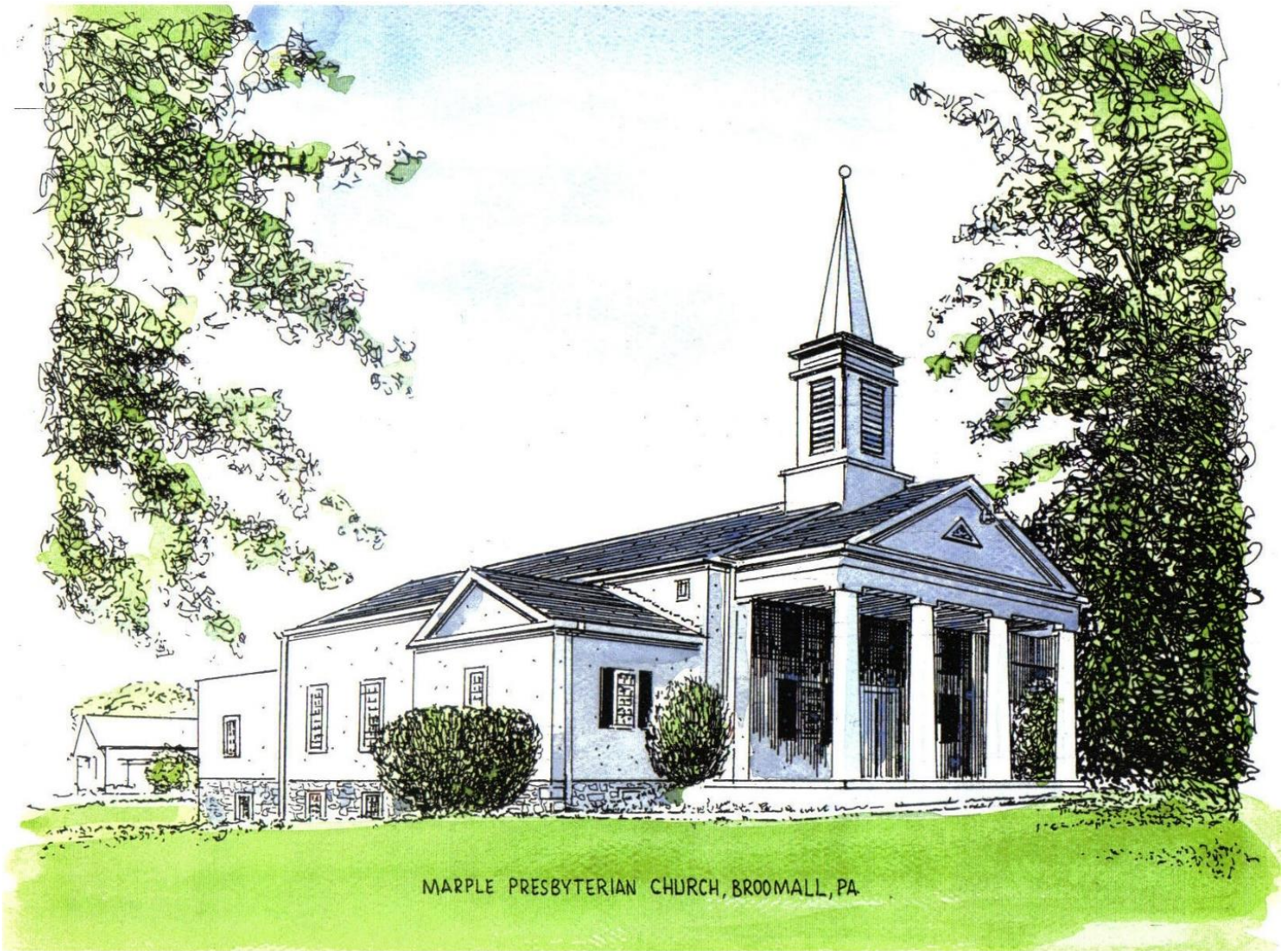

Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026



MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROOMALL, PA

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

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Welcome

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026



Today – Anniversary Sunday

LITURGIST: Linda Pursley

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

marplepc@gmail.com

Website | www.marplepres.org

facebook.com/MarplePresbyterian

HOW DO I CONNECT?

Clerk of Session | [Kristen Mitchell](#)

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Deacons | Linda Pursley & Joyce Holmwood
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Fellowship | [Debbie Pettinelli](#)

Finance | [Kerri Robinson](#)

Mission | Session Members

Music | [Susan Greene](#)

Nursery | [Amy Eckels](#)

Personnel | [Ben Mitchell](#)

Property Management | [Paul Avazier](#)

Rentals | [Church Office](#)

Stewardship | Session Members

Treasurer | [Bill Brower](#)
marlepctreasurer@gmail.com

Worship | [Amy Eckels](#)

Youth Group | [Ben Mitchell](#)

For more contact info, please contact the church office.

September 27, 2026

10:30am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship | Psalm 100**

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing!

**People: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting;
and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

Leader: O praise the Lord with me.

All: Let us exalt God's name together.

***Opening Hymn | *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* | #288**

***Opening Prayer**

O God, light of the minds that know you,
life of the souls that love you,
strength of the thoughts that seek you:
Help us so to know you that we may truly love you,
so, to love you that we may fully serve you,
whose service is perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Choir Anthem | *To Worship God Alone* by Mary McDonald

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, your generosity surprises us.
For you do not give out grace according to how hard we work,
or how often we worship, or how closely we follow the rules.
No, you lavish grace upon us according to your own desire.
But we insist on deciding who is deserving and who is not.
We grumble that some receive too little while others have more than they deserve.
Forgive us, we pray.
Help us to live with humility and gratitude
so that our words and deeds might embody your grace.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love, ready to relent from punishment.
Believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ, God's generous love
reaches out to embrace us. In Christ, we are forgiven and set
free to begin again.

All: Thanks be to God.

*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: Christ came to bring peace to the whole world –
to those who loved God –
to those who did not know God –
to those who turned away from God.
Therefore, we share the peace of Christ –
with friends – with strangers and – with foes.
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 6:9-15

New Testament pg. 5

Jonah 3:1-5, 10-4:11

Old Testament pgs. 811-812

Sermon | The Jonah Syndrome | Rev. Roberta Kearney, Transitional Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn** | *This is My Father's World* | #293

Recognition of our 50+ Year Members

Faye Allison	1970	Linda Pursley	
John Baxter	1976	Betty Rippel	1960
Bill Brower	1969	Carol Robinson	1970
Marion Brower	1960	Norm Sellers	1963
Peg Clothier	1959	Lynn Smith	1960
Helen Cotumaccio	1971	Mack Smith	1970
Charlie Fry	1957	Margie Smith	1967
Janie Fry	1957	Doris Wandling	1959
Nancy Nicholas	1960	Shirley Wise	1970

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Anniversary Sunday

Leader: Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
hear our prayer.

For the Church universal,
and for this congregation of your people,

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For this place in which we gather
for praise and prayer, witness and service,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord,

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For your presence among us
whenever your Word has been proclaimed,
your sacramental gifts of bread and wine shared,

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For those who have been made your children
by adoption and grace,
who in this place were cleansed of sin,
buried with Christ in the waters of baptism,
and raised to new and eternal life,

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For disciples young and old
who have been nurtured here in faith,

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For all who have come here
asking your blessing in marriage,
seeking to love with your love,

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For deacons, elders, and pastors
who have led and loved us,
and by the offering of their gifts equipped us for ministry,

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For faithful stewards among us
who have lived for others,
serving you by loving neighbors,

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For all the saints who have stood among us,
whose memory still enlivens our faith
and emboldens our witness,

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For the ministries of worship and mission,
nurture and fellowship,
and for all whose lives have been touched by them,

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: Receive our gratitude, Holy God,
For the years through which you have led us,
and open us to the future you promise
in the years that lie ahead,
grant us your encouragement in the work of ministry,
your consolation in our defeats,
and your challenge to our complacency.
Give us such trust in your abiding Holy Spirit,
that we may find joy and peace in our common life,
strength and courage to live in the world for your reign,
and hope in the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***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

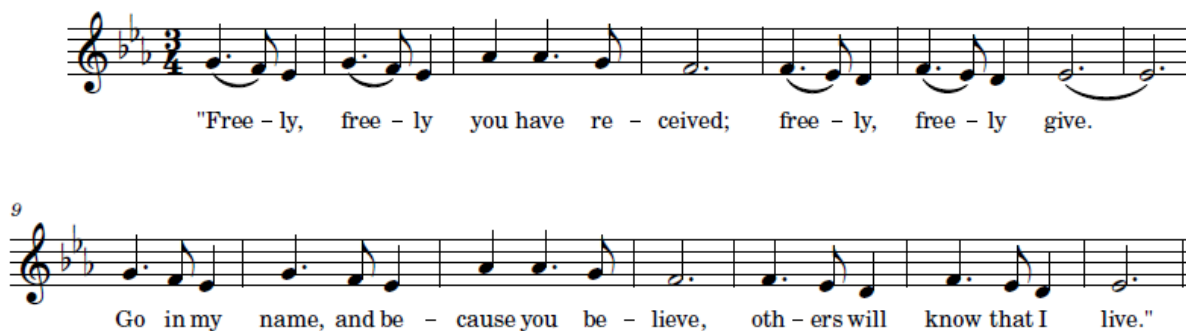
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

By the grace of God, we are saved — today and every day. Let us embrace this gift and respond with generosity. In gratitude, let us present our tithes and offerings.

Offertory

***Congregational Response** *Freely, Freely* written and composed by Carol Owens



*Offering Prayer

Almighty God, we offer you these gifts and our hearts alongside them.
May they be blessed to do your bidding.
May our expectations of what is right and what is wise
always be governed by your uncontrollable love.

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

***Closing Hymn | *Grace Alone* | #2162**

The choir will sing verse 1 and the refrain and then the congregation will sing the hymn.

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

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 10:30 am

Looking Ahead

OCTOBER 7

Deacon's Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm

OCTOBER 21

Session Meeting 7:00 pm

NOVEMBER 4

Deacon's Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm

NOVEMBER 18

Session Meeting 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.

Touchpoint Church Growth Plan

Ministry Invitation

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

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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 Gwartz '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