



# Marple Presbyterian Church

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, Jan. 19 - 10:30 a.m. Worship

### Pastor Jim Reisner Preaching – Sermon – Adorned

We are in the season of Epiphany, a celebration of how the nature of God is revealed in the life of Jesus of Nazareth. This coming Sunday, our scripture comes from the Gospel of John (John 2:1-11) when Jesus performs his first miracle at a wedding. The old Episcopal Book of Common Prayer's service makes reference to this miracle: "*The bond and covenant of marriage was established by God in creation, and our Lord Jesus Christ adorned this manner of life by his presence and first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee.*"

The point of the story of the wedding in Cana is all about adornment, that God in Jesus Christ lived a human life and continues to make his home among people. Why would this Son of God, this Word made flesh, not begin his ministry in the temple with a solemn sermon, but at a party, turning water into wine, if it was not a sign of a God who wants us to enjoy our lives, to live fully, to love the gift of life itself?

We welcome you to join us in-person or virtually. You can access the live stream on Twitch [HERE](#).

The live stream link and weekly bulletins are also available on our website, [www.marplepres.org](http://www.marplepres.org).

### MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN THRIFT SHOP

Saturday, January 18 10 am – 4 pm

Tuesday, January 21 10 am – 2 pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal – Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the Chapel.

### JOYS AND CONCERNS ON ZOOM

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 3 – 4 pm

[zoom.us/j/6103561098](https://zoom.us/j/6103561098) PW MPC

January 20 – Martin Luther King Day (Church Office Closed)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**January 26 – Annual Congregational Meeting (after Worship)**

**February 5 – Deacon's Meeting at 7:30 pm**

**February 19 – Session Meeting at 7 pm**

## **CALL FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING**

**Marple Presbyterian Church will hold its annual meeting on January 26, 2025 directly following Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary in-person and via the Church's Zoom link for remote attendees. All members are encouraged to participate. The Session of Marple Presbyterian Church will present a proposal to revise MPC's By-laws, which, if approved, will serve to reduce the number of individuals required to serve on both Session and the Board of Deacons. Elections for Elders, Deacons, and Corporate officers will be held.**

## **Birth Announcement**

Owen Daniel Allen, son of Amber Allen, born on January 9, 2025, weighing 8 lbs 5 oz and measuring 19.5 inches long.



### **Session Update:**

Session met with representatives from the Commission on Ministry (COM) from the Philadelphia Presbytery to discuss next steps in MPC's path to a permanent pastor. The next large piece will be to develop a Church Mission Statement. This will be an opportunity for the full congregation to have input on where we have been and where we are going as a church. Session is presently working on setting up a few different ways in which these conversations can occur and we will provide more detailed information about how you can be involved in the upcoming weeks. Our goal is to try to have our mission statement in place by May or June. This will lead us into the next steps down the path as well, as the Mission Statement will be utilized to create MPC's Mission Discernment Protocol (MDP) which will help to match us up to potential new pastors.

Additionally, Session conducted its regular business and discussed the upcoming Annual Meeting. If you have questions about Session's work over the past year, both regarding the pastoral transition and the regular work of the various committees, please bring them to the annual meeting. This will be a wonderful opportunity to offer constructive feedback on what has been a tough but productive year for the entirety of the MPC family.

If I can help somebody as I pass along,  
If I can cheer somebody with a word or song,  
If I can show somebody he's traveling wrong,  
Then my living will not be in vain.

If I can do my duty as a Christian ought,  
If I can bring salvation to a world once wrought,  
If I can spread the message as the master taught,  
Then my living will not be in vain.

**--a hymn lyric often recited by Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.**

During this time of pastoral transition please be aware that the Deacons will be available for addressing and communicating any pastoral needs. You can email or text/call:

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or any Deacon listed in the bulletin.