

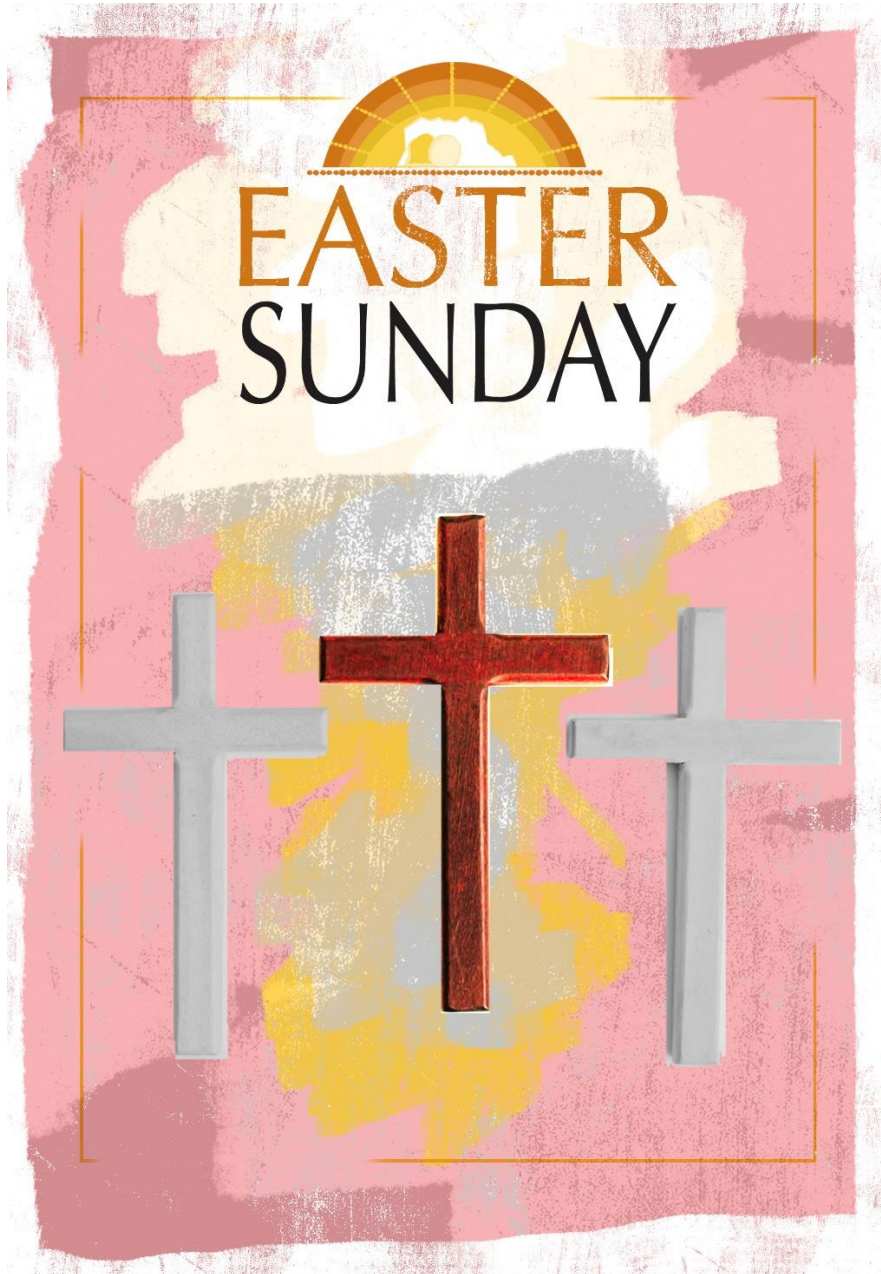
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# Marple Presbyterian Church

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SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

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

MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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# Welcome

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SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

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## Today – Easter Sunday

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LITURGIST: John Strain

HEAD USHER: Tom Trumbetas



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## New Here?

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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

[marplepc@gmail.com](mailto:marplepc@gmail.com)

**Website** | [www.marplepres.org](http://www.marplepres.org)

[facebook.com/MarplePresbyterian](https://facebook.com/MarplePresbyterian)

## HOW DO I CONNECT?

Clerk of Session | *Kristen Mitchell*

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[marplepresdeacons@gmail.com](mailto:marplepresdeacons@gmail.com)

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Finance | *Kerri Robinson*

Membership Development | *Alfie Wilkes*

Mission | *Session Members*

Music | *Susan Greene*

Nursery | *Amy Eckels*

Personnel | *Ben Mitchell*

Property Management | *Paul Avazier*

Rentals | *Church Office*

Stewardship | *Joanne Trumbetas*

Treasurer | *Bill Brower*  
[marlepctreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:marlepctreasurer@gmail.com)

Worship | *Amy Eckels*

Youth Group | *Ben Mitchell*

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For more contact info, please contact the church office.

## Prayer Before Worship

Eternal God, as we again hear the Good News that Jesus lives, may we experience the effects of His life with us; compassion, kindness, and patience; the love that binds us together; the courage to forgive and be forgiven. O God, since life begins anew today, help us to make a new beginning with Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*The evidence of Easter is a reconfigured Easter people, people who are no longer afraid of the dark, people who dare to live by their affections and not by their fears, people who know that they need not die in order to truly experience resurrection living, . . . . people who fear neither death nor life . . . .*

*In short, people such as you and me who aspire to be people like that.*

*We are the Easter people for death, in all of its cynical, calculating, greedy ways, no longer has control over us. We have a better idea, we claim a greater truth, we live because we are loved; and because we are loved, we can live.*

Peter Gomes, *What We Forgot to Tell You*

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Prelude** | Susan B. Greene

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship** (repeat three times)

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen indeed!**

**Alleluia!**

**\*Psalter Reading | Psalm 130**

Leader: You have turned my laments into dancing;

People: **You have stripped off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.**

Leader: You have turned my laments into dancing,

People: **that my spirit may sing psalms to You and never cease.**

**I will confess You forever, O Lord my God.**

**\*Hymn | *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* | #123**

**\*Prayer**

O God, who at sunrise on that first Easter Day turned earth's mourning into dancing, and who, at every Easter dawning fills your people's hearts with gladness, we sing your praise today for raising Jesus Christ from the dead. Because He lives, we find life and hope and peace in Him. Therefore, we praise you, we worship you, we give you our heartfelt thanks; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Choir Anthem | *Amen, Amen* arr. Lloyd Larson**

**Invitation to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, we rejoice in the power of Your love, which overcame the power of death and raised Jesus from the grave. We confess that we have often forgotten the power for life that the resurrection reveals; and, by forgetting, have allowed ourselves to be defeated by the power of death and despair. Help us this Easter Day to once again turn to You in trust that we may receive the gift of new life, the strength to follow You, and the love to serve You: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Moment for personal confession and reflection.*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ,

**People: and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

**People: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

Leader: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**People: Amen.**

## **\*Congregational Response *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* | #7**

*Was it for sins that I have done he suffered on the tree?  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!*

## **The Peace**

## **Time with Children**

# **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

## **Scripture Lessons**

Colossians 3:1-4

New Testament pg. 190

Luke 24:1-12

New Testament pg. 84

## **Sermon | Like Him We Rise | Pastor Jim Reisner**

## \*Hymn | *In Christ Alone*

# In Christ Alone

### **Verse 1**

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

### **Verse 2**

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

### **Verse 3**

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

### **Verse 4**

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand



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## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. 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**

*Like Him We Rise* by Tom Trenney | featuring Douglas Ballard

### **\*Congregational Response *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* | #106**

*Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.*

## **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God of us all,  
Eternal God, we praise you that your glory has dawned on us  
and brought us into this Day of Resurrection. We rejoice that  
the grave could not hold your Son and that he has conquered  
death and is risen to rule over all powers of this earth. We praise  
you that he summons us into new life, to follow him with joy and  
gladness. By your Spirit, lift us from doubt and despair, and set  
our feet in Christ's holy way, that our lives may be signs of his  
life and all we have may show forth his love. Praise, glory, and  
thanksgiving to you, our God, forever and ever. Amen.

## **WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Closing Hymn | *The Day of Resurrection!* | #118**

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude | Susan B. Greene**





Joy Comes in the Morning:  
*Easter Sunday*

\*Please stand as you are able

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## This Week

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### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

Thrift Shop 10 am–3 pm

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

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

### WEDNESDAY

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

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

Session Meeting 7 pm

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

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

### SATURDAY

Thrift Shop 10 am-4 pm

### SUNDAY

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

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## Looking Ahead

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### APRIL 27

Cantata 10:30 am

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## Learn More

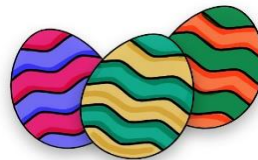
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**Sunday School** - MPC Sunday School is open to children ages 3 and up and runs weekly during the 10:30 am Sunday Worship Service.



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](mailto:youthgroup@marplepres.org) for additional information.



### EASTER EGG HUNT

Please join us after the service today for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! We will be holding an Egg Hunt for children in the Courtyard immediately **after worship today**. There will be candy, games, and lots of fun for everyone.





**Given By**

**Dedicated**

Faye Allison  
Faye & Rob Allison

*In Honor of* Family & Friends  
*In Memory of* Bob Allison

The Andrews Family

*In Memory of* James McGuigan  
Jane Giuxen  
James DeStefano  
*In Honor of* Ron & Joy Finley  
Jim & Monica Andrews

Marion & Bill Brower

*In Honor of* Our Children - Amy & Eric, Stacey & Mike,  
Todd & Michelle and Ashley  
Our Grandchildren – Julia, Colin, Gracie,  
Maeve & Maura  
*In Memory of* Our parents - Mildred & Bill Lewis and  
Jane & Ralph Brower

Anne and Terry Canny

*In Honor of* Katherine Prosser  
*In Memory of* Dan & Charlene Canny  
Harold Prosser

Their Children and  
Grandchildren

*In Memory of* Bruce and Miriam FitzGerald

Their Grandchildren and  
Great-Grandchildren

*In Memory of* Pauline and Henry Hipple

Their Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren	<i>In Memory of</i> Bessie and Frank FitzGerald
The Deacons	Our Wonderful Church Family
Bette and Gavin Downs	<i>In Memory of</i> Pauline, Leonard, and Brookie Downs
Amy, Eric, Julia, & Colin Eckels	<i>In Honor of</i> Marion & Bill Brower (Nanny & Pop-Pop) Youth Group Leaders Thrift Shop Volunteers – Marion, Debbie & Kerri
	<i>In Memory of</i> Bill & Beverly Eckels (Mom-Mom & Poppy) Nana & Pop-Pop Brower Nanny & Pop-Pop Lewis
Charlie & Janie Fry	<i>In Memory of</i> Dorothy Cannon Bill & Mary McCarthy Jim & Janie Simpson James R. Simpson Pamela Simpson Warren & Mary Young
Families of Sean & Susan Greene	<i>In Memory of</i> Gladys Moore  Carolyn Williams Paul & Rama Giordano
Diana Hexter	<i>In Memory of</i> Geraldine Osuna Kirkland Brabant
Joyce Holmwood	<i>In Memory of</i> Tom Holmwood Helen & Tom Ankrum
Rich Moore & Lori Waser	<i>In Memory of</i> Dick & Ruth Moore Lorin & Virginia Lightcap Carole Lightcap Hart Richard Scott, Beloved Uncle

The Pancoast Family

*In Memory of* Michelle Ungurean  
Linda Husband  
Joseph Ungurean  
Seth Pancoast

Debbie Pettinelli

*In Memory of* Edward Lichtenhahn  
Eddie John Lichtenhahn

Jim & Martha Reisner

*In Memory of* John & Caroline Reisner  
Henry & Mary Holt  
Carol Sime  
Paul Armetta  
Betty Wiener

By their daughter Betty Rippel

*In Memory of* Her parents - George P. & Mary E. (Betty)  
Rippel

By his 28-year partner, Betty  
Rippel

*In Memory of* James M. Casey

The Trumbetas Family

*In Memory of* Our parents - Clarence and Joan Finkbeiner,  
Paul and Barbara Trumbetas

Shirley Wise

*In Memory of* David Wise  
Grace & Frank Sayers  
Charles Overholt



## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

On this Easter Day, we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate with joy. We sing "Alleluia!" Let us try to keep the spirit and enthusiasm of the Easter season in our hearts throughout the year, not just on this day and the few weeks to follow. Let us pray and listen for how the Lord is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts in His honor.

***Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."***



Delco suicide prevention and awareness 5K. I have created a team (Marple Presbyterian Church). Any questions can be directed to me, cell # 484-557-0770, e-mail [Kimberlyj.wooden@gmail.com](mailto:Kimberlyj.wooden@gmail.com).

Date: Saturday, May 3, 2025

Location: Ridley Creek State Park, pavilion 11A/B

Time: Meet around 9, Race starts at 9:30

Sign up link:

<https://runtheday.com/register/detail/delaware-county-suicide-preventionawareness-2025-u90/>

### Birthday Card Surprise!

Daria will be celebrating her 19th birthday on April 26th.

Let's stuff her Army mailbox with birthday cards and well wishes!

If you would like to send a card, her new address is:

Daria Trumbetas

7496 Parker Road

Fort Riley, KS

66442



Our Thrift Shop is open:

**Tuesdays from 10 am – 3 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:

Joyce Holmwood      [jholmwood433@comcast.net](mailto:jholmwood433@comcast.net)      610-888-7458

OR

Linda Pursley      [lpursley1981@gmail.com](mailto:lpursley1981@gmail.com)      631-942-5758

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.



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**SESSION**

**DEACONS**

<i>Paul Avazier '26</i>	<i>Douglas Ballard '25</i>
<i>Amy Eckels '25</i>	<i>Marion Brower '27</i>
<i>Ben Mitchell '27</i>	<i>Bette Downs '27</i>
<i>Kristen Mitchell, Clerk</i>	<i>Virginia Geisbert '25</i>
<i>Debbie Pettinelli '27</i>	<i>Patricia Gwartz '26</i>
<i>Kerri Robinson '26</i>	<i>Greg Hoffman '27</i>
<i>John Strain '27</i>	<i>Joyce Holmwood '26</i>
<i>Joanne Trumbetas '25</i>	<i>Linda Pursley '27</i>
<i>Kim Wertz '25</i>	<i>Diane Valaitis '26</i>
<i>Alfie Wilkes '25</i>	<i>Shirley Wise '26</i>