Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 08, 2026



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

MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Welcome

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 08, 2026

Today – November 8, 2026

LITURGIST:

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*
facebook.com/MarplePresbyterian

HOW DO I CONNECT?

Clerk of Session | *Kristen Mitchell*
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Finance | *Kerri Robinson*
Mission | Session Members
Music | *Susan Greene*
Nursery | *Amy Eckels*
Personnel | *Ben Mitchell*
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Worship | *Amy Eckels*
Youth Group | *Ben Mitchell*

For more contact info, please contact the church office.

November 8, 2026 10:30am

We welcome Rev. Sherry Elliott as our guest preacher.

Along with their dog, Lentil, Pastor Sherry and her husband, David live in a cooperative community in West Center City. They have three sons. Princeton Theological Seminary is her alma mater. Sherry has served in various communities; rural, urban and suburban. She enjoys writing, visiting museums, laughter and spending time with friends. With a combination of kindness, generosity and patient words, she is thankful to share the Good News of Jesus every day that gives her opportunity to be out in the world.



Let Us Beat Swords into Plowshares, a sculpture by Evgeniy Vuchetich in the United Nations Art Collection

Litany for Veterans

Leader: God of love, peace and justice, it is your will for the world that we may live together in peace. You have promised through the prophet Isaiah that one day the swords will be beaten into ploughshares. Yet we live in a broken world, and there are times that war seems inevitable. Let us recognize with humility and sadness the tragic loss of life that comes in war. Even so, as we gather here free from persecution, we may give thanks for those that have served with courage and honor.

Please Rise: Those that are in our presence that are either in active duty or reserve duty, and the fathers, mothers, siblings, spouses and grandparents of those that are currently serving.

All: God, we praise you for those that are willing to serve. Let all Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Air Corps and Coast Guardians serve with honor, pride, and compassion. Do not let their hearts be hardened by the actions they must take. Strengthen their families. Keep them surrounded in your love and peace.

Please Rise: Those that are in our presence that have served in the military in the past.

All: God, we praise you for those that have served in the military. We thank you for those that put the welfare of others ahead of their own safety. Let us all be inspired by their self-sacrifice in service to those who needed protection.

Please Rise: Those that are in our presence who have lost a loved one in war.

All: God, we praise you for those that have made the ultimate sacrifice. We ask that you comfort those that still feel the pain of their loss. Keep us mindful that you have promised to comfort those that mourn.

Please Rise: Those who have gathered in your name in safety because of the sacrifices of others.

All: God, we praise you for granting us these freedoms. Let us honor those who have served by working for peace. Let us never forget those that have served, and let us never let go of your promise of peace.

*Please stand as you are able

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship |** from Philippians 2

One: We gather in the presence of Christ to join our hearts and minds in praise of God.

All: God has exalted Jesus and given him a name above every name.

One: So let every knee bend, in heaven and on earth, and every tongue confess:

All: Jesus Christ is Lord. Glory to God forever!

***Opening Hymn |** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* | #376

***Opening Prayer**

God of grace and glory, we have come here together to rejoice, to worship, to love and to serve. Help us love you with all our hearts, souls and strength. Empower us to shine your light of love to the world around us, so that the world will know you live. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Choir Anthem | *Soon and Very Soon* by Crouch/arr. Jack Schrader

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Listening Lord, it is never easy to admit how foolish we are. You love us but we hid false gods in our hearts. You are with us every moment, but we are too busy to acknowledge your faithfulness. Your Word is free for us but we stray to follow other paths. Hear our prayer. Forgive us. Speak to us. So, we might care for others, renew us with holiness in the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Moment for personal confession as we remember the places we need God's grace and love...

*Please stand as you are able

Assurance of Pardon

One: This is our assurance: God forgives us. This is our hope: God's love is everlasting. This is our truth: God is with us always. Brothers and Sisters, hear the good news: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

All: Hallelujah. 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**

One: Christ comes to announce peace – to those who are near – and to those who are far off – so that we might no longer be strangers and aliens – but members of the family of God. You are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace with one another by turning and greeting each other saying the Peace of Christ be with you and responding…

All: And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25	Old Testament pgs. 205-206
Matthew 25:1-13	New Testament pgs. 26-27

Sermon | Can I Borrow a Cup of Sugar? | Rev. Sherry Elliott, Guest Preacher

*Please stand as you are able

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn |** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* | #101

***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

*Please stand as you are able

***Congregational Response |** *Go with Us, Lord* | #535

Go with us, Lord and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to you.

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Generous God, our lives are renewed as we remember your goodness. You have made us in your image and placed in our hearts the memory of your love made flesh in Jesus Christ. That memory calls us to give and to embrace your world as we offer these gifts. May our lives be invested through these offerings to create a new reality and to extend your grace in remembrance of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

***Closing Hymn |** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* | #466

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*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

Worship 10:30 am

Looking Ahead

NOVEMBER 18

Session Meeting 7:00 pm

NOVEMBER 22

Cantata 10:30 am

Workday after worship

NOVEMBER 25-27

Church Office Closed

DECEMBER 2

Deacon's Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm

DECEMBER 6

Worship, Communion, Luncheon 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. For the full Youth Group calendar for meeting dates, special events, and retreats, please contact the Youth Group Leaders at youthgroup@marplepres.org for additional information.

Marple Presbyterian Church will be collecting donations for Chester Eastside on Sunday, Nov. 22.

CHESTER EASTSIDE
Est. 1985

The CEI Food Pantry Most Needed Items:

- beans, rice, and pasta
- soup, stew
- canned fruits and vegetables
- peanut butter and jelly
- tuna fish and canned fish/meat
- biscuit/pancake mix
- instant mashed potatoes
- cornbread mix



The CEI Clothes Closet Most Needed Items:

- socks, underwear, hats
- blankets
- toiletries



Please mark your calendars for Nov. 22 – we will have a workday after Worship to sort items from the MPC Thrift Shop for Chester Eastside. Any time you can give to help is appreciated.

Making Room for Everyone

The Pew Planner, link below, lets you test seating layouts on a computer screen before we ever finalize a plan to move a single pew. Detailed instructions on using the app are found on the site.



How to Use It

1. Go to **www.1031f.com/pew-planner.html** on a computer or tablet.
2. Click a pew and press Delete to remove it. Drag a pew from Pew Stock to place it.
3. Check the Totals panel, then name your layout.

Your Part

Try the planner and email your plan to **benmitchelliii@gmail.com**. As you work, consider:

- A baptism or wedding with a member of your family in a wheelchair. How close would you want them to sit?
- Any of us may need mobility help someday. Where would you want to sit then?
- How close do you want to be to your usual seat, and what would you adjust so others can sit near their families?

Pray about it, then send us your plan.
Ben Mitchell III

Giving for PC(USA) Per Capita

We, as members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), are connected to a larger body of believers through our congregation, presbytery, synod, and General Assembly.

As a connectional church, we both benefit from and contribute to the ministries of the PC(USA).

One way we support our shared ministry is through our per capita allocation. Per capita is Latin meaning paying “for each head”.

Our congregation's Per Capita assessment is $40 per member. If you have not already designated your contribution, we invite you to contribute your Per Capita share of $40.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship and for helping us live out our connectional commitment as the body of Christ.

Stewardship

GROWING OUR FAITH

Stewardship of God's Power

When we hear the word "stewardship," we often think about money, giving, and supporting our church. But stewardship is about much more than our financial resources. It is also about how we use the gifts, influence, and power God has entrusted to us.

The story of Exodus presents us with two very different ways of living. Egypt's economy was built on fear, oppression, and the desire to maintain power by keeping others under control. Scarcity shaped people's lives, creating a world in which those who had power sought to protect it, while others carried burdens they could not bear alone.

God offers us a different way.

In God's economy, power is not something to hoard or use to dominate others. It is an opportunity to serve, to lift burdens, and to help others discover their own gifts. God's abundance reminds us that we do not have to live in fear that there will not be enough. We can share what we have because our hope rests in God's generosity.

Each of us has some measure of power. It may come through our position at work, our responsibilities at home, our involvement in the church, or simply our ability to encourage someone who feels overlooked. We may not always recognize our influence, but our words, choices, and actions can make a difference in another person's life.

Stewardship of God's power means asking ourselves not simply how much power we have, but how faithfully we use it. Do we use our influence to serve or to control? Do we hold tightly to our privileges, or do we make room for others to contribute their gifts? Do we add to another person's burdens, or do we help carry them?

God entrusts us with gifts and opportunities, not merely for our own benefit, but so that we may become a blessing to others. When we use our influence with humility, generosity, and love, we reflect the kind of community God desires for us.

Perhaps the most important question of stewardship is not, "What do I have to give?" but rather, "How can I use what God has given me to help someone else flourish?" That is stewardship, too. And it is one way we bring God's economy of grace into the world around us.

As the choir sang in anthem "He Never Failed Me Yet" by Robert Ray a couple weeks ago: "I will sing of God's mercy every day, every hour, He gives me power."



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.

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

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