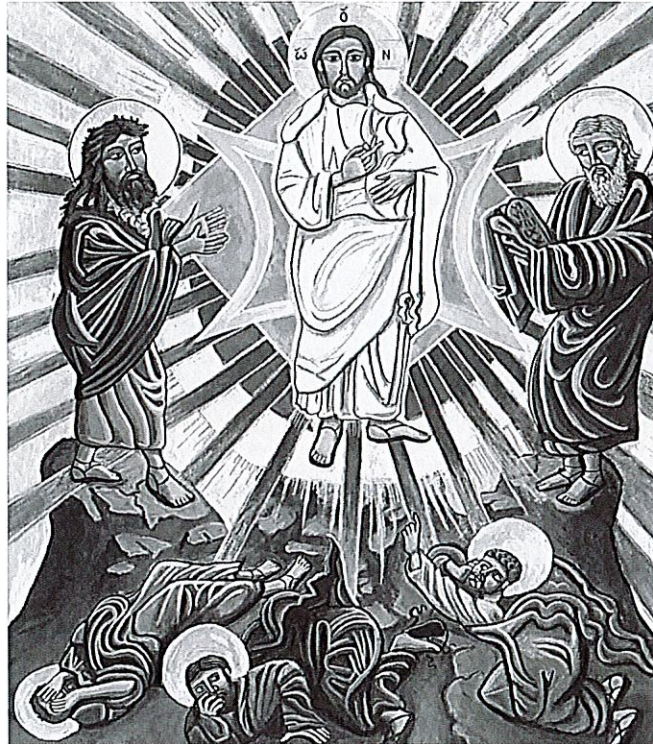




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February 11, 2024 • Transfiguration Sunday • 8:15 & 11:00am

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!



"Transfiguration" | from *Art in the Christian Tradition*
| Kelly Latimore | Kelly Latimore Icons

Gathering Around the Word

We gather knowing God is with us.

Quiet Meditation

"We are each made for goodness, love and compassion. Our lives are transformed as much as the world is when we live with these truths [...] we are God's partners in a love and justice that includes all [...] your ordinary acts of love and hope point to the extraordinary promise that every human life is of inestimable value." ~ Archbishop Desmond Tutu, "Made for Goodness," January 12, 2012

Prelude

Andante in D Major

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome

Boy Scout Sunday (11am)

***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 50

God calls to all the earth from the sunrise to sunset.

Every time we encounter beauty, God's perfection shines forth, calling to us.

God's radiance is like a devouring fire, burning away our doubts.

The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God is Creator, Redeemer, and Judge.

We give thanks for God's great mercy.

We offer our thanks as a holy sacrifice of praise to our God.

***Hymn #630**

Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusaders' Hymn

***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.

Almighty God, when we encounter beauty and love and wonder in the world, so often we seek to control it, to contain it. Forgive us for all the ways we seek to pull things under our power, for the ways we fashion the world and put ourselves first. We are selfish, God. We push aside your command to love one another fully and without condition. Heavenly parent, we take this quiet moment as a sacred opportunity to acknowledge our lies, our denial, and our sin, laying bare our hearts and minds before you now... (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.

***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

Exodus 24:12-18

OT pg. 70

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

Anthem

The Never Ending Song of Praise

Ed Harris

MPC Chancel Choir

Second Lesson

Mark 9:2-9

NT pg. 44

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

Sermon

Prophet Margins

Rev. Emily D. Sutphin

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 #721

Lord You Have Come

Pescador de Hombres

*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

Sonata in Bb, II

Felix Mendelssohn, Op. 65

*Prayer of Dedication

*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!

Bearing & Following the Word

We declare the Word of God throughout the week.

*Hymn #192

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Kendrick

*Charge & Benediction

Response #722, v. 5

Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak

Canonbury

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where.

Until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D Major

Henry Purcell

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.

JOIN US IN THE THOUGHTFUL CHRISTIAN CLASS

Today! – 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. Monetary donations will also be accepted to go toward the processing fee cost. Donations can be dropped off to Pastor Emily throughout the week or brought to the Thoughtful Christian class.

2/18 – The Thoughtful Christian class will begin its study and reflection on the Belhar Confession, using *Lenten Reflections on the Confession of Belhar*. These devotionals will take us daily through Lent as well as allow us to study and discuss how we are called to act through this Confession on Sunday mornings. Contact Cathay Snyder if interested in purchasing this book (\$10).

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 TODAY! 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!

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
Matthew Stern, Amy Zullo (8:15) Lauren Litchy, Logan Litchy, Kellen Litchy,
Boy Scout Troop 80 (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
Church Administrator Angela J. Weir (she/her) aweir@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**

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

2/11/2024

**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**

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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 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:

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

We will be discussing Chapters 4-5 of *The Color of Compromise* covering the antebellum years after the American Revolution and the onset of the Civil War. Contact Cathay Snyder for more information

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

**Next one: Tuesday, February 20 | 5:30pm Dinner**

ALL ages are invited for dinner, fellowship, and activities. We gather in Upper Fellowship Hall. Cathay will share an overview of the inaugural Matthew 25 Summit she recently attended.

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

**Dinner & a Movie Night**

**UFH | Friday, February 23 | 5:30pm Dinner|**

Come join us for dinner and a movie! Dinner will be ready in 5:30pm, movie will begin at 6:00. Our movie will be *Ruby Bridges*, it is good for the whole family! Questions? Contact Cathay Snyder.

### 6th—12th Grade Events

***Friends Are Always Welcome!***

**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!**

**3/24|4th @ 304| 6pm-7:30| M&S Center**

### February 11 - February 18, 2024

|                                        |          |                                             |
|----------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------|
| 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/<br>Boy Scout Sunday |
| Monday                                 | 7:00 PM  | Committee Night                             |
|                                        | 8:30 PM  | Alcoholics Anon, LFH                        |
| Tuesday                                | 7:00 PM  | Race & the Church, PWCR                     |
| Wednesday                              | 3:00 PM  | Ash Wednesday Worship Service               |
|                                        | 3:30 PM  | B.O.W., M&S Center                          |
|                                        | 7:30 PM  | Ash Wednesday Worship Service               |
| Thursday                               | 12:00 PM | Pastor's Bible Study                        |
|                                        | 7:00 PM  | Word & Wine, Zoom                           |
| Friday                                 | 6:15 AM  | Men's Fellowship, PWCR                      |
| Saturday                               |          |                                             |
| Sunday                                 | 8:15 AM  | Sunday Worship Service                      |
|                                        | 9:20 AM  | Joyful Noise Choir                          |
|                                        | 9:35 AM  | Sunday School                               |
|                                        | 11:00 AM | Sunday Worship Service                      |
|                                        | 3:45 PM  | Boy Scouts, LFH                             |

### ***A Different Kind of Fast***

**PWCR | Sundays during Lent | 9:30am |**

**Next one: Sunday, February 18**

Join Rebecca Langer for a discussion on Sunday mornings during Lent. We will be using a book by a former student of Rebecca's, Christine Valtner Paintern's *A Different Kind of Fast: Feeding Our True Hungers in Lent* and will begin reading the book on the first day of Lent (Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14) and then the Sundays leading up to Easter. Sign up with Cathay Snyder and let her know if you would like a copy of the book (\$10).

### 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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