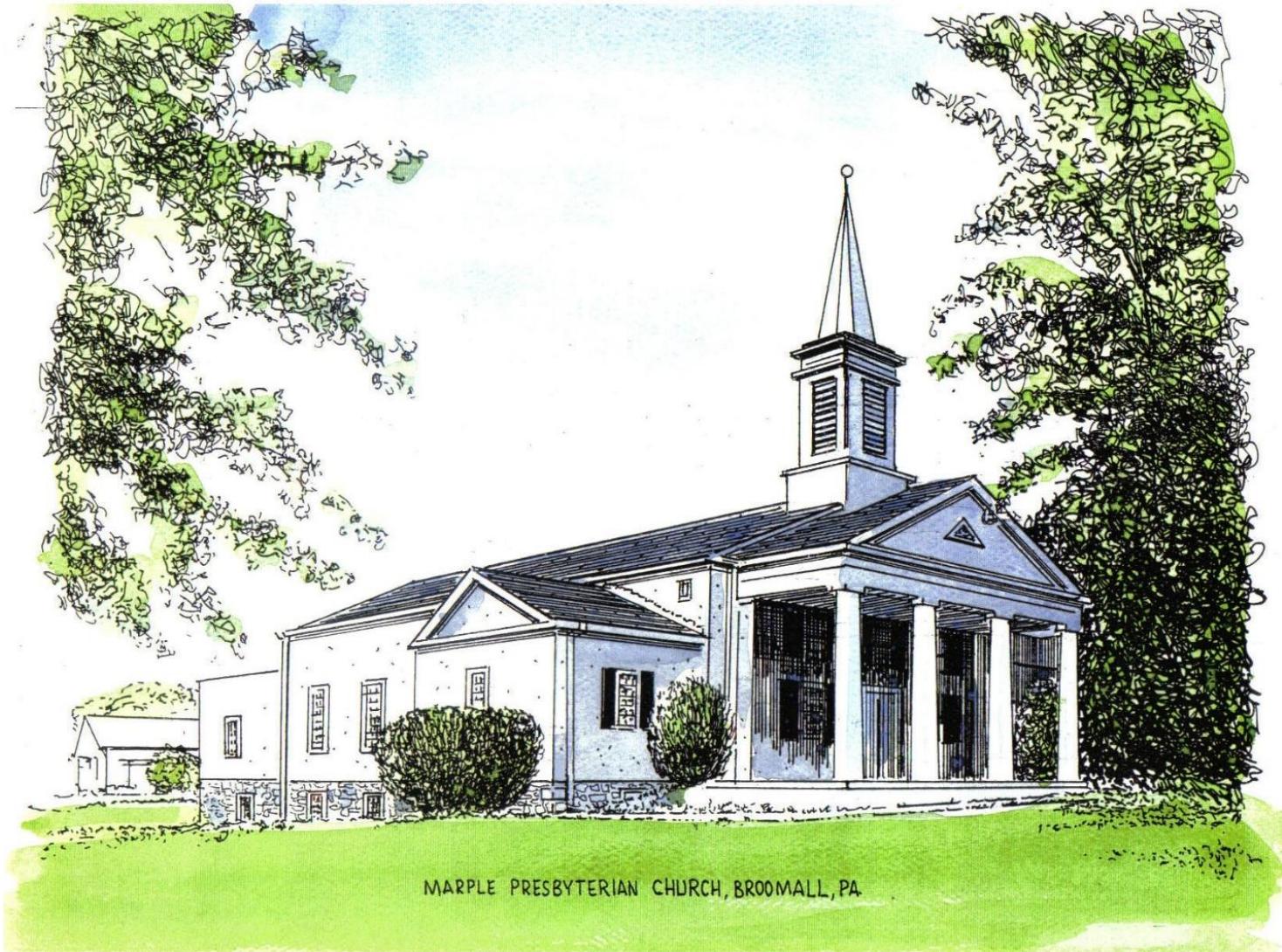


# Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026



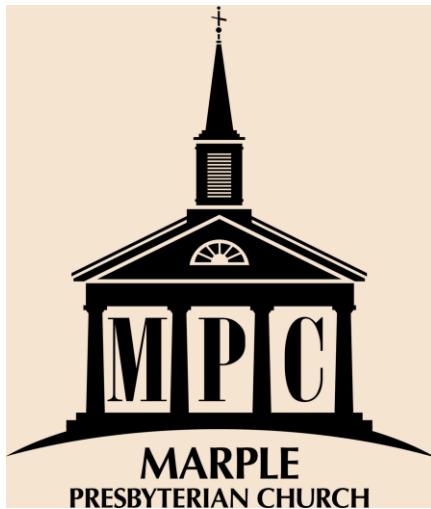
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**“We love because He first loved us.”** 1 John 4:19

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# Welcome

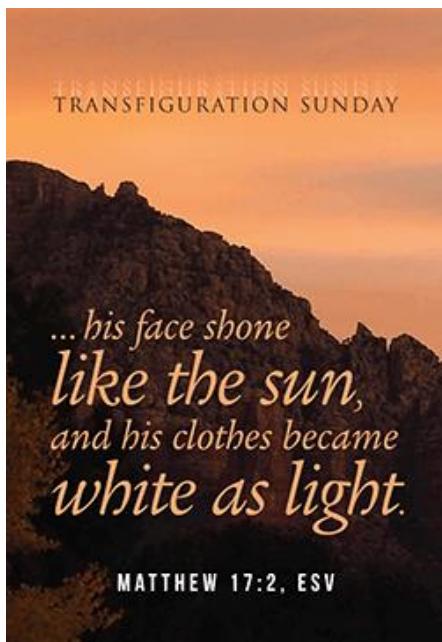
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## Today – Transfiguration Sunday

LITURGIST: Terry Canny

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](http://www.marplepres.org)

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## HOW DO I CONNECT?

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Worship | Amy Eckels

Youth Group | Ben Mitchell

For more contact info, please contact the church office.

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# Service for the Lord's Day

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# 10:30am

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## Prayer Before Worship

Great and good God, give us pure hearts that we may see you, humble hearts that we may hear you, hearts of love that we may serve you, hearts of faith that we may live in you, reverent hearts that we may worship you, here and in the world our there, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-- Dag Hammarskjold, 1905-1961

*“God, you are the sun; I am your reflection.  
When God shines, we must reflect.”*

-- Mechtild of Magdeburg

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord's name be praised.

People: Praise the Lord.

Leader: God who said, “Out of darkness the light shall shine!”  
is the same God who made light shine in our hearts,

People: to bring us the knowledge of God's glory shining in the face of Christ.

### \*Opening Hymn | O Word of God Incarnate | #327

### **\*Opening Prayer**

O God, glorious and faithful, to those who seek you with a sincere heart you reveal the beauty of your face. Strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross, and open our hearts to its transfiguring power; that, clinging in love to your will for us, we may walk the path of discipleship as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

### **Choir Anthem | *By Faith* arr. Michael Lawrence**

### **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasm. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*Moment for personal confession and reflection.*

### **\* Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Hear the Good News! If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

People: **So we also must consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to all that is good in Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen!**

### **\*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:** We are a forgiven people. Let us then forgive one another. And in the spirit of unity to which Christ calls his church, let us greet one another with the peace of Christ, saying, The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scripture Lessons**

II Peter 1:16-21	New Testament pg. 222
Matthew 17:1-9	New Testament pgs. 17-18

### **Sermon | A Light Shining in a Dark Place | Pastor Jim Reisner**

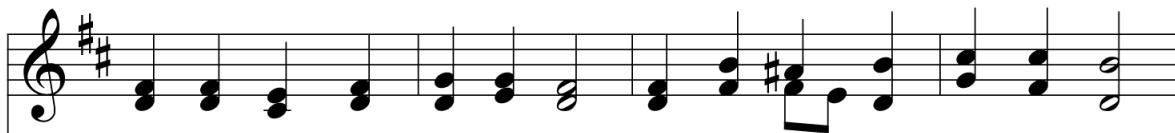
\*Hymn | Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

CELEBRATING TIME

# Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies 662



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies; Christ, the true, the on - ly light;  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa-nied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of Righ-teous-ness, a - rise; tri-umph o'er the shades of night;  
joy - less is the day's re-turn till thy mer - cy's beams I see;  
fill me, ra - dian - cy di-vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.



This well-crafted morning hymn opens by celebrating daylight as an image of Christ, the true Light, then ponders life without light, and culminates in a prayer for inward light. The tune's name honors its German roots: Ratisbon is the former English name for Regensburg.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1740

MUSIC: German folk melody; adapt. Johann Werner, 1815; harm. William Henry Havergal, 1847

RATISBON

7.7.7.7.7.7

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* **Affirmation of Faith** | from Book of Common Worship, Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation;  
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,  
things visible and invisible.  
All things have been created through him and for him.  
He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.  
He is head of the body, the church;  
he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead,  
so that he might come to have first place in everything.  
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
by making peace through the blood of his cross. 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**

### **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**

O Lord our God, you are great indeed,  
clothed in majesty and splendor,  
wrapped in light as with a robe.  
In the solitude of a mountain height  
you revealed your glory in Jesus Christ.  
We praise you for this glimpse  
of the mystery of our redemption.  
Transfigure us by your Spirit,  
and let your love shine in all we do and say,  
that all the world may see the radiant light  
of God guiding all creation, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

# WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

## \*Closing Hymn | Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

### 193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain, where, with Pe - ter,  
2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -  
3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -  
4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we see you  
5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -

James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,  
pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there  
ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en  
glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed "It is fin - ished!"  
cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,

light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us  
fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like  
says of the In - car - nate Word, "Lis - ten, lis - ten,  
where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -  
all that we have seen and heard; say with Pe - ter,

Some version of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9 / Mark 9:2-9 / Luke 9:28-36) is always read on the last Sunday after the Epiphany. In this text that foretaste of Christ's glorification helps to prepare Peter, James, and John for their roles as proclaimers of "God's beloved Son."

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE



A musical score for 'JESUS CHRIST: LIFE' in G clef, B-flat key signature, and common time. The soprano (top) staff contains lyrics: 'for the night by the vi - sion of that sight. ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe. ev - ery - one: this is my be - lov - ed Son." tur - i - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!" James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"'. The bass (bottom) staff consists of a continuous harmonic progression of chords: G, D, G, C, G, D, G, C. The score is divided into two systems by a vertical bar line.

**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

[zoom.us/j/6103561098](https://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

Ash Wednesday Worship in the Chapel 7 pm

Session Meeting 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

# Looking Ahead

## MARCH 4

Deacon's Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm

## MARCH 18

Session Meeting 7:00 pm

## MARCH 22

Calvary's Mountain (Cantata) 10:30 am

## MARCH 29

Palm Sunday 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](mailto:youthgroup@marplepres.org) for additional information.

## YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR 2025-2026

MPC's Youth Group is open to all youth currently in 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, regardless of membership at Marple Presbyterian Church. We typically meet a few Sundays per month from 4 – 7 pm in the Rowland Room at MPC, 105 N. Sproul Rd, Broomall, Pennsylvania. See below for meeting dates and special events!

### Youth Group Meeting Dates:

October 19	February 15
November 2	March 1
December 7	March 15
December 21* – Christmas Party!	April 5
January 11*	April 19
January 25*	May 3
February 1	May 17

*\*For the Christmas Party, Youth Group will run from 3 pm to 6 pm. Youth are invited and encouraged to stay and attend MPC's Longest Night Service which is from 7-8 pm.*

*\*For January meetings, we will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at the normal time.*

### Special Events:

November 15-16 – Lock-in @ MPC

December 27 – Go Karts Trip

*\*\*We would like to plan an away retreat once we have a sense availability for our members in the Spring. We will announce dates and information after the holiday season.*

June 6 – Youth Group BBQ

*\*\*We are considering turning the BBQ into a campout at the Mitchells' house if members are interested in trying this. We have access to two campers, some indoor accommodations and may be able to procure tents for anyone really wanting to "rough" it.*

For more information, contact Kristen Mitchell at [klizzano@gmail.com](mailto:klizzano@gmail.com) or 302-494-1146.



# LENTEN SCHEDULE

**Sunday, March 29 - 10:30 am**  
Palm Sunday Worship Service

**Thursday, April 2 - 7:00 pm, Chapel**  
Maundy Thursday Worship Service  
Communion

**Friday, April 3 - 1:00 pm**  
Good Friday Interfaith Service

**Sunday, April 5 - 10:30 am**  
Easter Sunday Worship Service

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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](mailto:jholmwood433@comcast.net) 610-888-7458

OR

Linda Pursley [lpursley1981@gmail.com](mailto: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.



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**SESSION**

*Paul Avazier '26*

*Amy Eckels '28*

*Patti Gwirtz '28*

*Ben Mitchell '27*

*Kristen Mitchell, Clerk*

*Debbie Pettinelli '27*

*Kerri Robinson '26*

*Lynn Smith '28*

*John Strain '27*

*Kim Wertz '28*

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**DEACONS**

*Faye Allison '28*

*Marion Brower '27*

*Bette Downs '27*

*George Guyer '28*

*Greg Hoffman '27*

*Joyce Holmwood '26*

*Linda Pursley '27*

*Carol Robinson '28*

*Diane Valaitis '26*

*Shirley Wise '26*

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