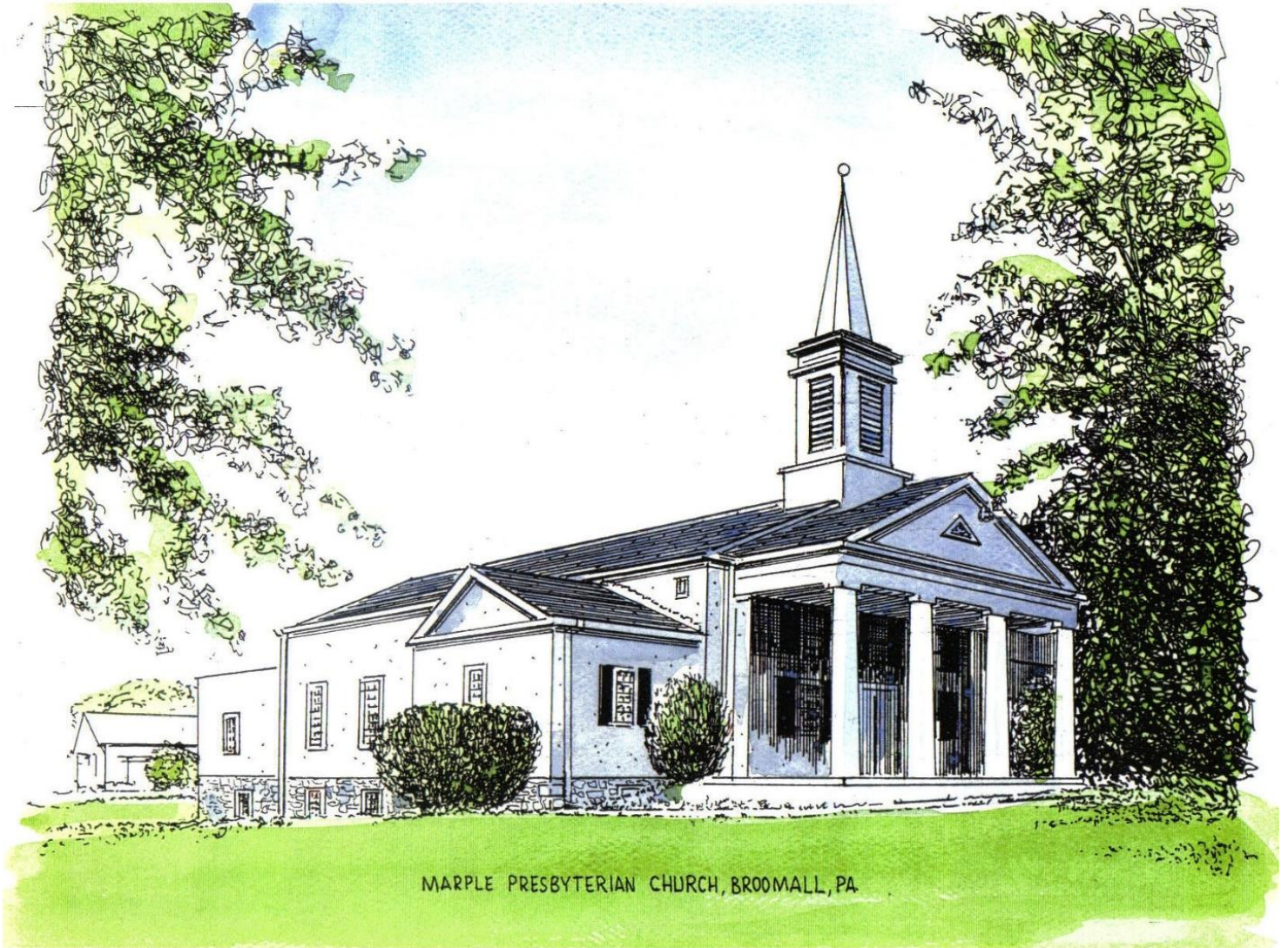

Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, MAY 03, 2026



MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROOMALL, PA

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

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Welcome

SUNDAY, MAY 03, 2026



Today – 5th Sunday in Eastertide

LITURGIST: Patricia Gwartz

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

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Website | www.marplepres.org

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No event in your life can imprison you. This is what resurrection is about. I shall not allow the events of my life to make me their prisoner. ... I shall continually believe that God is not through with my life, or with me.

Howard Thurman

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship | Psalms 95 & 116

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Sing, and give praise to God's name;
tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.**

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 | *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* #489**

***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 | *The Call* by Z. Randall Stroope

Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

Moment for personal confession and reflection.

***Assurance of Pardon | Romans 8 and II Corinthians 5**

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

NETTLETON

*O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.*

*Passing of the Peace | Colossians 3:12-14

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.

Let us now greet one another, saying, "The Peace of Christ be with you."

People: **And also with you.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Luke 5:1-11

New Testament pg. 58

John 21:1-19

New Testament pgs. 109-110

Sermon | Déjà Vu All Over Again | Pastor Jim Reisner

***Hymn | Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken**

LORD'S SUPPER

**Loaves Were Broken,
Words Were Spoken**

498

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)
F Dm B \flat

1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D) (Bm)
F Dm

le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their
room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you
gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am
name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G) (D) (A)
B \flat F C

food for - ev - er - more.
came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken
with you; do not fear!"
tell your love and care.

(Bm) (F \sharp m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
Dm Am Dm B \flat C F

for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

(Bm) (G) (D)
Dm B \flat F

gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The first two stanzas of this text deal with events in the past (the feeding of the multitude and the Last Supper) and the final two with events in the present. The recurring last four lines of each stanza serve as an affirmation of Christ's continuing presence at all times.

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MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958

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BEACH SPRING

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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

*The Great 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: In every time and every age, O God,
it is good and faithful that we give you thanks. ...

... we praise you and join their unending hymn:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things ...

... Remembering our Lord's self-giving love,
We proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Leader: Blessed are you, O Spirit, giver of life. ...

... In the unity of the Holy Trinity,
in gratitude for this great day of resurrection,
we praise you, God of all that is,
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 | *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* #2129**

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

Deacons 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, Mother's Day 10:30 am

Looking Ahead

MAY 13

Session Meeting 7:00 pm

MAY 17

Memorial Service for Cate Hoffman - Chapel 11:00 am

MAY 17

Worship, Congregational Meal 10:30 am

MAY 22

Red Cross Blood Drive – MPC FH 8 am – 1 pm

Church Office Closed

MAY 24

Worship, Guest Pastor 10:30 am

MAY 25

Memorial Day Holiday, Church Office Closed

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.



Sunday, May 17 – There will be a congregational meal after worship. Please contact Debbie Pettinelli if you would be willing to make a dish or help serve.

Friday, June 5 – Strawberry Fest Please contact Debbie Pettinelli if you would be willing to help. This is a big event and many hands are needed. Please bring in any jewelry that may be collecting dust as well as any jewelry boxes.



Friday,
June 5th
5pm-8pm



More "Gently-Used Jewelry" Needed

The Jewelry Table has been quite popular with patrons of the Strawberry Festival. So much so, that we're in need of more jewelry donations. With many returning shoppers, we would like to offer some new selections.

Also if you have any small boxes they will also be much appreciated.

You can give them to me at Sunday Service or leave them at the church office with Lori.



I will also be in need of helpers with the Jewelry Table:

Setup - Thursday, June 4th

Selling at the Festival - Friday, June 5th • 5-8pm

Breakdown of the Jewelry Table after the Festival

Thank you.

Diane Valaitis • 609-922-0042 • mardy1107@me.com



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:

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610-888-7458

OR

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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

<i>Paul Avazier '26</i>	<i>Faye Allison '28</i>
<i>Amy Eckels '28</i>	<i>Marion Brower '27</i>
<i>Patricia Gwartz '28</i>	<i>Bette Downs '27</i>
<i>Ben Mitchell '27</i>	<i>George Guyer '28</i>
<i>Kristen Mitchell, Clerk</i>	<i>Greg Hoffman '27</i>
<i>Debbie Pettinelli '27</i>	<i>Joyce Holmwood '26</i>
<i>Kerri Robinson '26</i>	<i>Linda Pursley '27</i>
<i>Lynn Smith '28</i>	<i>Carol Robinson '28</i>
<i>John Strain '27</i>	<i>Diane Valaitis '26</i>
<i>Kim Wertz '28</i>	<i>Shirley Wise '26</i>