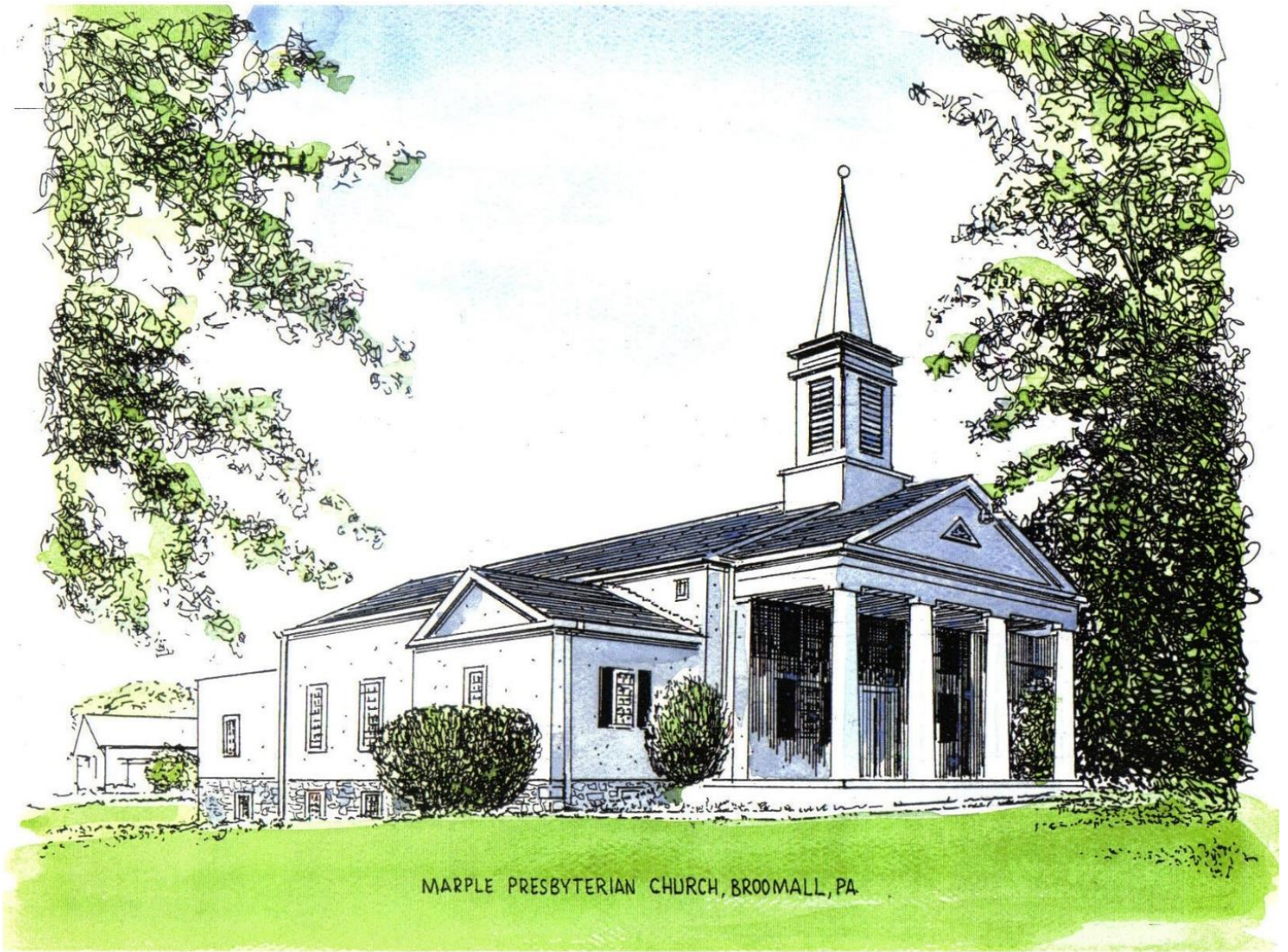

Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 09, 2025



MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROOMALL, PA

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

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Welcome

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Today – November 9, 2025

LITURGIST: Douglas Ballard

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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For more contact info, please contact the church office.

Service for the Lord's Day

10:30am

We welcome The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill as our guest preacher today.

The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill has served five different congregations in various locations over the course of his pastoral career. In this presbytery, he has served the Abington and Bryn Mawr congregations.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude | Susan B. Greene

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: May the peace of God rest upon us so that we may be quieted into prayer.

People: **May the love of God inspire us to serve and love others.**

Leader: May the grace of God seek out our needs for healing and restoration.

People: **May the compelling gospel set our hearts afire to serve the God who is greater than our fears.**

***Opening Hymn |** *Let Us With a Gladsome Mind* | #244

***Opening Prayer**

Arms-opened-wide God, we celebrate your ongoing invitation for us to return your divine embrace. We are thankful that your overture is not a limited-time offer to experience, to be defined by, to be transformed by your steadfast love. In your shepherding ways, gather us as siblings in Christ, that we might draw closer to the fullness of your peace and joy, as we are united in worshiping you. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Please stand as you are able

Choir Anthem | *The Storm is Passing Over* arr. Barbara W. Baker

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, you have blessed us in many ways. Through the presence of your Spirit, you have called and equipped us to proclaim your gospel in word and deed, as we seek your way. We confess that our trust in you falters. We are often afraid to follow Christ into the risky places of discipleship. We fail to work for justice, to further your peace, and to show forth your compassion. Forgive us, and strengthen us to be faithful and bold followers of Jesus Christ for the sake of the world you so love.

Musical response for personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never comes up short.

People: There is more grace in God than sin in us.

Leader: Rejoice and be glad - in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: 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: Having been reconciled with God, we turn to our neighbors to pass on divine blessings.
The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Time with Children

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

Old Testament pgs. 528-529

Mark 4:35-41

New Testament pg. 36

Sermon | When the Boat Rocks | The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

***Hymn | Be Still, My Soul**

LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

819 Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,
Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.

TEXT: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; trans. Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1855, alt.

MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933, alt.

Music Arr. © 1933, ren. 1961 Presbyterian Board of Christian Education (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

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LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first system covers the first three lines of the first verse, and the second system covers the second verse. The music concludes with a final chord in the bass staff.

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 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

Almighty God, you exercise your gracious power over all the world. Help us to see the presence of your Spirit at work in our midst and in our troubled world. Cast out the lesser powers that bind us so we may be freed by your wholehearted love to join with you in your redeeming work. Enable us to take heart in you and to be united in taking our purpose from you as we seek to reflect your love powerfully through all we say and do. In Jesus' name. Amen.

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Hymn | *How Firm a Foundation* | #361

Charge and Benediction

Postlude | Susan B. Greene

*Please stand as you are able

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

Looking Ahead

NOVEMBER 25

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 7:00 pm

At Beth El-Ner Tamid

NOVEMBER 26-28

Church Office Closed

DECEMBER 13

Breakfast with Santa 9 am – 12 pm

DECEMBER 14

Cantata

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The 4 Principles of Stewardship

The Principle of Ownership

The 24th Psalm states *"The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."*

This is the fundamental principle of Biblical Stewardship. God owns everything, we are simply managers or administrators acting on His behalf.

The Principle of Responsibility

Although God gives us "all things richly to enjoy," nothing is ours. Nothing really belongs to us. God owns everything; we're responsible for how we treat it and what we do with it. While we complain about our rights here on earth, the Bible constantly asks, What about your responsibilities? Owners have rights; stewards have responsibilities.

The Principle of Accountability

A steward is one who manages the possessions of another. We are all stewards of the resources, abilities and opportunities that God has entrusted to our care, and one day each one of us will be called to give an account for how we have managed what the Master has given us.

The Principle of Reward

The Bible shows us in the parables of the Kingdom that faithful stewards who do the Master's will with the Master's resources can expect to be rewarded incompletely in this life, but fully in the next.

Applying these principles to every aspect of our lives is the daily task for a believer. We must develop a Biblical worldview to fully operate in God's purpose for our lives.

1 Corinthians 4:2 "Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful."



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**THANK YOU
VETERANS**

MPC Youth Group Assembles Buckets of Blessing

At the 11/2 Youth Group meeting, our Youth assembled the Buckets of Blessing made up from donations/funding from our church family. We have assembled 7 buckets and anticipate a few more once we have the final count on monetary donations.



YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR 2025-2026

MPC's Youth Group is open to all youth currently in 6th to 12th 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 2nd and 4th 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 or 302-494-1146.



Volunteers needed for Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 13th.
Please call the church office or speak to Debbie Pettinelli if interested in helping with this festive event.
We will also need homemade baked goods and treats.
Sign-up sheets available in the narthex.



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**

<i>Paul Avazier '26</i>	<i>Douglas Ballard '25</i>
<i>Amy Eckels '25</i>	<i>Marion Brower '27</i>
<i>Ben Mitchell '27</i>	<i>Bette Downs '27</i>
<i>Kristen Mitchell, Clerk</i>	<i>Virginia Geisbert '25</i>
<i>Debbie Pettinelli '27</i>	<i>Patricia Gwartz '26</i>
<i>Kerri Robinson '26</i>	<i>Greg Hoffman '27</i>
<i>John Strain '27</i>	<i>Joyce Holmwood '26</i>
<i>Joanne Trumbetas '25</i>	<i>Linda Pursley '27</i>
<i>Kim Wertz '25</i>	<i>Diane Valaitis '26</i>
<i>Alfie Wilkes '25</i>	<i>Shirley Wise '26</i>