

## Notes about Worship at MPC

Welcome! We are so glad you are here. For those who are visiting MPC, please stop by and introduce yourself to our pastor, Courtney Pittman, or to one of the ushers. We want to celebrate your presence! We know there are a lot of demands on your time, so we are thrilled that you have chosen to spend your Sunday morning at MPC!

**Children's Church**—Children age 4 and up are invited to join our leaders for fun and faith in Children's Church located in the fellowship building following Let the Children Come. Pick up is immediately following the service in the fellowship hall. There is a nursery available for children under 4.

**Stewardship**—Should you feel called to give today, ushers will be passing around the offering plates during the Invitation to Generosity. Giving is also available online at <https://madisonpresbyterian.church/generosity>.

**Language**—The words we use are important! So often we go into “autopilot” during worship and we miss the meaning of the words we say each Sunday. In an effort to be more conscious of the language we use during worship, some words in our liturgy will change monthly; but please know that you may pray in whatever way you feel comfortable. We are family here!

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary this morning to the glory of God by Kirby and Jill Murdoch and in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary.

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## Coming Up in the Life of the Church

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study:** The Bible—it's one of the most influential books in human history. It explores the big questions of why we exist. It's inspired many people to do amazing things...and it has confused many others. And you've probably got at least one Bible sitting around somewhere. Many of us have read the Bible or heard parts of the Bible read all of our lives...but what is it exactly and where did it come from? Join the Wednesday morning Bible Study as we learn about the Bible—the different literary styles, the plot, the characters, and how it all fits together to tell one big unified story. This is for everyone who wants to know more about how to read the Bible and get the most out of it. Beginners and more experienced readers will find a deeper level of appreciation and understanding of this most powerful and life-changing book. Each Wednesday, **10:00 am—11:30 am in the church library**. Come and bring a friend.

**VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!! VBS will be held June 10—14.** All children ages rising PreK through rising 5th grade are welcome! See this week's Weekly Word to register. Planning is well underway, and we're seeking volunteers.—both adults and youth (rising 6th grade and older)! VBS isn't possible without our volunteers, and we thank you in advance for the gift of your time. We are also requesting decorating items: blue fabric, blue and green streamers, blue plastic tablecloths; any scuba/snorkeling gear (labeled with name); any fishing gear/nets, fishing line; clear trash bags/can liners; brown craft paper; any color spray paint; cardboard boxes of any size; cans of spray foam; pool noodles. Questions? Contact Mary Ann Orr—[maryannorr3@gmail.com](mailto:maryannorr3@gmail.com).

**Theology on Tap:** Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 30 for our first Young Adult “Theology on Tap” event. Childcare (and kid's dinner) provided at MPC! We'll gather at 6:30 pm at the church to settle the kids in for dinner, a movie and some fun. Adults will walk to Ricardo's to enjoy an evening of fellowship together and walk back to MPC to end the evening by 8:30 pm. RSVP by 5/25 is required for childcare. Be on the lookout for an official evite, and reach out to [maryannorr3@gmail.com](mailto:maryannorr3@gmail.com) with any questions. Hope to see you there!!

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## Opportunities for Outreach and Mission

**May Ministry Bags:** The emphasis for May will be Camp Twin Lakes. We will have a family workday at the Rutledge location on May 18 at 9:00 am. The workday is for families with children 6 years and older as well as adults. It is time to get the two camp campuses all spruced up. Volunteers will have a staff person to guide them. Arrive at 9:00 am and you will be done by noon. Please contact Susan McCullar at [srmac49@gmail.com](mailto:srmac49@gmail.com) or 678-907-0771. The Camp has an Amazon Wish List that members can check and choose items to donate. (Use this link to access the Amazon Wish List: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/11JPN3A9AUSNM?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/11JPN3A9AUSNM?ref_=wl_share).) Some of the items on the list include: watercolor paint kits with brushes; playing cards (standard and jumbo size); small elastic ponytail holders multicolored; small metal hairclips (multi color and designs); swimming pool diving toys; pipe cleaners multicolor; Crayola broad line markers.

Sunday, May 19, 2024

11:00 AM

Pentecost/Graduation Sunday



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## Gathering as God’s Beloved

### Gathering Music

#### Chiming of the Hour

#### Prelude (Hymn #283)

*Wa Wa Wa Emimimo (Come, Holy Spirit, Come)*

#### Welcome

#### \*Call to Worship

Rev. Adrian White/A Sanctified Art LLC/sanctifiedart.org

As we gather together in this place, let us strain our ears to hear the rush of wind, the crackle pop of fire.

**We listen for your call, God of spirit and flame. We take our place in your unfolding creation.**

Rejoice, for God’s spirit flows among us! Rejoice, for today the church embraces transformation.

**In the midst of rebirth, we join our voices in praise! Let us worship God.**

#### \*Hymn 66

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

#### \*Confessing Together

Rev. Adrian White/A Sanctified Art LLC/sanctifiedart.org

**God, you invite us to wonder. We confess that we find more comfort in the mundane. We lean into the familiar and treat the amazing as suspicious or even threatening. We long for a routine to keep us safe from pain, and we’re willing to give up joy in exchange. Reshape our hearts for possibility, O God. Awaken our senses to your wondrous work in the world, and give us the courage and will to follow you....** *(We continue in silence...)* **Amen.**

#### \*Assurance of God’s Love

The psalmist writes, “O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. When you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.” It is through this same creative, renewing Spirit that we experience God’s grace. We give thanks as a renewed, forgiven people! Church, we are forgiven. **We are free to try again. Alleluia. Amen.**

#### \*Response to God’s Grace (Hymn 648)

**Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

#### \*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

**And also with you!**

#### Presentation of Quilts

## Proclaiming the Word

#### Let the Children Come!

#### Prayer for God’s Wisdom

Gianna Zappa and Orion Grace Rooks

#### First Reading: Genesis 11:1-9

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

#### Anthem

*Fill A Me Up*

Peter Choplin

#### Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

#### Breath, Fire, Wind, Womb: Reflections on the Holy Spirit

Rachel Held Evans

## Responding to the Word

#### \*Hymn 275

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

#### \*Affirming our Faith

adapted from “Our World Belongs to God”

**At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was given to the church. In pouring God’s Spirit on many people, God overcomes divisions; now people from every tongue, tribe, and nation are gathered into the unity of the body of Christ. Jesus stays with us in the Spirit, who renews our hearts, moves us to faith, leads us in the truth, stands by us in our needs and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant. The Spirit thrusts God’s people into worldwide mission. God impels young and old, men and women, to go next door and far away with the good news of God’s grace. The Spirit goes before them and with them, convincing the world of sin and pleading the cause of Christ. The Spirit’s gifts are here to stay in rich variety—fitting responses to timely needs. We thankfully see each other as gifted members of the fellowship which delights in the creative Spirit’s work. God gives more than enough to each believer for God’s praise and our neighbor’s welfare. Praise be to God.**

#### Prayers of the People

**Our Creator 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.**

#### Invitation to Generosity

#### Offertory

#### \*Response (Hymn 609)

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 Gratitude

## Being the Church in the World

#### \*Hymn 839

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

#### \*Charge and Blessing

Go forth now as Pentecost people, filled with the Spirit, dreaming dreams, and seeing visions of God’s possibilities.

**We go forth, knowing we are beloved and blessed by a God who never leaves us alone.**

Go, to be surprised by the Spirit in all that you do and everywhere that you go.

**We go, claiming our identity as Pentecost people—people of wind and fire, dreams and visions, people filled with that most amazing and transforming Spirit. Amen.**

#### Postlude

\*Please stand in body or in spirit

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### Serving in Worship

Rev. Courtney Pittman—Senior Pastor

Karisa Seymour—Music Director

Meghan Shafer—Accompanist

Jake Carlson—Special Musician

Harrison Buck—Special Musician

Colby Paschal—Special Musician

Claiborne Hardeman—Liturgist

Tommy and Jenny Arthur—Quilt Presentation

Auja Stearns—Acolyte

Tommy Arthur—Communications Technologist