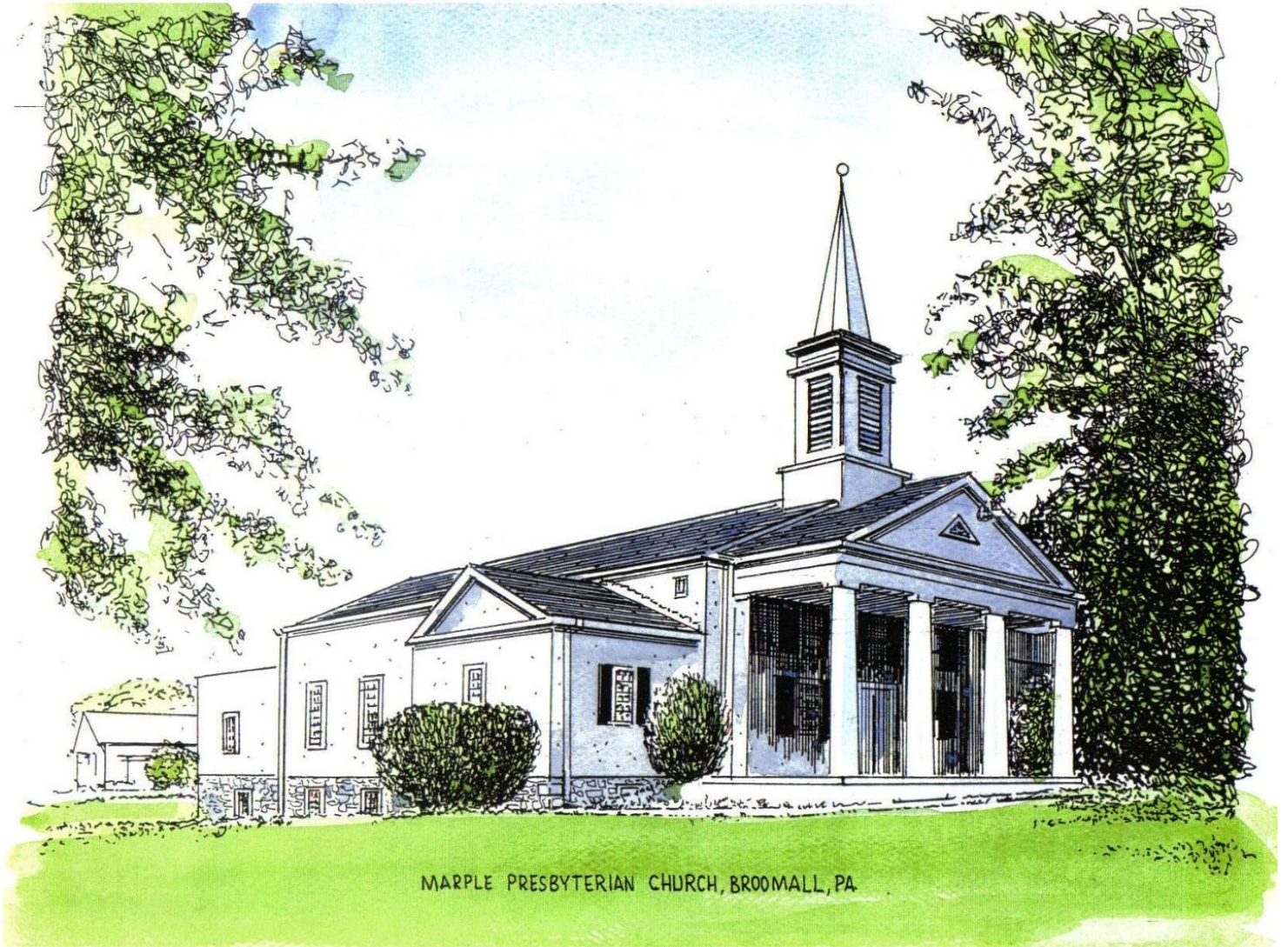

Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026



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 – Mother’s Day

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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Website | www.marplepres.org

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HOW DO I CONNECT?

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Stewardship | Session Members

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Worship | *Amy Eckels*

Youth Group | *Ben Mitchell*

For more contact info, please contact the church office.

The "Image of God" is neither male nor female. ... Paul says that in Christ there is neither male nor female. The positive way of knowing, on the other hand, affirms that there is, in God both the masculine and the feminine. There is a mother's heart at the heart of God, as well as a father's. The prophet Isaiah compares God's love to a mother's when he asks: "Can a woman forget her nursing child?"

In essence, God is neither male nor female but in his theophanies God is both. And so it is to both that we may look in our search to know more of the Unknowable.

J. Philip Newell
The Book of Creation

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship | Isaiah 66:12,13

Leader: "You will be nourished, and carried on the hip, and dandled on the knees."

People: **"As one whom a mother comforts, I will comfort you." Says the Lord.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

People: **The Lord's steadfast love endures forever.**

***Opening Hymn | *For the Beauty of the Earth* | #473**

***Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, infinite and eternal in wisdom, power and love; we praise you for all that you are, and for all that you do for the world. You have shown us your truth and your love in our Savior Jesus Christ. Help us by your Spirit to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Choir Anthem | *For All His Blessings* by Steve Danyew

Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession**

O God, Mother and Father to us all, who in love has made us and through love has kept us, and who by love would make us perfect; we humbly confess that we have not loved you with all our heart and soul and mind and strength, and that we have not loved one another as Christ has loved us. Our selfishness has hindered your life within us. We have not lived by faith. We have resisted your Spirit. We have neglected your inspirations.

Forgive what we have been; help us amend what we are; and by your Spirit direct what we shall be; that you may come into the full glory of your creation, in us, and in all; as in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Moment for personal confession and reflection.

***Assurance of Pardon | Psalm 103**

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

People: God has not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

Leader: As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's mercy towards those who revere God.

People: As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us.

Leader: Believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God! 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; now let us turn to each other, greeting each other in the name of Christ, the Prince of Peace. The Peace of Christ be with you all!

People: **And also with you.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 49:8-16

Acts 16:16-34

Old Testament pg. 638-639

New Testament pg. 128

Sermon | Jailbreak! | Pastor Jim Reisner

*Hymn | *Womb of life and Source of Being* |

THE TRIUNE GOD

Womb of Life and Source of Being 3

Capo 1: (G) (Am) (C) (G) (Em)
 A^b B^bm D^b A^b Fm

1 Womb of life and source of be - ing, home of ev - ery
 2 Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring us
 3 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner,
 4 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir - it,

(C) (Dsus)(D) (G) (G7) (C)
 D^b E^bsus E^b A^b A^b7 D^b

rest - less heart, in your arms the worlds a - wak - ened;
 sec - ond birth, you have come to stand be - side us,
 be our friend. When our mem - ory fails, re - mind us
 On - ly Son: we would praise your name for - ev - er,

(Am) (Dsus)(D) (Am)
 B^bm E^bsus E^b B^bm

you have loved us from the start. We, your chil - dren,
 know - ing weak - ness, know - ing earth. Priest who shares our
 whose we are, what we in - tend. La - bor with us;
 one - in - three and three - in - one. We would share your

(C) (G) (Am) (G) (D) (Em)
 D^b A^b B^bm A^b E^b Fm

gath - er 'round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing
 hu - man strug - gles, Life of Life and Death of Death, ris - en
 aid the birth - ing of the new world yet to be, free of
 life, your pas - sion, share your word of world made new, ev - er

(Bm) (D) (G) (G7) (C) (D7) (G)
 Cm E^b A^b A^b7 D^b E^b7 A^b

sto - ries, tears, and laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.
 Christ, come stand a - mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.
 ser - vant, lord, and mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.
 sing - ing, ev - er prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Old and new metaphors drawn from Psalm 23; John 1:14, 14:26, 20:19–23; Hebrews 5:1–10; and Genesis 1:1–2 combine here to express faith in and praise to the Triune God, identified as Source, Word, and Spirit. The second line of stanza two is adapted from Charles Wesley (see no. 119).

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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 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**

God of extravagant mercy, with hands outstretched you have poured out wonder and pleasure and delight, goodness and beauty and bounty. So, take these offerings, and all the ways we seek to serve you, we pray, as our protest against all that is evil and ugly and impoverished, trivial and wretched and tyrannical, in our world and in ourselves— and thus may we and others know ourselves to be blessed. Amen.

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

***Closing Hymn | *Now Thank We All Our God* | #555**

Charge and Benediction

Postlude



The flowers are in memory of our mothers, Ruth H. Moore and Virginia F. Lightcap, from Richard Moore and Lori Waser.

*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

Session Meeting 7 pm

THURSDAY

Joys & Concerns Chat | *Zoom* 3-4 pm

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Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm

SATURDAY

Memorial Service - Cate Hoffman – Chapel 11:00 am

SUNDAY

AA Meeting | *Lower CE Bldg.* 8-9 am

Worship, Congregational Meal 10:30 am

Looking Ahead

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.



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

Stewardship Reflection

Thank you to our church family for your faithful stewardship and generous hearts. Through your gifts of time, talent, and resources, our ministry continues to grow and serve others in meaningful ways. Your commitment reflects the spirit of love and service that strengthens our congregation and extends hope to our community. As Scripture reminds us, “Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give... for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7). We are deeply grateful for each of you and for the many ways you support the mission and life of our church.

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” — 1 Peter 4:10



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

Linda Pursley

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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.



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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

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