @ MPC | UFH | 1st & 3rd Tuesdays**  
**Next one: Tuesday, April 2 | 5:30pm Dinner**  
 ALL ages are invited for dinner and an evening of fellowship and activities. *CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL AT 6PM.* Bring a friend!

**Camp Krislund | April 6 | 8:30am**  
 Join us at Camp Krislund for a service opportunity! We will be volunteering together to sort caps. We will be delivering 300 pounds of caps from MPC! There are two volunteer sessions: 9:00am to noon, and 1:00pm to 3:00. Contact Pastor Emily Sutphin to sign up.

**Race & the Church | PWCR | 2nd Tuesdays 6:30pm**  
**Continues on Tuesday, April 9**  
 We will be discussing Chapters 6-7 of *The Color of Compromise* covering white supremacy in the Jim Crow era and studying complicity in the northern U.S. We will be doing research into our own history. Please bring your laptop with you. Contact Cathay Snyder for more information.

### 6th—12th Grade Events *Friends Are Always Welcome!*

4/07 | Baked Potato Brunch Fundraiser | Kitchen  
 4/14 | Rummage Sale | UFH | Volunteering!  
 4/28 | 4th @ 304 | 6pm-7:30 | M&S Center  
 5/19 | 4th @ 304 Pentecost Celebration | Time TBD

| March 31 - April 7, 2024 |          |                                                 |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday                   | 9:30 AM  | Sunday Worship Service                          |
| <b>Easter!</b>           | 11:00 AM | Sunday Worship Service                          |
| Monday                   |          | Office Closed                                   |
|                          | 8:30 PM  | AA, LFH                                         |
| Tuesday                  | 5:30 PM  | Tuesday Nights @ MPC, UFH                       |
| Wednesday                | 3:30 PM  | B.O.W., M&S Center                              |
| Thursday                 | 12:00 PM | Pastors' Bible Study                            |
| Friday                   | 6:15 AM  | Men's Fellowship, PWCR                          |
| Saturday                 | 8:30 AM  | Camp Krislund<br>Volunteering Day               |
| Sunday                   | 10:30 AM | Sunday Worship Service &<br>Baked Potato Brunch |
|                          | 12:00 PM | New Member Class, UFH                           |
|                          | 3:45 PM  | Boy Scouts, LFH                                 |

**Prison Ministry Breakfast | UFH | April 13 | 7:30-11:30am**  
 We are looking for volunteers to assist with the Prison Ministry Breakfast. People are needed to help with transportation, bookmark making, food preparation, and clean up. Sign up sheets are located in the Gathering Area.

**Singles First Friday | April 21 | 2:30pm**  
 We will be attending the matinee performance of *Forever Plaid* at the Mechanicsburg Little Theater (MLT).

**Courageous Conversations | April 21 | 6:30-8:00pm | St. Paul's United Church of Christ**  
 The topic will be "White Christian Nationalism." Questions? Contact Pastor Emily.

**Spring Fling Square Dance | UFH | May 11 | 7:00-9:00pm |**  
 We will learn easy square dance, line dances, and choreographed ballroom dances. No experience necessary, lessons are provided! All are welcome, including singles, couples, and families! A free will offering will be taken.

By entering an event or program on these premises, you are entering an area where photography, audio and video recording will occur. Your entry and presence constitute your consent to be photographed, filmed, and/or otherwise recorded and to the release, publication, exhibition, or reproduction of any and all recorded media of your appearance, voice, and name for any purpose whatsoever in connection with Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church and its initiatives, including, by way of example only, use on websites, in social media, and advertising.

## Easter Flowers 2024

In Honor of MPC Committees and Volunteers; Given by Sue Karakantas

In Memory of My Parents, Earl & Shirley Hansen; Given by Sue Karakantas

In Honor of MPC Pastors and Staff; Given by Sue Karakantas

In Memory of My Grandmother; Given by Angela Weir

In Honor of My Girls, Haley & Kylie; Given by Angela Weir

In Loving Memory of Peter Breen; Given by Kevin, Renee & Scott Breen

In Memory of Norene Boggs; Given by Ed Boggs

In Loving Memory of Andrea (Andy) Singiser, my beloved wife; Given by Ran Singiser

In Loving Memory of my Parents, Jerry & Betti Singiser; Given by Ran Singiser

In Loving Memory of Joe & Gladys Dean (Andy's Parents); Given by Ran Singiser

In Honor of my Family & Friends; Given by Kathy & Frank Coffey

In Memory of James L. Zerbe; Given by The Zerbe Family

In Memory of Nada Williams; Given by Debra Williams

In Honor of Patricia Scheiter Leen & Cindy Reed; Given by Tricia Krebs

In Memory of Pete Shandruk; Given by Margie Shandruk & Family

In Loving Memory of Linda Stoner; Given by Larry Stoner

In Memory of Our Parents; Given by Barry & Margie Fealtman

In Honor of our Grandchildren, Hudson, Adrian, Landon & Andi; Given by Gary & Lorrie Weber

In Memory of Milton Weber; Given by Gary & Lorrie Weber

In Honor of Phyllis Weber; Given by Gary & Lorrie Weber

In Loving Memory of Bill Lackey; Given by Joyce & Mike Lackey

In Memory of John, Joyce & Patty Mullin; Given by Peg Nash, Barb & Beth

In Memory of Darwin Hollinger; Given by Diane Hollinger

In Memory of Rev. Jay & Elizabeth Walters; Given by Cynthia Walters

In Memory and in Honor of Pam and our Family; Given by Ed Rogers

In Memory of My Parents Jesse and Janet Weigel; Given by Karen Weigel

In Memory of My Grandparents, Lena & Russell McMeans; Given by Karen Weigel

In Memory of My Grandparents, Irene & Earl Weigel; Given by Karen Weigel

In Memory of Loved Ones; Given by Grace House

In Memory of Bob Bricker; Given by Martie and Loving Family

In Memory of Robert Paré; Given by Joann Paré

In Honor of the Kids of Be Out Wednesday; Given by Nick & Whitney Maisano

In Honor of Nathan, Stacey, Karran & Malcolm Buchanan; Given by Polly Buchanan

In Memory of Friends and Family who have touched my life; Given by Polly Buchanan

In Honor of our grandchildren, Eleanor, Simon, & Hazel; Given by Martha and Kathryn

In Honor of our grandmother, Peg Zucker; by Will, Garrison, and Clarinda

In Memory of John & Anna Scurfield; Given by John & Kelli Scurfield

In Memory of Jeanne S. Kleinert; Given by Ken & Jodi Kleinert

In Memory of Gordon Logan; Given by Paula Logan & The Moll Family

In Memory of Paul & Betty Miller; Given by Susan Miller & Paula Logan

In Memory of David Petko; Given by Cathy Petko

In Memory of My Parents, William & Emilie Kephart; Given by Katie Chase



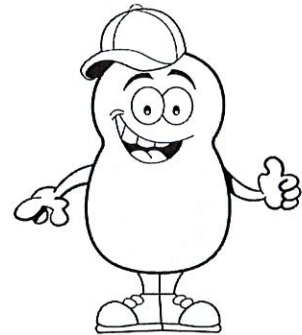
*Easter  
Flowers*



## Upcoming Spring and Summer Opportunities:

### Annual Baked Potato Brunch

Join us for our yummiest fundraiser of the year, the Annual Baked Potato Brunch! The brunch will be on Sunday, April 7, after the one worship service at 10:30am. We will be serving baked potatoes and all the fixins! Youth will meet before worship at 9:30am to help prepare for the brunch. Donations are welcome and appreciated. All proceeds will go toward supporting youth activities and service trips.



### 2024 Spring Rummage and Bake Sale

Come out and support our Spring Rummage and Bake Sale! Items donated for the rummage sale should be brought to the Upper Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 14, 12:00-8:00pm and Monday, April 15, 9:00am-8:00pm.



**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:** Small functional household appliances, dishes, books, toys, games, sports equipment, tools, bedding and linens, curtains, shoes, clothing, house plants, etc.

**NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:** Children's car seats, partially used cosmetics, torn or soiled clothing or shoes, toys & games with missing pieces/parts, appliances that don't work, large heavy furniture, televisions, computers, and printers. If it looks bad, smells bad, or needs repair, do not donate it, throw it away!

If you need someone to transport items to the church, please call Paula Logan, 717-697-3798 or Jessica Antenucci, 717-602-6198 who will arrange for a convenient pick-up time on either Sunday, April 14th or Monday, April 15th.

**BAKE SALE ITEMS:** Should be brought to the church by 8:30 AM Friday, April 19th or may be left in the kitchen on Thursday, April 18th, labeled "Bake Sale."

There will be a special congregation-only sale Thursday, April 18, 6:00-7:30pm. The Rummage and Bake Sale will be open to the public Friday, April 19, 9:00am-6:00pm and Saturday, April 20, 8:00am-12:00pm. All proceeds fund MPC and PW mission projects!

We will need **many volunteers** for setup and cleanup! Please sign up to help on the clipboards in the Gathering Area (early April) or call Jessica Antenucci (717-602-6198) or Paula Logan (717-697-3798). Thank you for your support!



"Lenten Labyrinth" by Mike Moyers, *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library

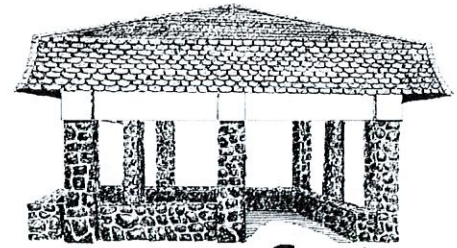
## April Spiritual Retreat

Mark your calendars to join us for an upcoming Spiritual Retreat on Saturday, April 27, 10am to 4pm at Monaghan Presbyterian Church. Spiritual retreats are an opportunity for us to take a break from our routines, slow down, and commune with God. We will explore trees as a metaphor as a spiritual metaphor and spend time together in silence, prayer, and meditation. This retreat is open to all ages and is free to attend. Limited to 30 participants. For more information or to sign up, please contact Pastor Emily.

## June Middle School Summer Conference

Rising 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for a Middle School Conference in Massanetta Springs on June 25 through 28. Participants will attend keynotes, recreation, workshops, small groups, worship, and more! This retreat is an opportunity for youth to fellowship with one another, make friends from all over the country, and worship God. **If you plan on attending, a \$50 deposit is due April 3.** The total cost is \$100. Scholarships are available.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Pastor Emily.



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## July Serving and Learning Trip to Mission at the Eastward (M.A.T.E.) with Camp Hill Presbyterian Church

July 20-27 is our week to send a joint Camp Hill Presbyterian Church/Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church work team to Mission at the Eastward. Our team will volunteer our time doing home repairs in western Maine. Registration is due by **April 30!** We encourage anyone age 14 or older to join us on this intergenerational Serving and Learning Trip. Whatever your skill level, there is something you can do to serve Christ by helping those in need during this very special week. You can find the registration form on the resources page of the church website or in the back of the Sanctuary. Questions? Contact Pastor Emily.