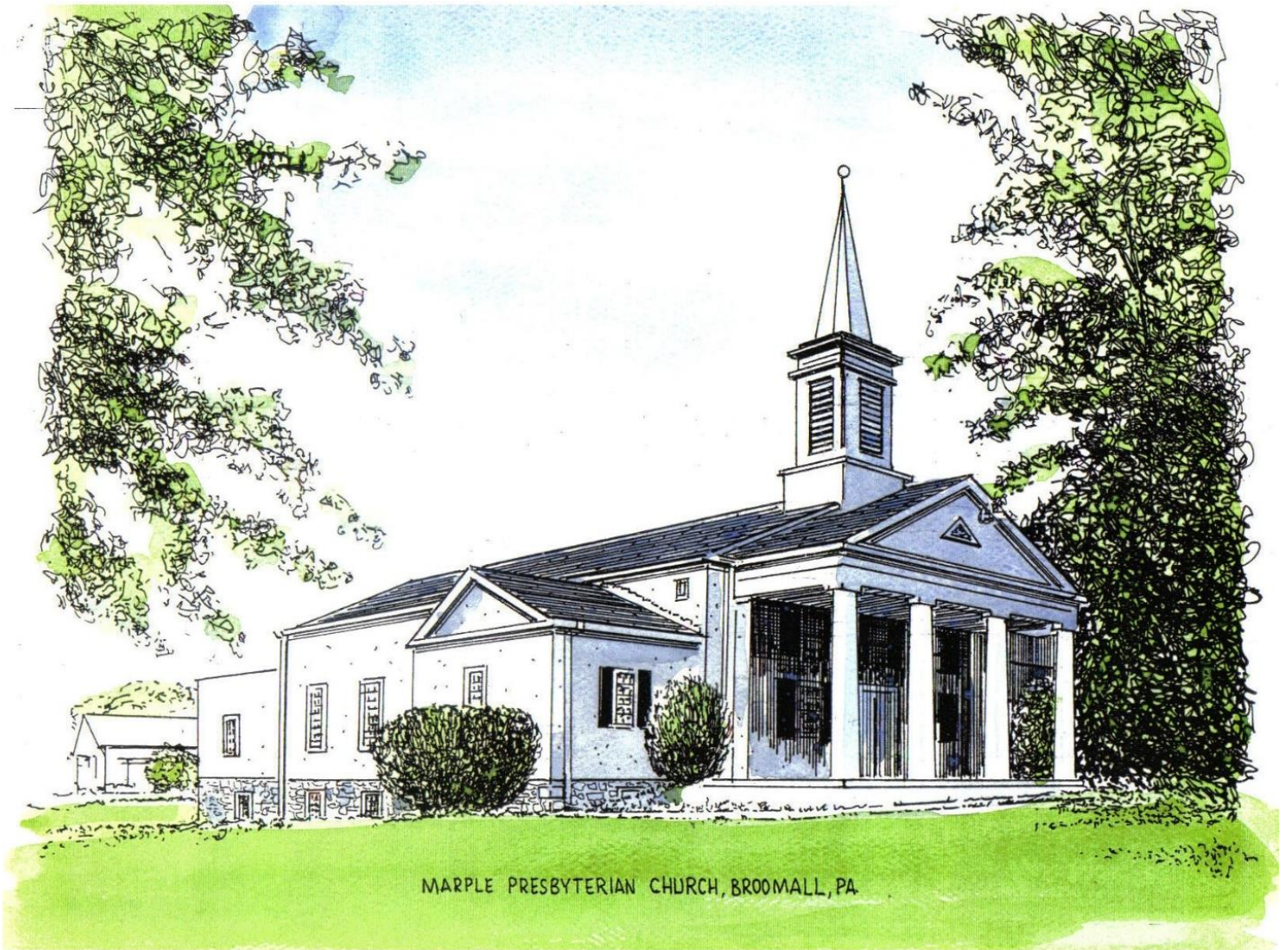

Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 01, 2026



MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROOMALL, PA

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

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Welcome

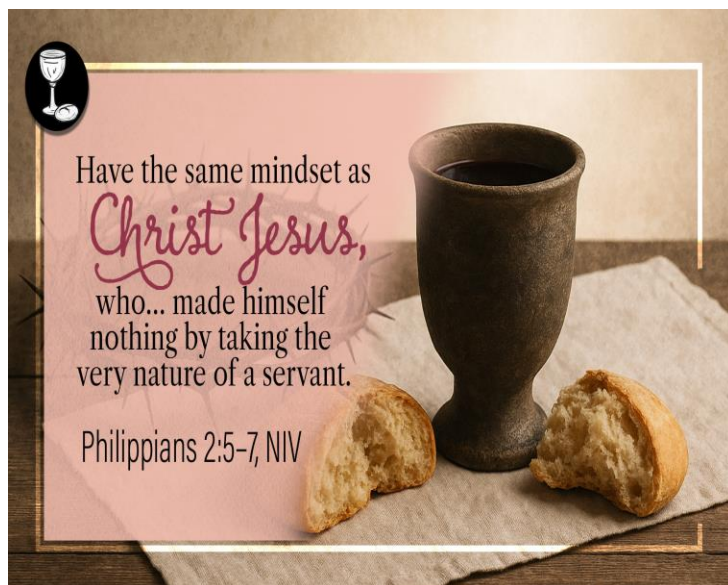
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Today – February 1, 2026

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

facebook.com/MarplePresbyterian

HOW DO I CONNECT?

Clerk of Session | [Kristen Mitchell](#)

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There are no experts in the company of Jesus. We are all beginners, necessarily followers, because we don't know where we are going. On reflection, it is difficult to understand how the term "laity" and the assumptions drawn from it continue to marginalize so many Christians from all-out participation in following Jesus. After all, didn't Jesus call only lay persons to follow him? Not a priest or professor among the twelve men and numerous women followers.

--Eugene H. Peterson, *The Jesus Way:
A Conversation on the Ways Jesus Is the Way*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude | Susan B. Greene

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** | Psalm 95, 116

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.

People: **Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.**

Leader: What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

People: **We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

***Opening Hymn** | *When Morning Gilds the Skies* | #487

***Opening Prayer**

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your all-embracing love and mercy. We are not worthy even to gather up the crumbs under your table, but it is your nature always to have mercy. So feed us with the body and blood of Jesus Christ, your Son, that we may forever live in him and he in us. Amen.

Choir Anthem | *Give Me Jesus* arr. Craig Courtney

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Musical response for personal confession and reflection.

*** Assurance of Pardon | II Corinthians 5:14-16**

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

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

***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 | Colossians 3:12-17**

Leader: As God's own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind.
Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you. And, above everything
else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for you.
And now in the spirit of unity to which Christ calls his church, let us greet one
another with the peace of Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you

People: **And also with you.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

I Corinthians 1:18-31

New Testament pg. 156

Matthew 5:1-12

New Testament pg. 4

Sermon | Jesus' Agenda for the Annual Meeting | Pastor Jim Reisner

***Hymn | *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* | #504**

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 SERVICE OF THE UPPER ROOM

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Congregational Response **Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (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.*

The Invitation

Leader: Beloved, this is the joyful feast of the people of God. People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

People: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when people dwell in unity.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and just to give you thanks...

...Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord,

People: Hosanna in the highest. ...

Leader: ...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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.

The Bread

The Cup

The Acclamation | Psalm 103

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: and all that is within me bless God's holy name.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: and forget not all God's benefits.

Prayer after Communion

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

***Closing Hymn** | *Be Thou My Vision* | #339

Charge and Benediction

Postlude | Susan B. Greene

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

zoom.us/j/6103561098 PW MPC

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

Deacon's Meeting via Zoom 7:30 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

Souper Bowl of Caring 10:30 am

Looking Ahead

FEBRUARY 18

Ash Wednesday Worship in the Chapel 7:00 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.

MPC Weather Cancellation Policy

A decision to cancel services will be made no later than 2 hours before the scheduled service. Notification will be made via Realm email blast, post to MPC Facebook (which appears on MPC website), and notification to Chair of Deacons to make phone notifications to members as needed.

CALL FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

Marple Presbyterian Church will hold its annual meeting today, 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. Elections for Elders, Deacons, and Corporate officers will be held.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, we are pleased to present the following individuals for nomination at the upcoming Annual Meeting.

Board of Deacons:

Faye Allison
Carol Robinson
George Guyer V

Board of Elders:

Patti Gwartz
Lynn Smith

**Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Wertz
Nominating Committee Chair**



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.

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**

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