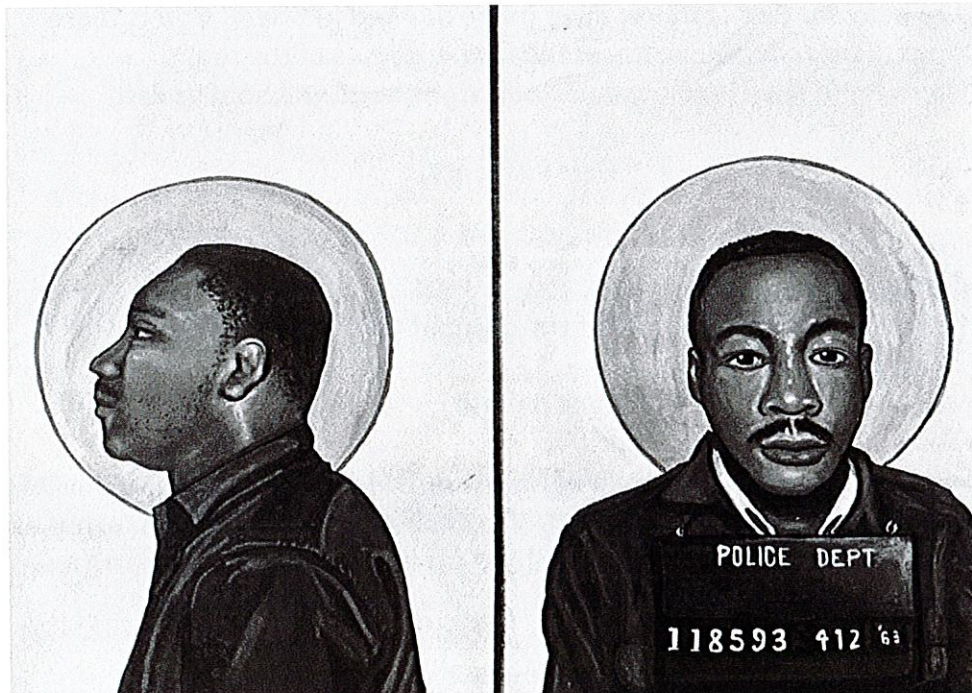




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January 14, 2024 • 2nd Sunday after Epiphany • 8:15 & 11am

Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church is a marvelous mixture of God's people. We are strong and weak, sad and joyful, faithful and sinful, graced and searching, young and old, married, single, divorced and widowed. Regardless of who we are, we need one another and we need to celebrate Jesus Christ who lives within us. We're glad you're here!



"Martin Luther King, Jr." | from *Art in the Christian Tradition*
| Kelly Latimore | Kelly Latimore Icons

Gathering Around the Word

We gather knowing God is with us.

Quiet Meditation

A true revolution of values will soon cause us to question the fairness and justice of many of our past and present policies. On the one hand, we are called to play the Good Samaritan on life's roadside, but that will be only an initial act. One day we must come to see that the whole Jericho road must be transformed so that men and women will not be constantly beaten and robbed as they make their journey on life's highway. ~ Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "We as a Nation Must Undergo a Radical Revolution of Values," 1967.

My Dear Fellow Clergy:

I am in Birmingham because injustice is here. Just as the prophets of the eighth century B.C. left their villages and carried their "thus saith the Lord" far beyond the boundaries of their home towns, and just as the Apostle Paul left his village of Tarsus and carried the gospel of Jesus Christ to the far corners of the Greco Roman world, so am I compelled to carry the gospel of freedom beyond my own home town. ~ Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., *Letter from the Birmingham Jail*, April 16, 1963.

Prelude

Come Sunday

Duke Ellington

*Several music selections were chosen today to honor
the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and others at the forefront of the Civil Rights Movement*

Welcome

Introit #414

Be Still and Know

Psalm 46

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

***Call to Worship**

based on Psalm 139:7-10

Where can we go from God's spirit?

If we ascend to heaven, God is there; if we make our bed in Sheol, God is there.

If we take the wings of morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

Even there God's hand shall lead us, and God's right hand will hold us fast.

***Hymn #69**

Here I am Lord

Schutte

***Prayer of Confession**

Why do we confess our sin?

Because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

But why do we do this together?

Because we are a community, a covenant people.

Then, let us confess our sin.

Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our sins even before we confess. Your knowledge is wonderful, but also challenging. We'd much rather avoid painful truths and deny our role in wrongdoing. Help us face our failings so we can move forward in truth... (time of silent confession).

***Assurance of Pardon**

*We pour the water into the baptismal font to symbolize the faithfulness of God and the washing away of sin.
Remember your baptism!*

***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 #701

Sanctuary

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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

First Lesson

John 1:43-46

NT pg. 92

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

Anthem

Set Down Servant
MPC Chancel Choir

Roger Emerson

Second Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1-10

OT pg. 247

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

Sermon

Prophet Margins

Rev. Kathryn Z. Johnston

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

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 #339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift Every Voice

Declaration of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Response: In your mercy Lord, hear our 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 & Gifts

Offertory

Adoration

Florence Price

*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!

*Prayer of Dedication

Bearing & Following the Word

We declare the Word of God throughout the week.

*Hymn #66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Pentecost

*Charge & Benediction

Response #722, v. 1

Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak

Canonbury

***Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.***

Postlude

The Promised Land

African American Spiritual

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

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

Cathay Snyder and Pastor Emily are with the D.C. Serving and Learning Trip today. Pastor Emily will return to the office on 1/16. Cathay will be attending the PCUSA's first Matthew 25 Summit in Atlanta, 1/16-18.

JOIN US IN THE THOUGHTFUL CHRISTIAN CLASS

1/21 – Malpezzi Funeral Home will be our guest next Sunday. They will walk us through the how-to's of preplanning a funeral.

1/28 – Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley, our Ministry Relations Officer at the Presbyterian Foundation, will "Continue Our Story," a workshop discussing how to discern your legacy, and make a planned gift to continue your ministry here.

Courageous Conversations – January 21st

Join us on **January 21st from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm** for our new, inter-congregational education series where we will explore topics related to our Christian faith. MPC will host the first conversation on the topic of food insecurity in Central PA. You are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food donation for the Central Pennsylvania food bank (no glass or home-canned items), and a friend!

Soul Journey – Wednesdays at 2pm

Soul Journey is an opportunity to expand our understanding of the spiritual paths we follow. There will be five sessions held in the MPC Library: 1/17, 1/31, 2/7, 2/21, 3/6. Each session will build upon the previous one. To register, send your name to esutphin@mechpresby.org

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
Denise Smith (8:15), Pat Berkheimer (11) – Readers

Ministers

All members of the congregation

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Associate Pastor Rev. Emily D. Sutphin (she/her) esutphin@mechpresby.org
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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**

1/14/2024

**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**

**February 4: 9:30 Sunday School; 10:30am Worship**

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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. All gender restrooms are located through the front right Sanctuary door, down the hallway and to 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** | Library  
 Bible study currently looking at the Book of Esther  
**Thoughtful Christian** | Upper Fellowship Hall  
 Short-term studies focused on current events & issues.

## CONNECT

**Tuesday Nights @ MPC | UFH | 1st & 3rd Tuesdays**  
**Next one: TUESDAY! | 5:30pm Dinner**

ALL ages are invited for dinner, fellowship, and activities. We gather in Upper Fellowship Hall and go from there. **CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL AT 6PM.**

Our guest on 1/16 will be Nancy Flint sharing about the work being done at Mission at the Eastward (M.A.T.E.) and our upcoming trip there with Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, July 20-26.

**Dinner & a Movie | UFH | FRIDAY, January 19th @ 5:30pm**

As part of our Matthew 25 focus of dismantling structural racism, we will be watching *Do the Right Thing*. Viewer discretion is advised. Please see the newsletter for more details.

## LEARN! CRAFT! EAT!

**Friday, Feb. 9 | 5-8pm**

learning, crafting, dinner, and fun for kids from preschool through fifth grade. Adults, this is a great time for an Adults' Night Out! The suggested donation is \$5 p/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 wel-

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

**1/12-14 | Serving and Learning Trip | Washington D.C.**

**1/28 | 4th @ 304 | 6pm-7:30 | M&S Center**

**2/4 | Baked Potato Brunch Fundraiser | 9:30am | UFH**

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

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

## January 14 - January 21, 2024

|           |          |                           |
|-----------|----------|---------------------------|
| Sunday    | 8:15 AM  | Sunday Worship Service    |
|           | 9:35 AM  | Sunday School             |
|           | 11:00 AM | Sunday Worship Service    |
| Monday    | 8:30 PM  | Alcoholics Anon, LFH      |
|           |          | Church Office Closed      |
|           |          | Playful Beginnings Closed |
| Tuesday   | 5:30 PM  | Tuesday Night @ MPC       |
| Wednesday | 2:00 PM  | Soul Journey, Library     |
|           | 3:30 PM  | B.O.W., M&S Center        |
|           | 5:30 PM  | Bells, Sanctuary          |
|           | 7:00 PM  | Choir, Choir Room         |
| Thursday  | 12:00 PM | Pastor's Bible Study      |
|           | 7:00 PM  | Word - N - Wine, Zoom     |
| Friday    | 6:15 AM  | Men's Fellowship, PWCR    |
|           | 5:30 PM  | CESJ Movie Night, UFH     |
| Saturday  |          |                           |
| Sunday    | 8:15 AM  | Sunday Worship Service    |
|           | 9:35 AM  | Sunday School             |
|           | 11:00 AM | Sunday Worship Service    |
|           | 3:45 PM  | Boy Scouts, LFH           |
|           | 6:30 PM  | Courageous Conversations  |

## VALENTINE'S DANCE

**Saturday, Feb. 10 | 7-8:30pm**

No experience necessary, lessons provided! We will learn easy square dance, line dances, and choreographed ballroom dances. All are welcome; singles, couples, and families of all ages! There is no charge to attend, but a free will offering will be taken. Suggested donation is \$5 a person or \$10 per family.



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