



# *Lessons & Carols*

**ONE SERVICE SUNDAY**

Sunday, December 29th at 10:00 a.m.



## OUR MISSION AND VISION

*Our Mission is to love God and love our neighbor.*



*Our Vision is to be a Christian Community that worships together,  
serves together, and grows together in faith.*

*Large print bulletins, activity bags for children  
and wireless hearing assistance devices  
are available from an usher.*

## VISITING TODAY?

*If this is your first time worshipping with us,  
we hope you will feel welcome.*

*If you have questions, please don't hesitate  
to ask an usher or a fellow worshiper.*

*Please take a moment to fill out a Visitor Information Card  
(found in the pew rack in front of you).*

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# Welcome

to Worship – 10:00 a.m.

1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 29, 2019

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Please print your name, address, phone number **and e-mail address**  
on the red pad and pass it down the pew for others to sign —  
and please greet one another after the service!

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**Please turn off all electronic devices during worship.**

## GATHERING

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**Prelude**

*Noell sur les Flutes*  
Dr. Stanley Orr, organ

*Louis-Claude Daquin*

### **Silent Prayer of Preparation**

*Come, Holy Spirit, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire. Your blessed anointing from above is comfort, life and fire of love; enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight. Anoint and cheer our soiled face with the abundance of your grace. Teach us to know the Father, Son, and You, of Both, to be but One; that through the ages all along this may be our endless song: Praise to your eternal merit, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **\* Sharing the Joy of Our Faith**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

One: Jesus, how clearly we see you at Christmas-time

**ALL: Cradled by Mary, protected by Joseph,**

One: Worshiped by shepherds, honored by kings,

**ALL: Enshrined on the altar, and loved by the world.**

One: But, oh Lord, help us look for you, too,

**ALL: Among the taxes of life, and the wanderings of rootless travelers.**

One: In the world's smelly stables,

**ALL: And in makeshift mangers.**

One: In sweat-like drops of blood,

**ALL: And rough-hewn crosses, humanly fashioned.**

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One: Help us look, Lord-

**ALL: And help us find!**

One: Not only at Christmas,

**ALL: But throughout this New Year, that it might indeed become The Year of the Lord.**

**\* Hymn #41** (All)      *O Come, All Ye Faithful*      *ADESTE FIDELES*  
(Blue Hymnal)

**\*Call to Confession** (1 John 1:8-9)      Elder Dana Riker Jackson

Liturgist: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.

**People: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just  
will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from  
all unrighteousness.**

*(a time of honesty before God in silent confession)*

**\*Prayer of Confession** *(All)*

Dear God, we have been very busy again this Christmastime,  
and we know that we have been tempted to forget the true  
meaning of this festival. Please help us to conquer these  
temptations, so that we may share with our families the true  
joy of our Savior's birth. Lord, we have sung our Christmas  
carols and heard the Nativity story so many times before;  
help us, in our worship, to recapture the wonder of this glad  
season. Please make each heart a manger and each home a  
Bethlehem. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our  
Savior.

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

One: Hear the Good News! The saying is sure and worthy of full  
acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world for our  
healing. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old  
life has gone, a new life is beginning. Know that you are  
forgiven and be at peace

**All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

The First Lesson:                      Isaiah 9: 2-7                      Martha Harriz

**Christ's birth and kingdom foretold by Isaiah**

**Hymn #9** (All)                      *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*                      VENI EMMANUEL  
(Blue Hymnal)

The Second Lesson:                      Luke 1: 26-28                      Dee Casner

**The Angel Gabriel salutes the Virgin Mary**

**Hymn #23**                      *Angels We Have Heard on High*                      GLORIA  
(Blue Hymnal)

The Third Lesson:                      Luke 2: 1-16                      Jesse Shutt

**The Birth Of Jesus**

**Hymn #31**                      *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*                      Mendelssohn  
(Blue Hymnal)

The Fourth Lesson:                      Matthew 2: 1-12                      Carrie Biermann

**The wise men are led by the star to Jesus**

**Hymn #66**                      *We Three Kings of Orient Are*                      John Henry Hopkins, Jr.  
(Blue Hymnal, vs. 1, 2, & 5)

The Fifth Lesson:                      John 1: 1-14                      Rev. Nikki Passante

**John unfolds the mystery of the incarnation**

**Meditation:**                      **“Light in the Darkness”**  
Rev. Nikki Perrine Passante

# Invitation to Stewardship

## Offertory

*Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich*

*J. S. Bach*

Dr. Stanley Orr, organ

## \* Doxology (*All*)

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## \* Prayer of Dedication

### Prayers for the People

## Hymn #53

*What Child Is This?*

GREENSLEEVES

(Blue Hymnal)

## Benediction & Blessing

### Blessing:

Pastor: Because the world is poor and starving, go with bread.

**All: Because the world is filled with fear, go with courage.**

Pastor: Because the world is in despair, go with hope.

**All: Because the world is living lies, go with truth.**

Pastor: Because the world is sick with sorrow, go with joy.

**All: Because the World is weary of war, go with peace.**

Pastor: Because the world is under judgment, go with mercy.

**All: And, because the world will die without it, go with love.  
And all God's children said, "Amen".**

## Postlude

*In dulci Jubilo*

*J. S. Bach*

Dr. Stanley Orr, organ

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## **Leading worship this morning...**

Rev. Nikki Passante, *Associate Pastor*

Elder Dana Riker Jackson, *Worship Leader*

Lisa VanHeldorf, *Choir Director*

Dr. Stanley Orr, *Organist*

*The chancel flowers are given in gratitude for the many blessings in 2019, with prayers that 2020 will be filled with hope, peace, joy and love.*







## GENERAL INFORMATION

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**Restrooms** – A restroom is located in the parlor in the back of the sanctuary. Handicap-accessible restrooms are located through either side door at the front of the sanctuary, then around the corner.

**Nursery** – Our Nursery is available for infants and children up to 3 years old (& not potty trained) during our worship services and other events.

**Prayer Chain** – If you are in need of prayer or would like to receive prayer chain updates, please e-mail [jasmine@mediapresbyterian.org](mailto:jasmine@mediapresbyterian.org).

**Prayer Cards** – Please complete a prayer card (available at the rear of the sanctuary) and drop it in the offering plate to notify a pastor or our Prayer Team of your needs. Anonymous requests are welcome.

**Attention Mothers of Infants** – The parlor at the back of the church is available for privacy during church services.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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The church office hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. During inclement weather please call to make sure staff is present before coming to the office.

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Sign up to receive our weekly digital newsletter by going to our website or by emailing the church office at [jasmine@mediapresbyterian.org](mailto:jasmine@mediapresbyterian.org).

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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Like and follow us on Facebook (Media Presbyterian Church), Instagram (@mediapresby) and Twitter (@mediapresby).

## ONLINE GIVING

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Easy, secure, and a whole lot more! Visit [MediaPresbyterian.org/GiveOnline](https://MediaPresbyterian.org/GiveOnline) to learn how to pay for your tithes & offerings and other ministry initiatives through our website.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE - December 2019 and year to date totals:

	Month as of <u>12/26/2019</u>	Giving <u>Total for 2019</u>	Giving Needed <u>YTD</u>	2019 <u>Budget</u>
Receipts:	107,653	858,978	867,000	884,000
Expenditures:	89,770	841,641		884,000
Receipts minus expenses:	\$17,883	\$17,337		

Thank you so much for your continued support of our ministries at  
Media Presbyterian Church.

### Deacons Fund:

Beginning balance in 2018	\$17,487
+ Received YTD	+\$10,560
- Spending for Benevolence	<u>-\$13,991</u>
Total Balance to Date	\$14,056

## Session Highlights: December 2019

\*can also be found at [MediaPresbyterian.org/Resources](http://MediaPresbyterian.org/Resources)

- Session approved the change of the Member Care Committee to the Fellowship Committee! The mission of the Fellowship Committee is to “Extend Christ-centered fellowship opportunities and activities to our congregation.”
- Pledges for 2020 are down 34% and planned contributions are down 19% when compared to the same time last year. Letters have gone out to 2019 contributors and congregants are encouraged to submit their planned giving so that Session and the Finance Committee can better plan for 2020!
- If you would like to make a contribution of a large item such as appliances please make certain to contact the church office first to determine if there is a need. There is no storage space at MPC so planned giving is strongly encouraged!
- MPC’s Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for Sunday February 23, 2020. The services will be combined after which the Business Meeting will occur.

# SUNDAYS AT MPC

## **Weekly Worship Schedule:**

Traditional Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

## **Nursery Care**

Available during services in the Nursery,  
located in the Children's wing.

## **Sunday School: During 9:30 a.m. Service**

PreK—5th grade start in the Sanctuary, then are invited to class.

## **BLOC: During 11:00 a.m. Service**

Building Lives On Christ  
PreK - 5th grade start in the Sanctuary, then are invited to class.

# CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

## **Family Nights:**

Join us in the Children's Room from 6-7:30pm each Wednesday evening, for songs, games, lessons, and fun! The final Wednesday each month is our Family Game Night. Come and enjoy time together as a family with snacks, drinks, games, and fun! We can't wait to see you!  
Email [Carrie@MediaPresbyterian.org](mailto:Carrie@MediaPresbyterian.org) for more information.

## **MS & HS Youth Group:**

Youth Group meets on Wednesdays at 6:30pm.  
Email [Sebastian@MediaPresbyterian.org](mailto:Sebastian@MediaPresbyterian.org) for more information

## **Teen Girls Bible Study:**

MPC Girls' Bible Study meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays each month.  
Questions? Contact Laura at [laura.kalemkarian@gmail.com](mailto:laura.kalemkarian@gmail.com)  
or Pam at [orrpl@verizon.net](mailto:orrpl@verizon.net).

# BIBLE STUDIES & FELLOWSHIP

## Bible Studies

**Tuesdays:** 6:30a.m. - Men's Bible Study in Hassler Chapel.

**Thursdays:** 7:00a.m. - Men's Bible Study at Court Diner.

**Thursdays:** 10:00a.m. - Women's Bible Study in Room 103

## Monthly Women's Fellowship:

2nd Tuesday/month at 7:00p.m.

contact Renee Erickson - reneeerickson7@gmail.com

## Older Adult Ministry with Pastor Nikki

Bible Study at White Horse Village: 3rd Wednesdays at 10am

Lunch at Lima Estates: 4th Thursdays at 12pm

## MOYC (Mother's Of Young Children)

MOYC meets three times a month for fellowship, service, and study. Our 1st Wednesdays are dedicated to POYC (Parents of Young Children), 2nd Wednesdays, are for service projects, and 3rd Wednesdays are for book and Bible studies.

If you would like to be on the MOYC e-mail list,  
please contact Pastor Nikki at nikki@mediapresbyterian.org.

## Women's Book Club: Monday, January 27th at 7 p.m.

The Women's Book Club will discuss "The Killers of the Flower Moon"  
by David Grann. We'll meet in room 103.

## Men's Book Club: Thursday, January 23rd at 7pm

The Men's Book Club will discuss "Beloved" by Toni Morrison.  
We'll meet in room 103.

## Community Dinners

**Next Dinner: January 12th at 6:00 p.m.**

Once a month, a free dinner meal is served to all who come. Come out and enjoy a warm plate of hearty food, cooked and served by the members of MPC.

## Media Food Bank—Fresh Produce Delivery

**Volunteer for pick-up & delivery!**

Serve with us as we pick up and deliver fresh produce to them. We're also in need of donations! Contact: Bill Desio - (610)715-4395 or BillAndKay@gmail.com.

## **TONY CAMPOLO GUEST PREACHING**

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### **Sunday, January 5th at 9:30am and 11:00am Services**

Acclaimed author, teacher, and preacher, Tony Campolo, will be our guest speaker at both services on Sunday, January 5th. This is sure to be a great time of worship and preaching, so we hope that you will spread the word and join us that day.

## **MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING**

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### **Tuesday, January 7th at 7pm**

The speaker this evening will be Douglas Awassi the founder and leader of Africa's Hope. While he will talk about this work he will focus on the work in Berekum, Ghana and the status of the Ann Bates Clinic. All are welcome to hear his 20 minute presentation and to take part in the discussion that follows. Anyone who has worked on the clinic or contributed towards it will be interested.

## **FAITH & FILM CLUB**

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### **Every 3rd Wednesday at 6pm, Beginning January 15th**

Looking for a small group to join? Do you like to talk about movies? Want to dive deep into their themes from a faith perspective? Faith and Film Club does for movies what a book club does for books. Watch a movie on your own, come talk about it. From the black and white classics to cutting edge contemporary cinema, no era or genre of film will be off limits. (R-rated movies are included, so this is an adults-only group.) On Wednesday January 15 at 6:00 p.m. in Hassler Chapel, we'll talk about the first selection: "A Serious Man" the 2009 film directed by Joel and Ethan Coen. Watch it on Netflix, or another means, and come ready to discuss your thoughts - Moments that made you think, laugh, gasp, squirm, eye-roll, or cheer. RSVP or send questions to Steve Beckley at [strybeck242@gmail.com](mailto:strybeck242@gmail.com).

## **COMPASSION CORPS BENEFIT CONCERT**

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**Saturday, January 18, 2020: 2-5pm**

Join us at the International Cultural Center, Lincoln University, 1570 Baltimore Pike, Lincoln University, PA 19352 for an amazing concert event featuring Lincoln University's Concert Choir, the L.U. Men's Ensemble, and the world-renowned Philadelphia Boys Choir and Chorale! In the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., unique opportunities for service to others in great need will be offered, as well! All proceeds will benefit the work of Compassion Corps including a new school project and ongoing sponsorship of students and orphan care in Liberia. Tickets are only \$15 and can be purchased at [www.CelebrateWithCompassion.com](http://www.CelebrateWithCompassion.com).

## **2020 GUESS WHO DINNER**

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**Saturday, January 25th, 2020**

This is an event where some MPC members sign up as hosts and others sign up as guests. The mystery is which guests will be assigned to which host home. The fun begins as everyone meets at the church for the appetizer portion and guest assignments are revealed. It's a great way to meet new people and make new connections within our church family. Mark your calendars now and start to think about if you would like to be a guest or a host. Look for a sign up sheet after the holidays.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*For the week of December 29, 2019*

## **Pray for members of our church family:**

- Kay DeSio: Kay is now home! Please keep praying for her as she continues to recover from recent surgery.
- Paula Fusello, Mother of Jeanne Cunningham: Please pray for Paula as she recently had to have a bowel resection and has been in the ICU. Paula is improving, but very slowly.
- Susan Craig, Mother of Robin Smith: Susan has started her follow up treatments for bladder cancer! This is extra exciting as she is now able to get them locally as the required medication was just released Monday in her county and she does not have to do the originally anticipated weekly four hour drive! Praise the Lord!
- The Medendorp & Henderson Families: Please pray for Melanie and Jake Medendorp, and Melanie's mother Diane on the sudden death of Melanie's Dad, William J. Henderson. Melanie and Jake are former members of the congregation.
- Carol Martin, sister of Jo Snead: Carol has returned home but is still battling some issues. Please pray for no more blood clots and strokes.
- Bill Campbell: continue to pray for him as he undergoes a treatment regime to attack his cancer.
- Sandy and Lou Flagiello: The Flagiello family is now staying in an apartment after tornado winds caused significant damage to their home. Continue to pray as their home will have to go through many repairs.
- Ed Graham: pray for him as he has gone on hospice care.
- Frank, brother-in-law of Chris Bosma: Frank's cancer has metastasized. Pray for comfort and peace.
- Ken Groff: continuing to recover from recent surgery.
- Christopher Row, son of Ruth Cook: Christopher has been diagnosed with a large frontal lobe brain tumor and recently had surgery. Pray for peace for the family and total healing for Christopher.
- Elnor Crago, the mother of Susan Young: Elnor is now transitioning into an apartment at Lima Estates. Pray for her during this transition.
- Nora Quade, Kate Meehan's sister-in-law: Nora's cancer has seemed to returned in her liver. She is in the process of getting scans and biopsies to determine if it has spread.



## Pray for friends of our church family:

- Brian, co-worker of Betty Blair: Brian has recently been diagnosed with liver and colon cancer.
- Amanda, friend of Jean Furey: Please pray for Amanda as she continues treatment for acute myeloid leukemia.
- The Meyer Family, friends of Rob Hancock: Joann Meyer suffered a brain aneurysm while running a 5k recently. She had emergency surgery and is hoping for a speedy and healthy recovery. Please pray for her and her family.
- Heather F.: currently battling cancer
- Patricia Nichol: recently had surgery for lumpectomy and a lymph node removed for testing to learn if the cancer has metastasized.
- Joshua T.: prayers for his continued struggle with substance abuse and anger.
- Spencer Mayers: He is in late-stage congestive heart failure and on dialysis, and recently had a foot and part of his leg removed. He has a wife and 4 daughters. Please keep all of them in prayer.
- Becca Noll, daughter of Carrie's friends from college: Becca has been diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. The treatment has given her diabetes and blood sugar problems on top of things. Please keep Becca and her family in prayer.
- Dan, Friend of Jim Gatch: Dan has a rare form of colon cancer. Pray for healing. Dan has two young children.

## THE PRAYER ROOM

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*The Prayer Room is available after the service, and always, for reflection. Maybe the Holy Spirit has spoken to you during the service; you can take a little time in the prayer room to let the message sink in before you go on about your life. There, too, you will find many books on the subject of prayer to give you new thoughts and approaches to that part of your devotional life.*

# WEEK OF DEC. 29, 2019 - JAN. 5, 2019

**Sunday 12/29**      8:30a.m.      Adult Small Group (Room 103)  
                         9:00a.m.      Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)  
                         10:00a.m.      One Worship Service & BLOC

**Monday 12/30**      11:30a.m.      Young Life Meeting (Room 102)

**Tuesday 12/31**      6:30a.m.      Men's Bible Study (Hassler Chapel)

**Weds 1/1**            *Happy New Year!*  
                         *Church Office Closed*

**Thursday 1/2**      7:00a.m.      Men's Bible Study (Court Diner)  
                         10:00a.m.      Women's Bible Study (Room 103)  
                         5:30p.m.      Professional Counselor Room Use (Room 102)  
                         6:30p.m.      MPC Ringers Practice (Sanctuary)  
                         7:00p.m.      Yoga (Room 206)  
                         7:30p.m.      Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

**Friday 1/3**            *Nothing on schedule...*

**Saturday 1/4**      9:00a.m.      Blue Route Vineyard Small Group (Youth Room)  
                         7:00p.m.      Narcotics Anonymous (Dale Hall)

**Sunday 1/5**        8:30a.m.      Adult Small Group (Room 103)  
                         8:30a.m.      Sunday School Teacher Breakfast (Room 102)  
                         9:00a.m.      Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)  
                         9:30a.m.      Traditional Worship Service & Sunday School  
                         11:00a.m.      Contemporary Worship Service & BLOC

# SESSION

Moderator:  
Rev. Jonathan Fettig

Teaching Elder:  
Rev. Nikki Passante

Clerk of Session:  
Steve Cavicchia

<b>Elders 2020</b>	<b>Elders 2021</b>	<b>Elders 2022</b>
Dee Casner	Steve Buxton	Sheila Chellappa
Jean Furey	Rachel Cavicchia	Derek Donegan
Tom Palmer	Joe Hare	Paul Tutton
Robin Smith	Susan Kassab	Connie Hughes
	Janis Richards	Jeanne Menaldino
	Karen Sanford	Don Naismith

# DEACONS

<b>Deacons 2020</b>	<b>Deacons 2021</b>	<b>Deacons 2022</b>
Susan Howe	Drew Layton	Maria Crann
Brian McLaughlin	Dana Shaffer	Jim Gatch
John Wood	Elaine Fetterman	Jill Lardon
Renee Erickson	Steve Menaldino	Robin Kauffman
Bill Desio	Lynne McCone	Peter Matson
Cindy McPeak	Julie Havel	Doug Crosby
Jessica Johnson		

 <p><i>Christ caring for people through people</i></p> <p><b>STEPHEN MINISTRY</b></p>	<b>Stephen Ministry Leaders 2019</b>	<b>Stephen Ministers 2019</b>
	Rev. Nikki Passante	Luann Crosby
	Peg Cunningham	Doug Crosby
	Andrew Kalemkarian	Kathryn Belville
	Becky Bailey	Dale Snead

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