

Worship Leaders and Staff

Senior Pastor	Rev. Matthew W. Schramm
Associate Pastor	Rev. Michael C.T. Ludwig
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Director of Communications	Sheryl Hnizda
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Audio Visual Ministry Team	Pat Hnizda, Clint & Garrett Shephard, Tony Lewis, George Widiger, Zach Ludwig
Service Hosts	Andy Leonard, The Curtis Family, Ann Rothman
Greeter	Barb Stuart

Announcements

We welcome friends to coffee, cookies, and fellowship in Mayton Hall after worship.

To create a smartphone shortcut to our live stream, go to mempres.org/live-streaming. Scroll to the bottom of the webpage and you will see short instructional videos for an Android device and an iPhone.

Children's worship bags: Red is for pre-readers. Blue is for readers.

Nursery care is available on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for children newborn to age three. The nursery is staffed by Lori Wirtz and Jen Dockum.

Give Online! Point your phone's camera at the QR code to the right and click the link to go directly to MPC's online giving portal. There are also drop boxes near the entrance to the Sanctuary. Thank you for sharing your blessings!



Hearing Assistance for the 10:45 Worship Service: If you wear a hearing aid with telecoil (T-coil), you can hear the 10:45 worship service directly through your device. We have a strong signal via loop technology. When you are in the sanctuary, tune your aid to channel A and you should hear it immediately. Once you set it up, you should automatically receive the audio signal any time you enter the sanctuary. If you don't know if your hearing aid has T-coil, speak to your audiologist. If you have trouble with the setting, stop by the audio visual room (next to the chancel) and someone will help you.

Confirmation Sunday

We recognize the members of the Youth Confirmation Class:

Sophie Blewett
Jacob Curtis
Henry Potts
Laken Reynolds
Brooklyn Shephard

We welcome those uniting with us in worship and service by Profession of Faith.

We invite friends to a reception and display of the confirmands' Faith Projects in Mayton Hall following the 10:45 a.m. service.



Changing the World: Acts & the Early Church



Welcome
Memorial Presbyterian Church
Sunday Worship Service
April 28th, 2024
10:45 a.m.

1310 Ashman St.
Midland, MI 48640
989.835.6759
www.mempres.org

We Gather

PRELUDE "May Jesus Christ be Praised" arr. Wertzyn
Dr. Adrienne Wiley

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16, 23)

Leader: God's Spirit dwells in us,

People: for we are God's temple.

Leader: We belong to Christ,

People: and Christ belongs to God.

All: Praise the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE #667

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

LAUDES DOMINI

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. By what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI (#581)

GREATOREX

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*CALL TO THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

TWO-COINS-A-MEAL

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL

"He's Got The Whole World In His Hands"

On the last Sunday of the month, children carry yellow buckets down the aisle, collecting coins from the congregation for our hunger relief programs.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

1. He's got the whole world in his hands,
2. He's got the sun and the moon in his hands,
3. He's got the wind and the rain in his hands,
4. He's got everybody here in his hands,

**All who are able may stand to praise God.*

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN - 'BELONG'

Following the Word with Children, those from Preschool to grade five enjoy a Bible story, songs, and activities. If you are new, please come with us to fill out a form so we know a bit about your child. Pick up is in Room 116, down the hall from the lobby. If you would like more info about Children's Ministry, or to volunteer, contact Kindra Silk Kreislers at children@mempres.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Proclaim God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 18:1-11 (NT Pg. 138)

ANTHEM

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Pelz

Chancel Choir & Helen Myers, *flute*

The king of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid, home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth.

And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness failed never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (NT Pg. 166)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Reverend Matthew W. Schramm

We Respond

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #822

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

"When We Are Living"

RECEPTION OF CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

PRESENTATION AND MENTOR RECOGNITION

Mentors for the 2024 Confirmation Class are: Karen Dastick, Patrick Hnizda, Andy Leonard, Mark Maxwell, & Mara Stewart

PROFESSION OF FAITH & QUESTIONS TO THE NEW MEMBERS

APOSTLES' CREED (IN UNISON):

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 at 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. Amen.

PRAYER AND THE LAYING OF HANDS

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

WELCOME AND PRESENTATIONS

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"Elegie"
Dr. Adrienne Wiley

Chaminade

*DOXOLOGY

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 (IN UNISON)

All: Almighty God, we are not our own; we belong to you. As we offer back to you what you have first given us, let it be a sign of our commitment to serve you in our lives, our families, and our far-stretching communities. Receive these gifts from us and use them to bring life and hope to many, in Jesus' name. Amen.

We Go Into the World

*HYMN #697

"Take My Life"

HENDON

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

"Hail the Dawn"
Dr. Adrienne Wiley

Mawby