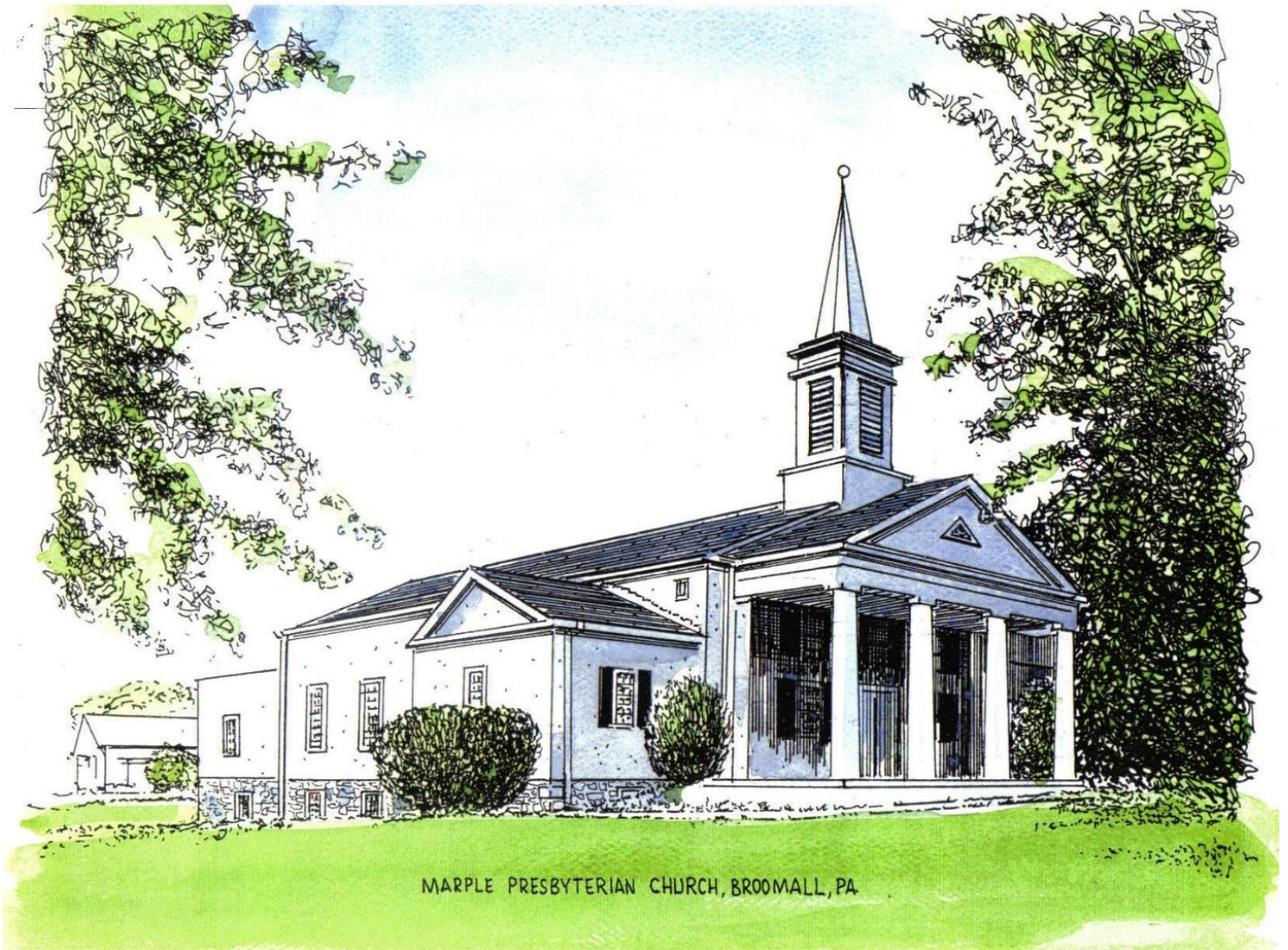

Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026



MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROOMALL, PA

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

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Welcome

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026



Today – October 25, 2026

LITURGIST:

HEAD USHER: Tom Trumbetas



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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HOW DO I CONNECT?

Clerk of Session | [Kristen Mitchell](#)

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Youth Group | [Ben Mitchell](#)

For more contact info, please contact the church office.

October 25, 2026

10:30am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We come to worship this morning from different places.

People: **O God, do not be far from us.**

Leader: We come to worship this morning for different reasons.

People: **O God, do not be far from us.**

Leader: We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.

People: **O God, do not be far from us. Guide us into your will and strengthen us to be your people.**

***Opening Hymn | *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* | #268**

***Opening Prayer**

God of awesome moments and fearful challenges, grant us the ability to notice and receive revelations of yourself and your heart in our midst today. Be with us as we turn aside from our habits as we encounter the mystery of your presence. Be with us as we step out of our safe places to hear the cries of your people and attend to their voices. We shake at the thought of what you may require of us, yet we are eager to respond to your leading.

Choir Anthem | *Acclamation of Assurance* by Joseph Martin

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we come celebrating our unity,
but we confess the many ways we are divided.
Our nationality, ethnic origin, economic status, gender orientation, age,
physical and mental abilities and musical preferences,
all too often obscure the common calling we share in Christ's name.
May our common identity as your people
and our communal witness to Christ bind us together in your name.
Forgive our tendency toward separation and division,
and remind us that we are your resurrection people.

Moment for personal confession as we remember the places we need God's grace and love...

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The blazing fire of God's presence refines us, but in mercy it does not
destroy us. God does not repay evil for evil, but comes in Christ, to
deliver us and restore us to life. This is good news for us and all people.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and called to live as Christ's people.

* **Congregational Response** *Breath on Me, Breath of God* verses 1 and 3 | #316

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

*** Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Christ comes to announce peace – to those who are near – and to those who are far off – so that we might no longer be strangers and aliens – but members of the family of God. You are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace with one another by turning and greeting each other saying the Peace of Christ be with you and responding...

People: **And also with you.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Exodus 3:1-15

Old Testament pg. 48

Exodus 4:10-17

Old Testament pg. 49

Sermon | Stewardship of Identity | Rev. Roberta Kearney, Transitional Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn | *We Are One in the Spirit

***Affirmation of Faith | Prayer of St. Francis**

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.**

**O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;**

**For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.**

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 | *Now Thank We All Our God* | #555 verse 3**

All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in highest heaven, To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given. The one eternal God, Whom heaven and earth adore, The God who was, and is, And shall be evermore.

Prayer of Dedication

God, you call us to be good stewards of all your resources – our time, our skills, our passions, our positions, our connections, and our finances. We give you thanks for all your gifts to us. May our lives with you demonstrate your generosity and blessings.

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

***Closing Hymn | *Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining* | #425**

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

TEXT and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966
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THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
 7.6.7.6.8.6 with refrain

This Week

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

Thrift Shop 10 am–3 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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Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm

SATURDAY

Thrift Shop 10 am–4 pm

SUNDAY

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

Worship, Communion, All Saints' Day 10:30 am

Looking Ahead

NOVEMBER 4

Deacon's Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm

NOVEMBER 18

Session Meeting 7:00 pm

NOVEMBER 22

Cantata 10:30 am

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. For the full Youth Group calendar for meeting dates, special events, and retreats, please contact the Youth Group Leaders at youthgroup@marplepres.org for additional information.

Reminder –

Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov. 1



Fall back, not behind!
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and
join us on time for worship.

Giving for PC(USA) Per Capita

We, as members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), are connected to a larger body of believers through our congregation, presbytery, synod, and General Assembly.

As a connectional church, we both benefit from and contribute to the ministries of the PC(USA).

One way we support our shared ministry is through our per capita allocation. Per capita is Latin meaning paying “for each head”.

Per Capita, is constitutionally required by our Book of Order. Per capita is the annual amount assessed for each member of the church to enable the work of the PC(USA) in governance, leadership, and mission work of the denomination.

These funds support the work of our councils, the preparation and training of church leaders, constitutional and judicial functions, and the ministries that connect and strengthen Presbyterian churches across the country.

Our congregation's Per Capita assessment is \$40 per member; a cost we ask each member to contribute to the church for this purpose.

If you have not already designated your contribution, we invite you to contribute your Per Capita share of \$40. By doing so, you help relieve this expense from our church's operating budget and enable more of our resources to support the local ministries of our congregation.

How your contribution is used:

- \$24.56 supports the Presbytery infrastructure which supports shared ministries in Philadelphia, Delaware, Bucks and Montgomery Counties
- \$2.40 goes to the Synod which consists of 16 Presbyteries across Pennsylvania and parts of West Virginia and Ohio
- \$12.04 goes to the Office of the General Assembly, which supports our Synods, Presbyteries, and over 10,000 congregations.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship and for helping us live out our connectional commitment as the body of Christ.

Stewardship

GROWING OUR FAITH

Stewardship of Identity

When God called Moses from the burning bush, Moses was full of doubts. He had fled Egypt, struggled to find his place, and questioned his ability to lead God's people toward freedom. He offered God plenty of reasons why he was the wrong person for the job. God's answer was not a detailed plan or a list of Moses' qualifications. Instead, God offered a promise: *"I will be with you."* (Exodus 3:12)

The stewardship of identity reminds us that our worth and our calling are not determined by our accomplishments, confidence, or ability to have all the answers. In God's economy, leadership is not about having everything figured out. It is about being willing to listen, to trust, and to take the next step in faith. God calls us into a shared journey, sustained by divine companionship and strengthened by our community of faith.

As a congregation, we may face decisions that seem overwhelming (e.g., finding a new pastor) or paths whose destinations are not yet clear. Like Moses, we may wonder whether we have what it takes. Perhaps God is inviting us to look beyond our doubts, approach the unfamiliar with curiosity, and recognize God's presence in unexpected places.

The stewardship of identity asks us: Who are we as God's people, and what might God be calling us to do together? We may not have all the answers, but we can move forward in faith, trusting the One who promises to be with us.

Touchpoint: Growing Our Church!

We had a small group of interested or curious people at our first session on "Growing the Church" aka Touchpoint.

I plan to cover steps 2 and 3 after church this Sunday.

Anyone who missed part 1 is welcome to join. You will be able to catch up easily on part 1. Growing our church attendance and membership is very important for our future. Our program model has been successful with 7 other small churches. For those hesitant to consider participating, I assure you that the plan is NOT to ask people to knock on doors and deliver printed brochures.

John

Funerals at MPC

Please direct questions about holding a funeral or burial in the memorial garden at MPC to the Church Office via email - office@marplepres.org - or phone - [610-356-1098](tel:610-356-1098). This will ensure the inquiring person receives all the necessary information as we coordinate schedules and other needs.

Our Medical Lending Closet has served our community in many meaningful ways over the years. Most recently, MPC donated over 1,000 briefs to Chestnut Ridge Wallingford assisted living facility, made possible by a generous donation to our Medical Lending Closet. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of this important ministry and its ongoing impact in our community!





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

610-888-7458

OR

Linda Pursley

lpursley1981@gmail.com

631-942-5758

or any Deacon listed in the bulletin.

Please be sure to e-mail Pastor Roberta as well at rkearney@marplepres.org

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**

Paul Avazier '26

Faye Allison '28

Amy Eckels '28

Marion Brower '27

Patricia Gwirtz '28

Bette Downs '27

Ben Mitchell '27

George Guyer '28

Kristen Mitchell, Clerk

Greg Hoffman '27

Debbie Pettinelli '27

Joyce Holmwood '26

Kerri Robinson '26

Linda Pursley '27

Lynn Smith '28

Carol Robinson '28

John Strain '27

Diane Valaitis '26

Kim Wertz '28

Shirley Wise '26
