Marple Presbyterian Church

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 29, 2026 - 10:30 a.m. Worship, First Sunday of Advent

Rev. Roberta Kearney, Transitional Pastor | Sermon –

We welcome you to join us in-person or virtually. You can access the live stream on Twitch HERE.
Past services may be viewed on our YouTube channel using the link on our website.
The live stream link and weekly bulletins are also available on our website, www.marplepres.org.

Pastor Roberta Kearney's e-mail – rkearney@marplepres.org

MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN THRIFT SHOP
Saturday, Nov. 28 10 am – 4 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 1 10 am – 3 pm

JOYS AND CONCERNS ON ZOOM
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 3 – 4 pm
zoom.us/j/6103561098 Password MPC

Nov. 26 - 27 - Church Office Closed

Dec. 2 at 7:30 pm – Deacon's Meeting via Zoom

A Feast of Carols: Nourishment for Body and Soul

Sunday, December 6, 2026

Following Worship

We will be having a Caroling Luncheon after worship on Sunday, December 6, 2026. We will have a time of fellowship and singing to welcome in this season of Advent.

Please RSVP by Nov. 29 if you plan to attend. Please let Debbie or Lori know if you will attend.

We would ask that each of you brings a potluck dish to share.

Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you plan to bring a potluck dish or dessert.

Please contact Debbie if you have any questions or would like more information.

Please take one of the *Carols for the Coming Christ* favorite carol questionnaires and fill it out. The questionnaires are available in the Narthex.





MY FAVORITE CAROL

Our Advent and Christmas theme this year features the ways carols have shaped our faith experiences. We want to know about your favorite carols and perhaps a bit about why you like them. This handout helps you do that AND helps you dig a bit deeper into the study of the carol to learn about its history. You can search the internet for the history of any carol!

My favorite carol of the season _____

I like this carol because _____

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This carol brings up memories of _____

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This carol reminds me that _____

_____

Here is what I learned or know about this carol _____

_____

My name is (we might share the information above so you can tell us your name, or not!)

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Names will appear in the bulletin exactly as printed below.

Quantity: _____ @ $8/plant Paid via: ❑ Cash ❑ Check #_____

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Touchpoint Church Growth Project

A small group of us that are interested in working on ways to build our church attendance and hopefully membership, met again after church this past week. We are developing some interesting ideas. Thanks to those that have stayed and contributed. This is not a 'closed' group of people so if you are curious or interested in sharing ideas please join us for our next short meeting on November 29. The group changes week to week due to personal schedules so this is not a 'must attend every week' situation.
Our Touchpoint group is adopting the theme: Help Us to Help Others.

See you in church!

John Strain



Angel Tree 2026

Marion Brower is again leading our Angel Tree Campaign.
Details are expected around Thanksgiving.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec. 6 at 10:30 am – Worship, Communion, Caroling Luncheon after Worship
Dec. 13 – Deadline to order Poinsettias. Order forms are available in the narthex.
Dec. 16 at 7pm – Session Meeting
Dec. 21 at 7 pm – Longest Night Worship Service
Dec. 24 at 7 pm – Christmas Eve Worship Service
Dec. 28 – 31 – Church Office Closed for Christmas Break
Jan. 1 – New Year's Day Holiday, Church Office Closed



"While We Wait: Growing in Faith, Fellowship, and Hope"

The Stewardship of Patience: Learning to Trust God's Timing

Patience is not always easy, especially when we are waiting for something important. As a congregation, Marple Presbyterian Church is in a season of waiting as we seek the pastor God is calling to lead us into our next chapter.

It is natural to feel anxious or impatient. But perhaps this is also a time to practice an important expression of stewardship: the stewardship of patience.

Scripture is full of people who had to wait on God's timing. Abraham and Sarah waited many years for the promised child (Genesis 21:1-3). Moses spent forty years in the wilderness before God called him (Exodus 3:1-12). The disciples were told to wait for the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-8). Waiting is not wasted time; God can be working in ways we cannot yet see.

Psalm 27:14 encourages us: "Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" It is an invitation to trust God, even when we do not know how long the waiting will last.

As we search, we must remember that **"finding the right person is more important than finding someone quickly."** We want a pastor whose gifts, faith, and vision fit our congregation, and we must give the process the time it needs rather than letting impatience decide.

But waiting does not mean standing still. We can continue to worship together, care for one another, serve our neighbors, and strengthen the fellowship that makes Marple a church family. God is still at work among us.

We are not waiting alone. God walks with us through every season, including uncertainty, and will guide us in the right direction, however long it takes.

Let us be patient with the process, faithful in our ministry, and hopeful about our future. God's timing may not always be our timing, but we can trust that we are in God's hands.

Questions for Reflection

1. When have you had to wait patiently for something important? What did it teach you about trusting God?
2. How can we support one another and strengthen our fellowship during this transition?
3. What can each of us do to help Marple remain vibrant, caring, and welcoming while we wait?

A Prayer for Patience

Gracious God,
Teach us to be patient when the future is uncertain. As we seek the pastor you are calling to Marple Presbyterian Church, help us resist rushing ahead of your timing. Give wisdom to those guiding the search, understanding to those who wait, and faith to us all. Keep our hearts hopeful, our fellowship strong, and our trust rooted in you. May we recognize your guidance, whenever and however it comes.

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. Please be sure to e-mail Pastor Roberta as well at rkearney@marplepres.org