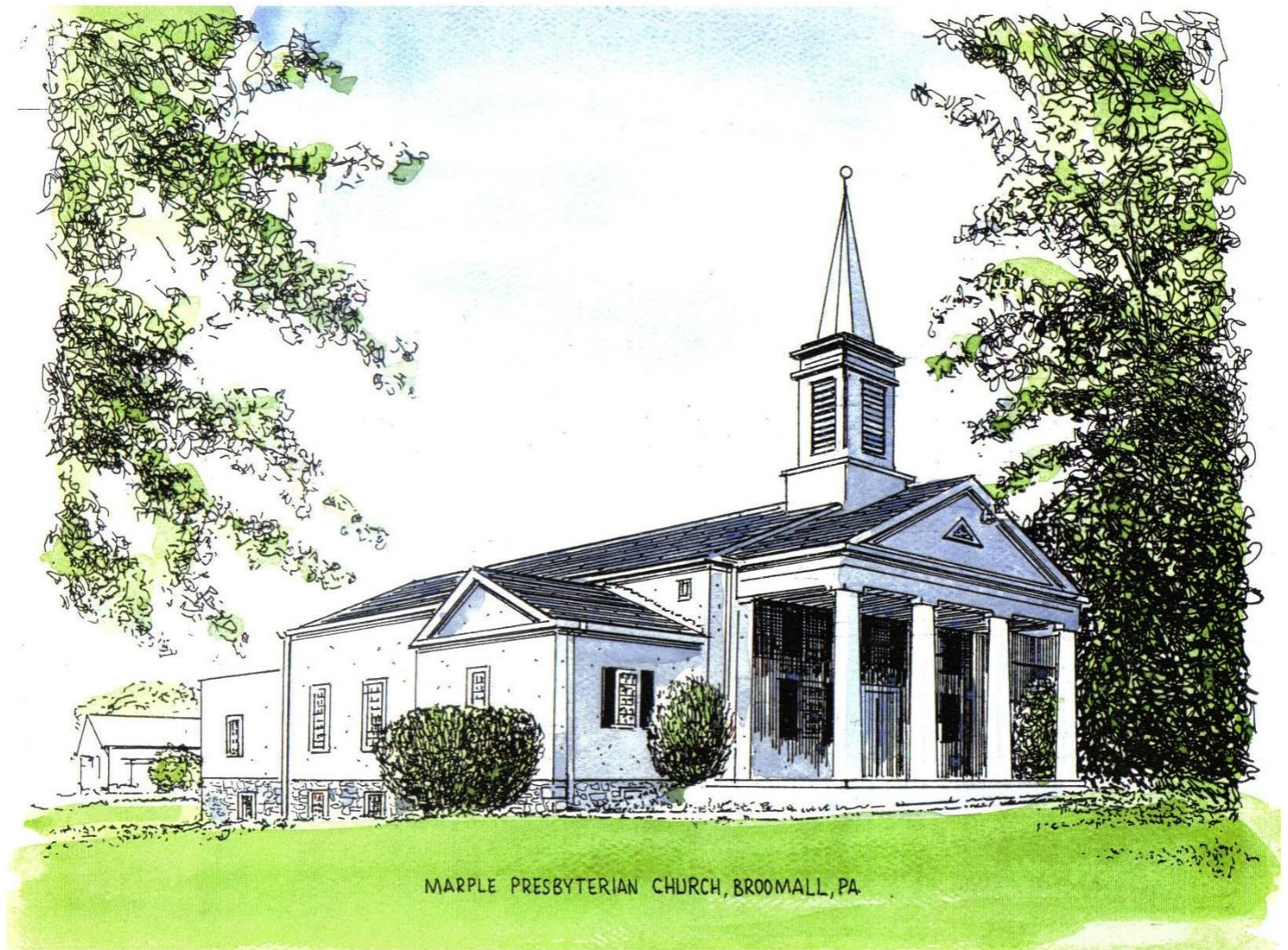

Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025



MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROOMALL, PA

“We love because He first loved us.” 1 John 4:19

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Welcome

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Today

LITURGIST: Kim Wertz

HEAD USHER: Tom Trumbetas

The heavens declare the glory of God.
The expanse shows his handiwork.
Day after day they pour out speech,
and night after night they display knowledge.
There is no speech nor language,
where their voice is not heard.
Their voice has gone out through all the earth,
their words to the end of the world.
(Psalm 19:1-4a, World English Bible, public domain.)

New Here?

Welcome to Marple Presbyterian Church! We're so glad you came to worship with us and want to do all we can to help you feel at home.

- All visitors are encouraged to take the information brochure in the pew and place the visitor's section in the offering plate.
- Children are welcome in the service! Children's bulletins are available from the ushers.
- Nursery care is also available for children thru age 3. The nursery is located directly underneath the sanctuary.
- Assistive Listening Units are also available – please see any usher.

RESOURCES

Contact Us | 610-356-1098

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Website | www.marplepres.org

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For more contact info, please contact the church office.

"Cowardice asks the question, 'Is it safe?' Expediency asks the question, 'Is it politic?' Vanity asks the question, 'Is it popular?' But, conscience asks the question, 'Is it right?' And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but one must take it because one's conscience tells one that it is right" --Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude | Susan B. Greene

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship | Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

People: **The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**

Leader: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

People: **the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

Leader: the reverence of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

People: **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

*Opening Hymn | *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* | #478

Opening Prayer

Holy Spirit, hear us as we pray. Take the faltering words we say and turn them into songs, that we may give to God the praise we want to give.

Holy Spirit, speak to us as we pray. Bring merciful and forgiving words that we may find God's peace.

Holy Spirit, come to us today, telling us anew of the dying and raising of Jesus Christ, that we may discover again the joy of living as his faithful disciples; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Choir Anthem | *My Lord, What a Morning* arr. Stuart O'Neil

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, we lack the courage to live according to our convictions. We kill the prophets and anoint the fools. We seek the praise of the world, and forget about our relationship to you. We go after the things of this world that perish in the grasping, and neglect the eternal blessings you wish to shower on us. Too often, we bow before the idols of our age, and refuse to acknowledge you as the Lord of our lives. Too often, we worship you with our lips, but not in the course and direction of our lives. Gracious God, help us come to ourselves and call us back into your merciful presence. Grant us by your spirit the wisdom and courage to live in your light and walk in your way, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Moment for personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon | Psalm 103

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

People: God has not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

Leader: As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's mercy towards those who revere God.

People: As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us.

Leader: Believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Congregational Response **Gloria Patri* | #579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Time with Children

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 36:5-10

Old Testament pgs. 482-483

John 2:1-11

New Testament pg. 87

Sermon | Adorned | Pastor Jim Reisner

***Hymn** | *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* | #454

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith | Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;

He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Congregational Response **Doxology | #592*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

God of our hearts and minds, we give you thanks and praise for your goodness to us and dedicate to you our thoughts, our words, our gifts, our deeds, the working of our hands, the thinking of our minds, the loving of our hearts. Shield us this day, keep us from offense, and surround us with your love, now and for evermore. Amen.

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

**Closing Hymn | This Is My Father's World | #293*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude | Susan B. Greene



*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.



This Week

MONDAY

MLK Holiday – Church Office Closed

Cub Scout Troop 151 Meeting | *Hall* 7-9 pm

TUESDAY

Thrift Shop 10 am–2 pm

Joys & Concerns Chat | *Zoom* 3-4 pm

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WEDNESDAY

Joys & Concerns Chat | *Zoom* 3-4 pm

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Boy Scout Troop 151 Meeting | *Hall* 7-9 pm

AA Meeting | *Lower CE Bldg.* 7-8 pm

THURSDAY

Joys & Concerns Chat | *Zoom* 3-4 pm

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Adult Choir Practice | *Chapel* 6:30 pm

SATURDAY

Thrift Shop 10 am-4 pm

SUNDAY

AA Meeting | *Lower CE Bldg.* 8-9 am

Looking Ahead

JANUARY 26

Annual Congregational Meeting (After Worship)

FEBRUARY 5

Deacon's Meeting 7:30 pm

FEBRUARY 17

Cooking for the Homeless 2:30 pm

Learn More



Sunday School - MPC Sunday School is open to children ages 3 and up and runs weekly during the 10:30 am Sunday Worship Service.



Youth Group is open to all youth from 6th to 12th grade and meets twice a month between October and May. Please see the full Youth Group calendar for meeting dates, special events, and retreats. Contact the Youth Group Leaders at youthgroup@marplepres.org for additional information.

CALL FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

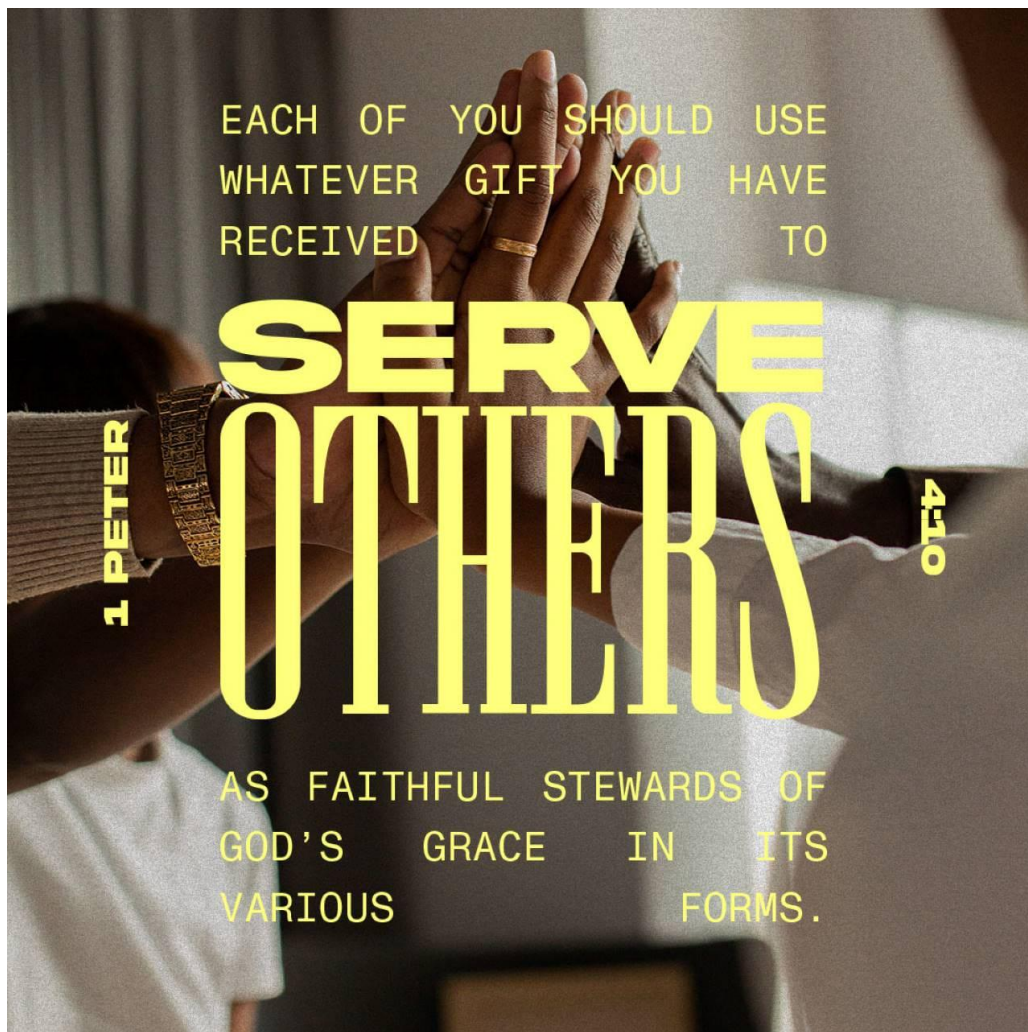
Marple Presbyterian Church will hold its annual meeting on January 26, 2025 directly following Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary in-person and via the Church's Zoom link for remote attendees. All members are encouraged to participate. The Session of Marple Presbyterian Church will present a proposal to 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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Stewardship of Talent

God given talents and gifts are not given to us just for our own use, but are given to us for the enrichment of the lives of others in order for us to serve God better. Christ asks of us to do His works in our community and His church. We should use our talents with the mindset of being a responsible caretaker of those talents.

1 Peter 4:10: "As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."





Our Thrift Shop is open:

Tuesdays from 10 am – 2 pm

Saturdays from 10 am – 4 pm

Please come by to shop the new arrivals.

We are thankful for Amy and her team of faithful volunteers. We are always grateful for any help. It is a great way to volunteer at MPC.

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

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or any Deacon listed in the bulletin.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Listening devices are available for individuals who have a hearing impairment.

Please speak to an usher for more information or to request a device.



SESSION

DEACONS

<i>Paul Avazier '26</i>	<i>Douglas Ballard '25</i>
<i>Amy Eckels '25</i>	<i>Marion Brower '24</i>
<i>Ben Mitchell '24</i>	<i>Bette Downs '24</i>
<i>Kristen Mitchell, Clerk</i>	<i>Virginia Geisbert '25</i>
<i>Carol Robinson '24</i>	<i>Patricia Gwartz '26</i>
<i>Kerri Robinson '26</i>	<i>Joyce Holmwood '26</i>
<i>Mack Smith '24</i>	<i>Greg Hoffman '24</i>
<i>Joanne Trumbetas '25</i>	<i>Eileen Matthews '24</i>
<i>Alfie Wilkes '25</i>	<i>Linda Pursley '24</i>
	<i>Diane Valaitis '26</i>
	<i>Shirley Wise '26</i>
	<i>Kim Wooden '25</i>
