MEADOWCROFT Presbyterian Church (PCA)



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HISTORY

Our congregation has enjoyed a rich history of experiencing the grace of God, stretching back to our first meeting as a Bible-teaching Sunday School for the Brinton Lake area in 1939. After ten years of meeting in various locations (including a barn, a home, a church, and an ice cream stand), we eventually became Bible Presbyterian Church of Concordville. In those early years, we were pastored by Paul Gilchrist (who later became Stated Clerk of the PCA General Assembly) and Carl Grayson, under whom the congregation moved to the Cheyney area. The church was renamed Covenant Presbyterian, and eventually joined the PCA in 1982 along with many other churches in our former denomination, the RPCES.

Under Pastor Dan Kiehl, our current historic barn property was purchased (2002) and our name was changed to Meadowcroft Presbyterian. After brief stints worshiping at a school in Garnet Valley and at Cheyney University, in 2008 we finally received the building permit to renovate the barn. We began transitioning into the building in 2010. Our Pastor Kiehl later took a call in State College, PA, and Scott Johnston stepped in joyfully as our Interim Pastor for a time.

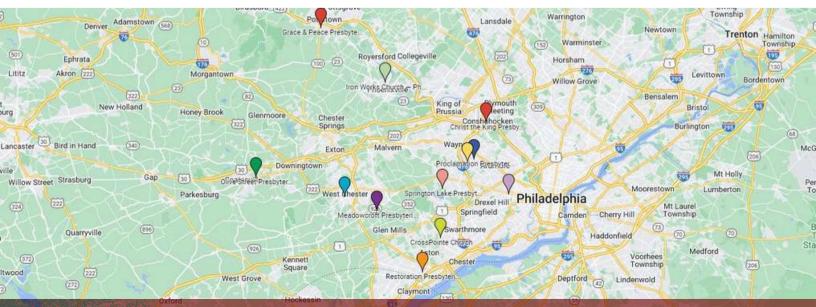
We welcomed our present pastor, Max Benfer, in 2013. Max has served faithfully during our church's season of recent growth. Through the Lord's grace and direction, this growth period has involved increased engagement with internal and external ministries, and expanded support of missions. We also enjoyed the staff tenure of our Associate Pastor Jeff Rendell, who remains in the role as a volunteer.

The 2020 pandemic pushed us to worship virtually and, at times, also in our outdoor acreage, and proved a significant season of change as some families left and many more began to arrive. We now enjoy a swiftly expanding congregation and ample ministries looking to expand their service in the Lord.



ABOUT OUR PRESBYTERY (PHILADELPHIA METRO WEST)

MPC is grateful to enjoy the fellowship of the Philadelphia Metro West Presbytery (<u>https://philawest.org/</u>), comprising 13 PCA congregations stretching from Harleysville and Pottsville south to the Delaware border (see map below for general locations). Our nearest neighbors include Iron Works Church and Springton Lake Presbyterian. As we are sandwiched between rural PA and downtown Philadelphia, our worshippers come from many walks of life. Our churches pray for each other, share their needs and challenges, and serve on presbytery and regional committees together. Metro West also hosts a yearly spring retreat for middle and high school students in the presbytery to worship, adventure, and learn together. Called the "Ultimate Retreat", pastors, elders, and musicians from our churches come together to serve our kids and the Lord over a full weekend (in 2024, at NorthBay Adventure Camp on the Chesapeake).





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DISTINCTIVES

The Bible, understood as the Word of God revealing the history of Christ's redemptive work throughout the Old and New Testament, is principal to MPC. We look for and see Christ everywhere in Scripture, and His redemptive work is clearly preached each Sunday from Genesis to Revelation. We are nourished and equipped by this faithful declaration of the gospel and reminders of God's covenants with His people. Our focus on expositional preaching encourages us to fulfill the mandate our Lord and Savior commanded: to declare the good news of the gospel, to baptize, and to teach those who become part of the church.

As a member of the Presbyterian Church of America we joyfully perform baptisms for adults and covenant children, and celebrate the Lord's Supper monthly. We subscribe to the Westminster Standards as a faithful summary of Scripture. Further, we also affirm and weekly confess the ancient Christian creeds (Athanasian, Nicene, and Apostles creeds) as well as other reformation creeds (Belgic Confession, Heidelberg Catechism, Second Helvetic Confession and the Canons of Dordt).

We value the faithful exegesis of Scripture from the pulpit, and typically preach through the Bible one book at a time, usually alternating between the Old and New Testaments. In recent years we have used the summer to preach from Proverbs and Psalms.



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SUNDAY MORNINGS

OVERVIEW

As a less programmatic church, MPC looks to Sunday morning as the center of both our worship and discipleship. A typical Sunday morning at MPC starts with Sunday school from 9:30 -10:15 a.m. Our Sunday School youth programs provide discipleship for our children to learn God's Word from trusted teachers and experience community with other children. Currently we have more than 130 children from nursery through high school. Sunday School classes are divided into toddler, pre-K - Kindergarten, 1st-2nd grade, 3rd-5th grade, middle school girls, middle school boys, high school, and adult. Our Pre-K - Grade 5 classes use the Great Commissions Publications curricula, and our older classes delve directly into the Word, book studies, and topical discussions.

We hold one weekly worship service starting at 10:30 a.m. and typically conclude around 12:00 p.m. Following the service, refreshments are offered right outside the sanctuary. For congregants of all ages the postworship period is a time for fellowship, with many remaining at church fellowshipping long after the service. Once per month a fellowship team arranges a church luncheon for congregants to enjoy following worship.



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SUNDAY MORNINGS CONT'D

We welcome young children into our worship services and encourage families to worship together as much as reasonably possible. During our worship services, we offer nursery for children up to three years old. Children's Church is offered during the sermon portion of the service for ages three to Kindergarten, typically two to four times per month depending on volunteer staffing availability. Our dedicated volunteers teach the Gospel and help our little ones learn what it means to participate in worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Please see Appendix A for sample bulletin.

Our morning worship service is carefully planned by that week's preaching pastor, and all aspects of the service other than Scripture reading are led by either an elder or the pastor. We are deeply formed by the whole liturgy that we walk through together, recalling always that the Lord initiates with us to worship, confessing our sin and receiving the assurance of God's Word, confessing our faith with believers around the world and throughout history, giving our tithes and offerings, praying to the Father for our needs and those of our local area and the world, and dwelling in the Word.





SUNDAY MORNINGS CONT'D

As to the Word preached, we endeavor to cycle through different sections and genres of Scripture, believing it all to be "useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16). We also believe that seeing these different genres and sections helps us to appreciate both the truth of God's Word and its beauty, pointing always to Jesus.

LIVE BROADCASTS

We believe that the New Testament focuses on the Body of Christ worshiping in person, and we encourage everyone who can to gather with us physically on Sunday mornings. During the Covid-19 pandemic, MPC began offering live broadcasts of our services to those who preferred or needed to attend virtually. We have since continued this tradition to serve those who cannot attend on a given Sunday, are infirm, and any seeking to know more about our church. Recordings of our past worship services can be found here:

https://www.youtube.com/@Meadowcroft.



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SUNDAY MORNINGS CONT'D

MUSIC

MPC's worship ministry is led by a group of volunteer worship leaders, vocalists, and instrumentalists, supporting one another and the congregation to glorify the Lord. A team of rotating musicians and vocalists as well as the audio/visual team coordinate with volunteer leaders in the church, with music carefully selected by the pastor. The primary instrumentalists each Sunday take the lead with piano and acoustic guitar. These musicians lead the vocalists and occasional supporting instruments (e.g., viola, cello, drums, and trumpet played by volunteers from the congregation). We are a singing church, and joyfully believe that the voices of the congregation are the primary instrument in this singing.

Sheet music for the songs is included in the printed bulletins and lyrics are projected. The song selection is intentionally coordinated with the order of worship and, whenever possible, with the topic or text of the sermon. We sing a mixture of traditional hymns and carefully selected modern songs with solid theology, well-written lyrics, and quality melody. We seek songs filled with the truths of Scripture that members can comfortably sing as well as recall and meditate on throughout the week.



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MINISTRIES AND ACTIVITIES

OVERVIEW

As we look with eagerness at our growing ministries, MPC is grateful for all the Lord has done in the history of our church, and we are confident He will continue His good work among us. To that end, our church is focused on many ministries internally and externally. Internal ministries are designed to meet the needs of the MPC body while external ministries meet the needs of our local community and missionaries around the world. With each initiative we try to keep our main focus on deepening our discipleship - following Jesus, loving Him, loving one another and our neighbors. We believe our ministries are a means to that ultimate end.

At MPC, we've intentionally avoided being a program-driven church. We are praying and working towards an organic ministry where our Sundays together set the course for members discipling and caring for one another and shining the light of the Gospel into the communities God has called us to. We are thankful for people and groups that focus on specific areas of ministry and ministry facilitation. Each of these areas is growing, with particularly significant growth around children and youth - based ministries.



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MINISTRIES AND ACTIVITIES CONT'D

INTERNAL MINISTRIES

- Shepherding Teams
- Adult Sunday School
- Children and Youth Sunday School
- Women's Bible Study
- Men's Study Group
- Theology Group
- Monday Night Small Group
- Tuesday Night Small Group
- Youth Group
- Children's Church
- Music
- Fellowship Lunches
- Greeting Ministry
- Blessings Team
- City Team Partnership
- Audio Visual Team
- Interior Decorating
- Nursery
- Landscaping



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EXTERNAL MINISTRIES

MPC takes seriously the church's call (and the PCA's focus) to local and global missions. Our current strategy is to maintain and deepen support for the missionaries we have supported through the years, while occasionally identifying new missionaries with whom the congregation would like to establish a relationship. Priority is extended to MPC members who are working in missions and former MPC members who have been sent away to vocational mission work.

Missionaries Supported:

- Shibu Oommen PCA Pittsburgh, PA
- Alex and Stevie Chen Campus Outreach Washington, D.C.
- Joshua and Charline Jacobs Mission to the World, Lyon, France
- Robin and Carlos Oliveros Spectrum Ministries Jail Ministry, Mexico
- Danielle Wilson Cru/Impact West Chester University and Cheyney University
- Hugh and Martine Wessel Mission to the World
- Tom and Margie Rafetto Wycliffe
- James and Jacki Gildard Mission to the World
- Jon and Amanda Ruch Cru West Chester University
- Mike Usilton DiscipleMakers Penn State University
- Jesse and Hannah Madera Cru, Cru Press



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FACILITIES AND FUTURE BUILDING PLANS

CURRENT WORSHIP & OFFICE SPACE

We are grateful to the Lord to own our church property, which is located at 1255 S Westtown Rd, West Chester, PA 19382. The 11-acre property includes a large, fully renovated barn containing the sanctuary, classrooms, and fellowship space, as well as ample parking, multiple outdoor play areas, and a historic residential structure currently serving as the church's office space.

The sanctuary currently has 307 seats to accommodate our average weekly attendance of approximately 231. The adult Sunday school room is equipped with a monitor so that it can serve as an overflow room if needed where congregants can watch the livestream. The overflow room has been needed on less than a handful of occasions to date.

There is a mortgage on the property with a favorable interest rate through 2025, and we have been able to use budget surpluses at the end of the past several years to accelerate the payoff of the outstanding balance.





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FUTURE PLANS

Due to recent congregational growth, particularly an influx of young families, we have a need for additional storage, classroom, and fellowship space, as well as improvements to the existing office space.

We are developing plans to address the storage, classroom, and office needs, as those are more immediate in nature and can be addressed without significant construction. We intend to have these improvements completed prior to the start of the Sunday School year in fall 2024.

Regarding fellowship space, in early March 2024 we engaged an architect to conduct a feasibility study assessing local codes and ordinances in order to help inform our options and development plans. We are considering appointing a Building Committee once the feasibility study is complete.





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CHURCH STAFF AND FINANCES

CHURCH STAFF

In addition to our full-time pastor and the open full-time associate pastor role, MPC currently has one part-time paid staff position filled by our Church Administrator, Donna Smith. Donna has been serving in this role since 2012, where she manages extensive operations ranging from membership rolls and the production of the weekly bulletin to central church contact, event coordination, emailed communications, including the weekly newsletter, and much more.

Since 2021 we also enjoy the financial accounting skills of MPC member Sandy Young, our treasurer, who maintains central finances and yearly family giving statements as a volunteer.

During the week, all staff work both remotely from their homes and in the church offices located in the historic stone house on the church property.



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CHURCH OFFICERS

MPC currently has six elders, one elder emeritus and eight deacons.

TEACHING ELDERS

-Max Benfer - Senior Pastor since 2013 -Jeff Rendell - Ruling elder: 2008 to 2015; Teaching elder: 2015 to present; Part time staff: 2015 to 2018; Full time staff: 2018 to January 2021; Non-staff Associate Pastor: 2021 to present

RULING ELDERS

-Dave Lane - elder since 2011 -Erik Michael - elder since 2019 -Matt Kim - elder since since 2022 -Tim Hussar - elder since 2022

ELDER EMERITUS

-Joe Farrell, Elder Emeritus since 2020; Ruling Elder: since 1978

DEACONS

Jason Kirwan - deacon since 2011 Konrad Hicke - deacon since 2023 Matt Bettner - deacon since 2023 Bill King - deacon since 2023 Evan Laude - deacons since 2023 Dave Tustin - deacon since 2023 Dan Venutolo - deacon since 2023 Scott Wiley - deacon since 2023



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ABOUT SENIOR PASTOR, MAX BENFER

(Authored by the congregation): Max Benfer has been Senior Pastor at MPC since 2013. Prior to MPC he was an Assistant Pastor at Severna Park Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Maryland and trained with Mark Dever at Capitol Hill Baptist Church in Washington, DC. He earned a Master of Arts in Religion (Theology/Theological Studies) from Westminster Theological Seminary.

Max's graciousness and leadership have been readily apparent in his steering through the Covid era and our current moment of growth. He sees his core role as studying, exegeting, and presenting the Word faithfully each week. This and other roles he takes on humbly through his skills in theology, discipleship, ancient language, and pastoral counseling.

Max is married to Michelle, a loving team parenting six great children: Luke, Andrew, Isaac, Miriam, James and Eva. He enjoys spending time with his family, reading, bodybuilding, listening to music, and watching British mysteries.



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FINANCIAL STATE

MPC has been blessed with generous giving in recent years. Managed by the deacons in coordination with the session, our annual all-inclusive operating budget grew from \$600K in 2021 to over \$700K in 2023, with giving always exceeding expenses. At the end of many years, we have had a substantial surplus (\$100K+) that we have allocated evenly between our Ministries in Need Fund and additional building needs, including mortgage paydowns.

CHURCH DEMOGRAPHICS BY THE NUMBERS

320 Members

- 222 Average Sunday Morning Attendance (2023/2024)
- 53 Average # of Families Sunday Morning
- 10 Average babies in nursery
- 70 Children enrolled in Sunday School (2 y.o. 5th grade)
- 42 Youth enrolled in Sunday School (Middle/High School)
- 20 Average Adults attending Adult Sunday School
- 1 85 Age range of attendees
- 35 New members received (2023)
- 17 Ministry Groups/Teams
- 1 Pastors on staff
- 6 Elders
- 8 Deacons
- 7 Shepherding Servants
- 2 Staff
- 20 Average number of children attending Youth Group





STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES

We praise and thank the Lord for blessing us with:

- 1. *Focus on expository preaching:* Our focus on exposition ensures that each and every Sunday roots us deeply in the Word, comforting while teaching and growing our minds and hearts.
- 2. *Faithful Leadership:* Our leadership staff brings a wide range of insights into pastoral care, theology, financials, building maintenance, and more.
- 3. *Praise & Worship:* Our thoughtful song selection and skilled musical team helps to align our worship with our theology and the weekly message, making it an integral source of teaching and praise.
- 4. *Fellowship:* We strongly value connection and relationship, and our Sunday gatherings are characterized by our enthusiasm to reconnect and deepen our bonds.
- 5. **Support for Missions:** Our church has a longstanding tradition of supporting mission work, ranging from the local to the global, with regular updates from our missionaries and opportunities to support them.
- 6. *Growing Membership:* Our attendance and membership has grown, particularly post-pandemic. Further, as our area becomes an increasingly popular place to live, we anticipate that membership will continue to rise.
- 7. **Appealing Worship Space**: Our historic barn provides space for worship and teaching, draws in new attendees, and reminds us of the Lord's longstanding grace in our community.
- 8. **Strong Financials**: Meadowcroft enjoys operating in the black with reserve funds and regular giving, allowing us to support multiple ministries and programs.



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STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES CONT'D

We are praying about and discussing the following challenges:

- 1. Youth Ministry Leaders/Programs: It is our hope that the Associate Pastor will be able to work with the volunteer leaders to bring consistency and new ideas. In addition, this will be an opportunity to examine program offerings to consider what changes could be made to help connect youth meaningfully with the gospel in a way that is practical, engaging and appealing to both middle and high school students. This can involve a reimagining of the curriculum, structure and/or approach overall as the AP and session sees fit.
- 2. *Worship Music Organization:* The organization, scheduling, and execution of the worship music is all handled by volunteer members. Though we are blessed with a good number of musicians amongst our members, there is an opportunity to bring cohesiveness and a sense of formal organization to the music teams. Some ideas include collecting and sharing best practices; encouraging transparent dialogue by checking in with members to see what is working and what is not working on a regular basis; considering holding annual or semi-annual worship music meetings; and, overall, bringing a sense of unity to the musicians.
- 3. *Increasingly Tight Space:* Our attendee and membership growth is starting to create a crunch in our worship hall, our classrooms, and particularly when we fellowship. We are carefully considering renovations and expansions.



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- 4. *Growth in Prayer:* While we are a singing, praying, and listening church, the challenges of the world call us to deepen our prayer lives and the focus on prayer we provide in our service.
- 5. Volunteerism: Our limited staffing creates a heavy reliance on volunteers in education, music, operations, and elsewhere, risking burnout and gaps when those volunteers step away. This reality is particularly true for our children's ministries including children's church and nursery.
- 6. *Limited Ministries:* As a community we emphasize organic connections and gatherings among members; while successful, this approach may leave a dearth of opportunities and structured support for some members and their gifts to be fully engaged.
- 7. **Community Outreach:** One ministry area in particular, our local community outreach programs have room to grow and develop. We do engage local colleges, food banks, and pregnancy centers, and hope to expand our outreach.





ABOUT WEST CHESTER

West Chester is a mixed town and country borough with about 20,000 residents and many more annual visitors, located roughly 30 miles west of Philadelphia and 16 miles north of Wilmington, DE. Ranked the most searched neighborhood by Zillow users in 2023, it combines a modern downtown scene with spacious suburbs and rural stretches. West Chester sits in the heart of the Brandywine Valley, a geographic region rich with American colonial history, hiking trails, quaint villages, farmer's markets, and easy access to Lancaster, Philadelphia, and New York City by car and train. The borough also boasts West Chester University, a top-ranked public state school, and several other neighboring colleges. West Chester residents average 25 years old with a median income of \$71,000 and home values floating around \$550,000, with financial and population growth trending upwards the last two years and projected to grow. MPC is located in a rural area about ten minutes southeast of downtown.





JOB DESCRIPTION

Meadowcroft Presbyterian Church Associate Pastor (full time)

MPC is a robust, suburban PCA church in West Chester, P.A., just outside Philadelphia. We gather weekly in a historic renovated barn to worship and engage as a warm, social, and welcoming community. Our continuing upward growth in congregants, particularly young families, spurs our organic approach to weekly study groups, meals, and social time. We are grateful for the Lord's many blessings, the assurance of His covenants, and the love of Christ we find each week together.

Summary of the Role

Graciously, the Lord has caused us to grow individually in our walk with Him and numerically as a congregation. Because of that growth we are seeking an associate pastor who will support and complement the work the Lord is doing amongst us. Chiefly, we seek an individual who has a heart for the Lord, finds himself walking with Christ each day, and possesses the emotional maturity to engage a diverse congregation.





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Specifically, we seek someone with a heart for teaching, pastoral care, and youth ministry. Our Associate Pastor will lead in care for the congregation, specifically supervising our newly minted Shepherding teams and meeting / caring for individuals and families as needed.

While the Associate Pastor will carry out a good amount of the work on his own, we are especially looking to him to coordinate and galvanize the ministry among the existing leaders - our elders, deacons and shepherding servants.

Complementing this care component, we seek someone eager to supervise our Sunday School and youth ministries as well. Finally, we hope that our candidate comes willing and able to help guide our worship team and inform our local / global community engagement. Our candidate can expect to work closely with our senior pastor, Max Benfer, complementing his exegesis and preaching of the Word semi-regularly.





OUR HOPED-FOR CANDIDATE:

1 is able to be ordained as a teaching elder in the Philadelphia Metro West Presbytery of the PCA;

2 has a well-founded walk with the Lord, a robust prayer life, and a love for the Word;

3 is wise, mature, and biblical in speech and counsel;

4 has a passion for collaborative and humble leadership;

5 has a heart for teaching and pastoral care, with particular emphasis on youth engagement;

6 is able to be work well alongside the senior pastor;

7 is able to listen and speak the truth in love;

8 maintains a healthy lifestyle;

9 is willing to engage in organizational and business discussions about church growth;

10 desires to be actively engaged in the local community.





THE ROLE:

The Associate Pastor reports to the Senior Pastor and Session and oversees the following:

Shepherding Teams

We have recently trained and implemented shepherding teams, which oversee the care of church members. Each team consists of an elder, deacon and shepherding servant. The Associate Pastor will be responsible for training and overseeing these teams.

Pastoral Care

As part of the care ministry, the Associate Pastor will be expected to work with the shepherding groups to coordinate and carry out the visitation of shut-ins and the hospitalized, and minister to families and individuals as needed. The Associate Pastor will meet regularly with church members for breakfast, lunch, coffee as (needed, requested, etc.). Initiate counseling and referrals to Christian counseling for families and individuals as necessary.

Teaching and Training

Part of the Associate Pastor's care supervision will include enriching the teaching team, which includes church elders and volunteers teaching Sunday School to all ages before the service and Children's Church during the sermon. The Associate Pastor will provide alignment and curricular vision aimed toward Biblically-



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informed learning goals. He may be asked to guide and teach adult Sunday school class (periodically through the school year) and the communicants class (biannual). He will also help guide youth programs including the high school class (school year) and youth group (school year). Much support will be available in this area as our active elders and a team of volunteer members currently participate in teaching across all age ranges.

We also hope that our Associate Pastor will help to coordinate the ongoing training of our existing leaders - elders, deacons and shepherding servants.

Communication

The Associate Pastor will work to facilitate communication between the staff and lay leadership, and between the lay leadership and the congregation. The Associate Pastor will assist the Senior Pastor in the preparation of agendas and read-aheads for Session meetings, and will ensure that both short-term and longterm areas of focus are addressed.

Diaconate

A team of deacons is actively ministering to the needs of our congregants and the local community as well as caring for the functional and operational needs of the church. The Associate Pastor will attend meetings of the Diaconate and will work with the Session and existing deacons in the training of new and existing deacons.





THE ROLE CONT'D

Missions

While we have a strong commitment to supporting local and international missions, we do not currently have a missions committee. The formation and leadership of the committee will be the responsibility of the Associate Pastor (please see church packet for missions information).

Small Groups

The Associate Pastor will oversee the enrichment and growth of MPC's small groups, many of which grow organically and informally as regional or demographic needs inform (please see church packet for gathering information).

Preaching and Worship

The worship service is generally led by one of the elders. The Associate Pastor will lead as needed, on average once or more per quarter and to be determined upon consultation with the pastor and elders. Our Senior Pastor, Max Benfer, preaches regularly and administers the sacraments; however, a teaching elder, Jeff Rendell, will preach occasionally (approximately once every six weeks) and also administer the sacraments as needed. The Associate Pastor will also be expected to preach and administer the sacraments as needed.

The Associate Pastor will engage with the worship team to continually improve communication, song selection, and overall organization of the group and the way in which new members join.





THE ROLE CONT'D

Community

The Associate Pastor is encouraged to participate as much as possible in all church activities. We also hope that he will be active in the local community. We also hope he will set an example for the members in the area of hospitality by reaching out to his neighbors.

Benefits

Salary commensurate with experience; family coverage for major medical, vision, and dental; retirement and life insurance.

Please submit résumé or CV, cover letter and two sermon samples to <u>MPCadminteam@gmail.com</u>.

Questions? Contact Dave Lane 610–357–6061 (text or phone)



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APPENDIX A: ORDER OF WORSHIP

EXAMPLE FROM MARCH 24, 2024

Prelude: "Come, Thou Almighty King" Welcome / Call to Worship* - (responsive) - Taken from Psalm 118 Song: "The Lord Almighty Reigns (Psalm 93)" **Prayer of Invocation*** Song: "All Glory, Laud and Honor" * Song: "All Creatures of Our God and King" **Confession of Sin** (responsive) Silent Confession Assurance of God's Forgiveness – Psalm 118:14 **Confession of Faith** (responsive) Heidelberg Catechism **Song:** "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!" **Pastoral Prayer** Giving Our Tithes and Offerings (Children aged 3 years old may go to Children's Church at this time in room 203.) (Children's Church for ages 4 &5 is on a bi-weekly schedule and will meet next week in room 201.) Scripture – Luke 5:17-26 (Pew Bible Page: 861) Sermon – "That You May Know" – Rev. Max Benfer Lord's Supper Song: "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death" Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21 Silence for Reflection and Preparation: Please spend the next few moments silently reflecting on this morning's service. When the music resumes, please join

us for conversation and refreshments in the main hall











