

All Are Welcome

Our congregation recognizes that all people are uniquely loved and valued by God. We welcome diversity of race, ability, sexual orientation, age, gender identity, religious background, opinion, marital status or economic condition. MIPC is an open and affirming church community of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Things to Know Today

Please sign the Friendship Register in your pew, then pass it on to the others next to you. Thank you!

The Hidden History of the Gospels , Begins This Morning at 9:30am

Join us as we begin a three-week series where we explore the formation of the Gospels. Each class session can be attended individually, but attending all three sessions will provide a great overview into how we came to have the Christian Bible we are all familiar with. Class led by Hugo Torres in the Fireside Room.

Wednesday Bible Study, 11:00am in the Fireside Room

We begin with prayer, open the Bible, and explore the text together for an hour. Please join us in our study of 1st Kings. Contact: DanH@mipc.org.

Bingo, Coffee & Bagels, Thursday, May 16, 10:30am-11:15am in the Gym

Super 60's and Pebble Preschool present "Bingo, Coffee, & Bagels"! Join us to play a few rounds of Bingo while enjoying some coffee, bagels, and laughter. Free to play. Prizes for winners. RSVP to RuthAnnB@mipc.org. 206-232-5595 x1002

MIPC Concert Series: Seattle Mandolin Orchestra, Saturday, May 18 at 7:00pm

This unique orchestra's repertoire encompasses baroque, classical, jazz and folk traditions. Join us for music from Bernstein to Burleigh to the Beatles, in our last concert series program of the season. Free will donation.

Summer Schedule begins May 26th, One Service at 9:30am in the Sanctuary

Beginning Sunday, May 26, we will move to our one-service Sunday morning schedule for the summer from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

MIPC Sunday Worship Schedule:

8:00am Breakfast is Served in the Gym

8:30am Worship in the Gym

9:30am Sunday School Hour

10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary *(live-streamed)*

NEXT SUNDAY: John 17:6-19 | Dan Hammer

MIPC Giving



SCAN ME

Welcome to Worship

May 5, 2024 | 10:30 AM



*"How many slams in an old screen door?
Depends how loud you shut it.
How many slices in a bread?
Depends how thin you cut it.
How much good inside a day?
Depends how good you live 'em.
How much love inside a friend?
Depends how much you give 'em."*

~ Shel Silverstein

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We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE *Voluntary, G major* | Hook

BELL PRELUDE *Psalms 19* | Marcello arr. Lorenz

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are here to follow Jesus

With halting steps

And questioning minds

With ready hands

And pierced hearts

With joy for each other

And gratitude to God.

Let us follow Jesus,

And let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN | *In Christ There Is No East or West #318 (v. 1-4)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

We often find it difficult to love others as you command.

We seek our own security before the wellbeing of others.

We fulfill our own desires rather than act for the common good.

Forgive us.

Redirect our priorities,

and renew our commitment to live out your love,

even when that demands more of us than we expect.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News: God forgives again and again and again.

God loves us beyond our wildest imagination.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE | *Glory to God*

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TIME

Elementary age children are invited to go to the Worship Center.

We Receive God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | John 15:9-17

SERMON

Kristy Farber

SILENT MEDITATION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | *We Are One in the Spirit #300 (v. 1-3)*

We Offer Our Lives

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY & *DOXOLOGY

There is a box in the back of the sanctuary to collect our offerings as well as prayer request cards. Or visit mipc.org/onlinegiving for other donation options.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Please come forward to the communion station nearest you. All bread is gluten-free, and the cup is grape juice. Pre-packaged communion elements are available. Someone will come to you if you are not able to come forward.

COMMUNION MUSIC *Prayer* | Hal Hopson
Shelley Moine, flute

Bells

We Are Sent to Serve

*CLOSING HYMN | *We Know that Christ Is Raised #485 (v. 1, 2, 4)*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Grand Choeur* | Dubois

Eric Johnson, organist

Today's organ music: England 18th c., France 19th c.

**You are invited to stand as you are able.*

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