

Welcome! This is God's house, a place of peace where we enter as strangers and leave as friends. We are honored to have you in our midst and pray you will encounter God in this place. You are invited to share your joys/concerns by filling out a prayer request form (back of the sanctuary) and place it in the prayer basket. For online worshippers, please use Zoom Chat or Facebook Comments. Prayer requests will be included in the Sunday prayer email unless those marked for the Pastor alone. Financial offerings can be placed in the offering box at the back of the Sanctuary. Restrooms are near the kitchen, to the left as you exit the Sanctuary. Where you see "please rise" - do so in body and/or spirit.



Mid-Coast Presbyterian / Church

Pastor – Rev. Diane Hoppe Hugo

The mission of Mid-Coast Presbyterian Church is to be in partnership with God to transform ourselves, our communities, and our world.

Service for the Lord's Day ~ May 3, 2026

The Fifth Sunday in Eastertide

Welcome

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle & A Time of Silence

We invite you to a time of silent reflection and companionship with God.

Call to Worship

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now, all who thirst,

And drink the water of life.

Come now, all who hunger,

And be filled with good things.

Come now, all who seek

And be warmed by the fire of love.

Hymn of Praise GTG 463 *(Please rise)* **How Firm A Foundation**

Invitation to Confession

What do we bring with us to this time of prayer? Memories of moments when we responded in impatience or anger, thoughtlessness or fear? Knowledge of the times when the love of God did not shine through our words or actions? Whatever the week behind us held, let us bring those times and places to God and seeking forgiveness, we may begin anew, here and now. In faith and hope, let us join in the prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Loving God, we cling to your words of love but forget that those words are not ours alone. Your love is for all people, and regardless of our notions of who deserves what, you keep extending your love beyond our abilities to box you in. Forgive us for trying to limit your grace, forgive us for trying to hoard your blessings for ourselves alone. Teach us how to be your disciples in truth, sharing your love, extending your invitation, preparing your table where all are welcome. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

A time of silence is kept

Assurance of Forgiveness

To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, while it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ.

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel,

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Hymn no. 240 GTG (*Please rise*)

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Lord God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us. Open our eyes to see it, our ears to hear it, our hearts to hold it, our hands to serve it. Amen.

First Lesson

Acts 7:55-60

Responsive Psalm

31:1-5 (NRSV & NKJV)

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

In You, O Lord, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed;

Deliver me in Your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

Bow down Your ear to me, deliver me speedily; Be my rock of refuge,

A fortress of defense to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me;

For You are my rock and my fortress; therefore, for Your name's sake,

Lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, for You are my strength.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

Come Holy Spirit (silence is kept). This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Light Dawns on a Weary World

in honor of Becky Jordan

Second Lesson

John 14:1-14

Come Holy Spirit (silence is kept). This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We Make Plans & God Laughs

Hymn no. 643 GTG (*Please rise*)

Now Thank We All Our God

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

We resolve to pray for each other, our community and our world at 10:10 am or pm – 10:10 being the time we worship on the Lord's Day. Join in whenever you can remember to do so. Prayers of the People will be offered at the Lord's Table

Invitation to a Time of Offering and Dedication

O God, as your Son drew apart to be in prayer with You, we bring our offerings and prayers for the transformation of the world and the church. May nothing be worth more to us than to grow closer to You through the days ahead. Bless these offerings and our service that Your mission may be accomplished, here and everywhere in the world. Amen.

Gathering at the Lord's Table

Invitation to The Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you, O God, Creator of heaven and earth. . . And so, with all the company of heaven and earth we praise Your holy name saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Almighty God, you loved the world so much . . . Send your Holy Spirit on us and these your gifts of bread and fruit of the vine, that we may know Christ's presence, real and true, and be his faithful followers, showing your love for the world.

Christ went to the cross, embracing the death;

Christ came out of the grave, embracing your love;

Christ will come again, that we may go home with him.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

. . . we gather the prayers of the church in unison through the prayer our Lord taught us to pray together:

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.

Words of Institution

This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared. Come, then, for all is ready. Christ was raised to life, death is swallowed up, victory is won. Alleluia!

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The bread and cup will be brought to each worshipper. The bread is gluten free and only juice is served. Please pass the trays to your neighbor for you also serve them.

[as the bread is shared] The body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Thanks be to God.**

[as the cup is shared] The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn no. 515 GTG (*Please rise*)

I Come with Joy

Charge to the Congregation & Benediction

God is Good—**All the Time.** All the Time—**God is Good.**

Stay for coffee and let us get to know one another.

We are an Earth-care church so, unless you plan on taking your bulletin home or to share with others, please be so kind as to recycle your bulletin in the basket at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

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NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON: This is a reminder that any who might wish to explore membership in Mid-Coast Presbyterian Church are welcomed and encouraged to join Pastor Diane and members of Session for a simple luncheon of homemade soup and bread from Porteur Breads following worship. We'll share faith journeys and what has brought us to MCPC and learn a little more about our ministry – no commitment - just conversation.