

Worship Leaders and Staff

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Service Hosts	Dave & Liz Neithamer, Steve & Tracy Perry
Greeter	Cyndi Breault, Bob & Janet Johnson

Announcements

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

Members of the church have requested that the Church Office issue the following reminder: Please remember that excessive perfumes and colognes can aggravate allergies and sensitivities for those with breathing problems. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

"Make a joyful
noise to the Lord,
all the earth."

-Psalm 98:4a

Redeeming God, thank
you that all creation
sings your praise. Help
me love others so that
they, too, sing your
praise. Amen.

Grab your copy of
These Days:
Daily Devotions for
Living by Faith
in the Allen St. Lobby

Changing the World:
Acts & the Early Church



Welcome

Memorial Presbyterian Church
Sunday Worship Service
May 5th, 2024
10:45 a.m.

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

We Gather

PRELUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" setting by Burkhardt
Dr. Adrienne Wiley

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (FROM 1 JOHN 4:7-13)

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;

People: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Leader: No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another,

People: God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us.

All: We abide in God's love as we worship the One who loved us first!

***OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE #643** NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
"Now Thank We All Our God"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God, you have blessed us with our lives, and all that we need to thrive. And yet we disrespect you, others, and ourselves when we take your gifts for granted and allow our lives to fall out of balance. We want what we don't have. We seek credit for ourselves and discredit others. We dishonor your name. Please forgive our careless neglect and lack of gratitude, for the sake of your son Jesus.

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

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WORD WITH THE CHILDREN - 'GOAT'

If you are here with a child who has not attended the children's Sunday School program during worship, please join us to fill out a registration form. Due to Communion Sunday, Sunday School is offered for Level 1 (age 3-1st Grade) with pick up in room 116, 2nd through 5th graders are invited to return to their seats and participate in communion. 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31:31-34 (OT Pg. 735)

ANTHEM "The Greatest of These Is Love" Page
Chancel Choir & Raymond Chai, *Violin*

*Though I speak with tongues of men and of angels and have not love,
I become as clanging brass.*

*Though I have the faith to move mighty mountains and have not love,
I am nothing.*

*Love is patient, love is kind, never jealous, never rude,
never selfish, never proud, but rejoices in the truth.*

*Love bears all things, believes all things,
hopes in all things, love endures all things.*

*Love never fails, the perfect will never fall;
but prophecies will fail, tongues will cease,*

all knowledge will vanish away.

Three things remain: faith, hope, love.

But the greatest is love, God's perfect love.

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NT Pg. 175)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Reverend Matthew W. Schramm

We Respond

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #693** GIFT OF LOVE
"Though I May Speak"

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Give Thanks" arr. Patricia Sanders Cota
Bells of Praise

***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.***

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (IN UNISON)

All: Lord Jesus Christ, no offering can equal your own, when you gave yourself completely on our behalf. But still we bring you the gratitude of our hearts, seeking always to know you more and pattern our lives after yours. Bless what we offer and direct our service in your name, Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The communion bread is gluten, dairy, and nut free. 100% juice is served.

THE INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION & COMMUNION

PRAYER

We Go Into the World

***HYMN #372** "O for a World" AZMON

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

***POSTLUDE** "Fanfare" Callahan
Dr. Adrienne Wiley



Next Week:
May 12, 2024 | 1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57
The Reverend Matthew W. Schramm