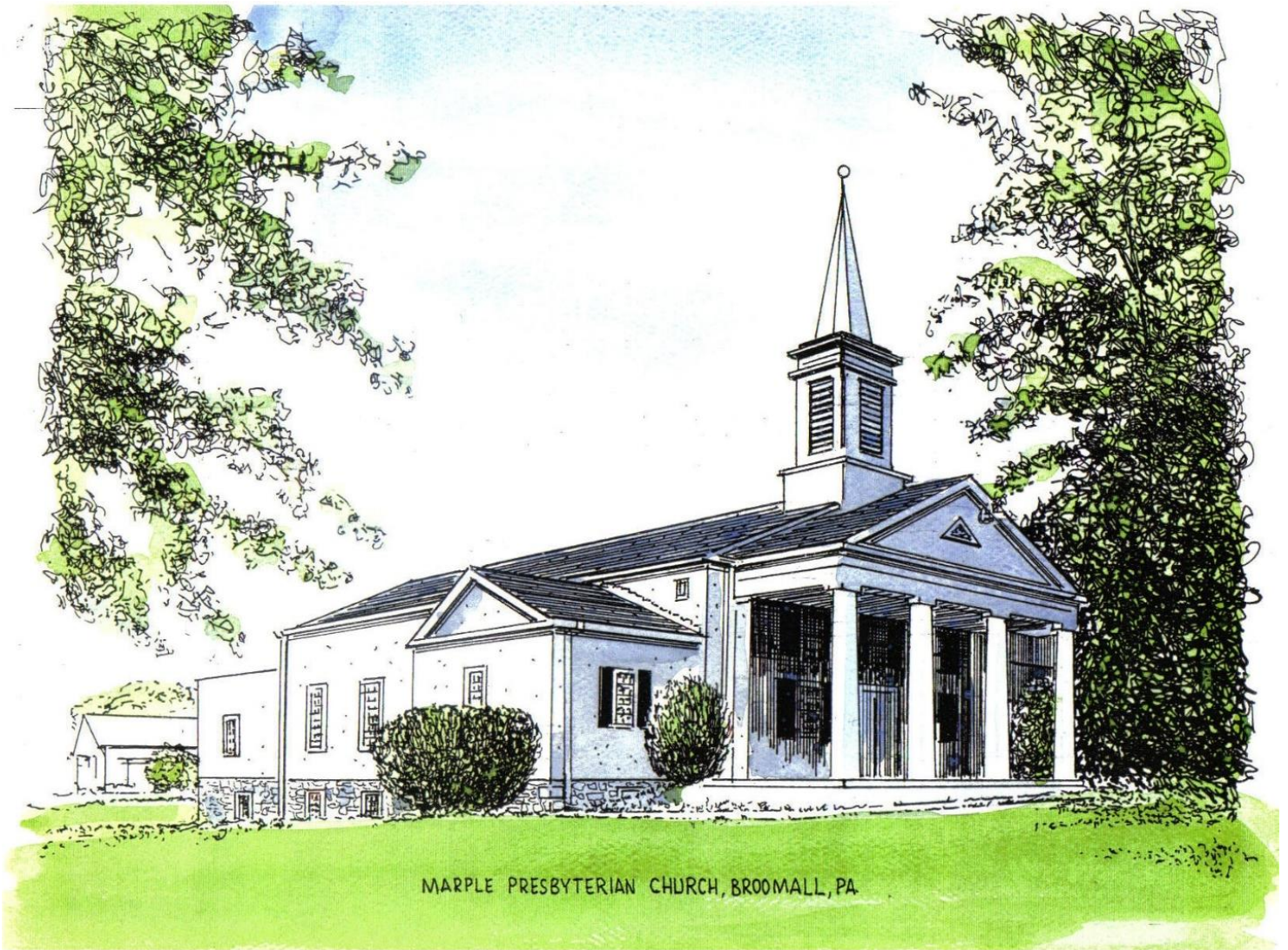

Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026



MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROOMALL, PA

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

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Welcome

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026



Today – August 30, 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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For more contact info, please contact the church office.

August 30, 2026

10:30am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Love circles around,

People: joining hands, linking hearts,

Leader: flowing from friend to friend to friend,

People: from one beloved to another.

Leader: Love circles around,

People: never giving up,

Leader: always reaching out.

People: Love circles around,

Leader: and God's love embraces all.

***Opening Hymn | *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* | #423**

***Opening Prayer**

Gracious God, source of healing and author of life, renew wholeness in our bodies, minds, spirits and in all our relationships. Bless our words and deeds that they might touch the heart of another. Awaken our deepest yearning and set to song our hope of eternal life. In the name of Jesus, our Companion and Guide. Amen.

Special Music | *The Gift of Love* arr. Hal Hopson | George Guyer, Soloist

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving and merciful God, we thank you for the community in which you call us,
and for the brothers and sisters with whom we walk this pilgrim journey.
Forgive us O God, if our eyes have been so fixed on priorities of our own making,
that we have failed to look for Jesus in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger,
the naked, the sick and the imprisoned.
Forgive us the times we fail to touch people's lives with acts of loving and caring,
justice and mercy.
Remind us that we are empowered and enabled by your Spirit to witness
to the values of your kingdom by and through all we do and say.
And Jesus said "Truly I tell you, just as you did to one of the least of these
you did it to me." Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Our God of steadfast love and encouragement leads us to live in harmony with one another, in accord with the forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

People: **As forgiven people, let us glorify God, who redeems us in Christ and shapes us through the Holy Spirit.**

***Congregational Response | *Lord, Be Glorified* | #2150**

*In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.
In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In your church, Lord, be glorified today.
In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In your world, Lord, be glorified today.*

*** Passing of the Peace |**

Leader: God, you assure us we are able to love through the Spirit of Christ. In him we are able to love our neighbors near and far. Let us be your people of love and peace, here and in the world.
You are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.
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

Matthew 25:31-46

New Testament pgs. 27-28

Romans 12:9-21

New Testament pgs. 151-152

Sermon | Dig Deeper | Rev. Roberta Kearney, Transitional Pastor

***Hymn | In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness**

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

850 In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness



1 In a deep, un-bound-ed dark - ness, long be - fore the first
2 Though our world is ev - er - chang - ing, you are con-stant, firm,
3 Joy trans-forms our lips to boast - ing on - ly in your match -
4 God of Ha - gar, God of Sa - rah, God of no - mad A -



light shone, you, O God, be - yond all mer - it worked a
and sure, faith - ful to your cov-enant prom - ise. Trust - ing
less grace, send - ing Christ to dwell a - mong us, Word made
bra - ham; God of Mir - yam, God of Mo - ses, Fi - ery



won - der faith makes known: in your mer - cy, in your
you, we live, se - cure: sing - ing prais - es, sing - ing
flesh in time and space: Friend and Sav - ior, Friend and
Pil - lar, great I AM: lead us home - ward, lead us



mer - cy, you em-braced us as your own,
prais - es, long as heart and breath en - dure,
Sav - ior, in whose life we glimpse your face,
home - ward, to the love - feast of the Lamb,



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

Setting this translation of a Chinese hymn to Western plainsong enhances the universal context of the opening stanza. The familiar pattern of creation, covenant, and incarnation in the first three stanzas leads to a far-reaching final stanza that looks both backward and forward.

TEXT: Anon. Chinese; trans. Francis P. Jones, 1953; adapt. Mary Louise Bringle, 2012
MUSIC: Plainsong, Mode V; harm. C. Winfred Douglas, 1940
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DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
8.7.8.7.8.7.7

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Affirmation of Faith | Romans 12:9-21**

By the grace of God and the help of the Holy Spirit, we can live as Christ teaches:

We can serve with "genuine love".

We can hate what is evil; we can cling to what is good.

We can love one another.

We can be zealous; we can show each other honor.

We can be ardent.

We can offer service.

We can rejoice in hope and be patient in suffering.

We can contribute to the needs of the "saints."

We can extend hospitality to strangers.

As the Holy Spirit continues working to mature our hearts and minds:

We can bless those who persecute us.

We can refrain from cursing those who persecute us.

We can rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep.

We can live in harmony.

We can be humble and serve with the unfortunate hurting in body, mind or spirit.

We can be peacemakers and not repay evil with evil and live peaceably with all.

We can find ways of restitution beyond revenge.

We can feed and give drink to our enemies.

And, we can be transformed in order to overcome evil with good.

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** *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.*

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

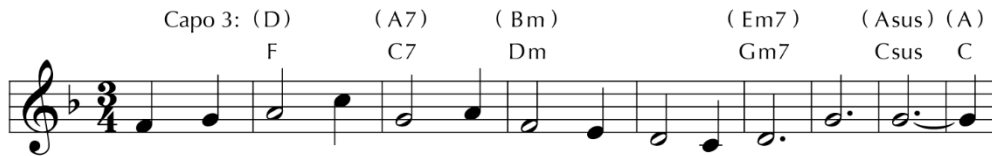
In deep gratitude for all you have done for us, we offer ourselves and our gifts to you as living sacrifices of worship and praise. Transform our hearts and minds from the inside out; show us what is good and pleasing in your sight, so we may be quick to recognize your call, and quick to respond. Help us to always give of our time and resources freely and joyfully. In the name of Jesus, our Messiah and Lord, Amen.

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

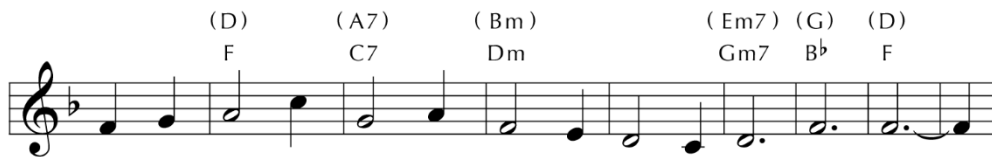
Closing Hymn | *Will You Come and Follow Me

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

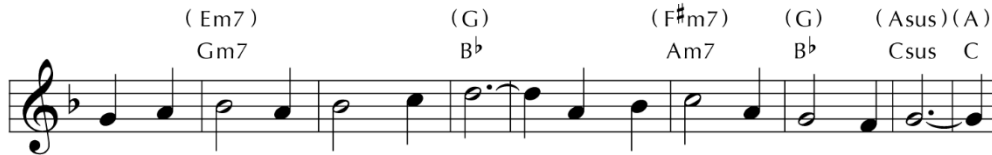
The Summons



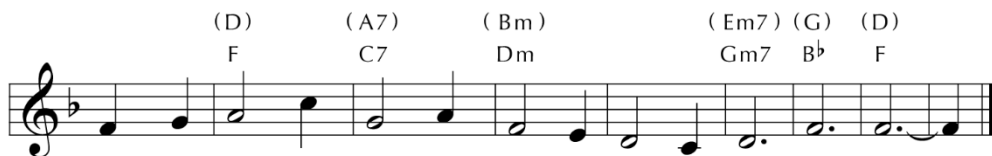
- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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

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

Worship 10:30 am

Looking Ahead

SEPTEMBER 7

Labor Day Holiday - Church Office Closed

SEPTEMBER 10-16

Church Office Closed

SEPTEMBER 16

Session Meeting 7:00 pm

SEPTEMBER 27

Worship, Recognition of 50+ members 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. 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.



Backpack Supplies Due Sunday for Deacon distribution

The new school year is almost here and the Deacons are, once again, collecting school supplies for the children at the Shelter.

Please note: The Deacons will purchase the back packs. However, we need everything else.

So, look for those sales and, if you can, please pick up a few items for the kids who are less fortunate.

Linda Pursley, Deacon Moderator
631-942-5758

Please bring your school supplies into the church by Sunday August 30th, so we can sort and deliver everything to the shelter.

You can also send a check to the church labeled Deacons School Supplies and we will shop for you, if you cannot or prefer not to shop.

Thank you for your very generous support of this ministry.



Information needed for Anniversary Sunday – September 27.

Anniversary Sunday is a great time to celebrate 50 years of faithful church membership.

This year – Roberta would like to add an additional piece to the Anniversary celebration, in order to recognize folks who have been church members for 50 years, whether or not those years were all at Marple.

The idea of celebrating 50 years of membership comes from the Freemasons. The celebration serves as a reminder that long term faithfulness blesses our church. It dates from an era when most folks lived in the same place their entire lives.

Now, as people are much more mobile, they may have joined Marple 20 or 30 years ago,

but may not ever attain 50 years at Marple, even as they have been faithful to God and the church for five or more decades.

If you have been a church member anywhere, for 50 plus years, are close to being a 50-year member of Christ's church please let us know.

At the same time, we would like to gather important information you wish to share, from all our members:

Please feel free to call the church office with this information (610-356-1098) or send an email to marplepc@gmail.com

Name

- Birthday – Month and Day
- Wedding Anniversary, if applicable
- Year you joined Marple Presbyterian Church
- How long you have been a church member elsewhere, before coming to Marple.

Ministry Invitation

Touchpoint Church Growth Plan

Anyone who regularly worships at Marple, online or in person whether or not a church member, is invited to be part of this team.

Marple has been invited to participate in a 12-month program to determine the best ways to reach and welcome people to join in ministry and life at Marple.

The goal is to develop a plan specific to Marple to grow membership by 10% within 12 months. Formation of the plan will occur over four to five months. The remaining months will be spent applying the plan and learning what uses of social media would be most beneficial in our area. The work begins in October and will be done on Zoom. It involves a monthly 2-hour commitment.

The plan includes 5 steps, the first three of which can begin in as soon as 2-3 people commit to being on the Growth Team. Participation on the team is open to all friends and members of Marple. Additional

Marple team meetings, on Zoom, and actions include a 4-8 hour/month commitment.

Broadly, Steps 1-3 are as follows:

1. Work with our church to learn what kind of fellowship events we would invite friends and family to attend at church. Pick the event, then invite family, friends, and former church members to attend.
2. In weekly worship celebrate a blessing in the church or community. Invite inactive or community people to attend.
3. Identify someone who needs a little help, or a celebration, or a bit of encouragement in the neighborhood or church. Meet the need and then celebrate in worship.

John Strain is the contact person to learn more.



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**

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

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