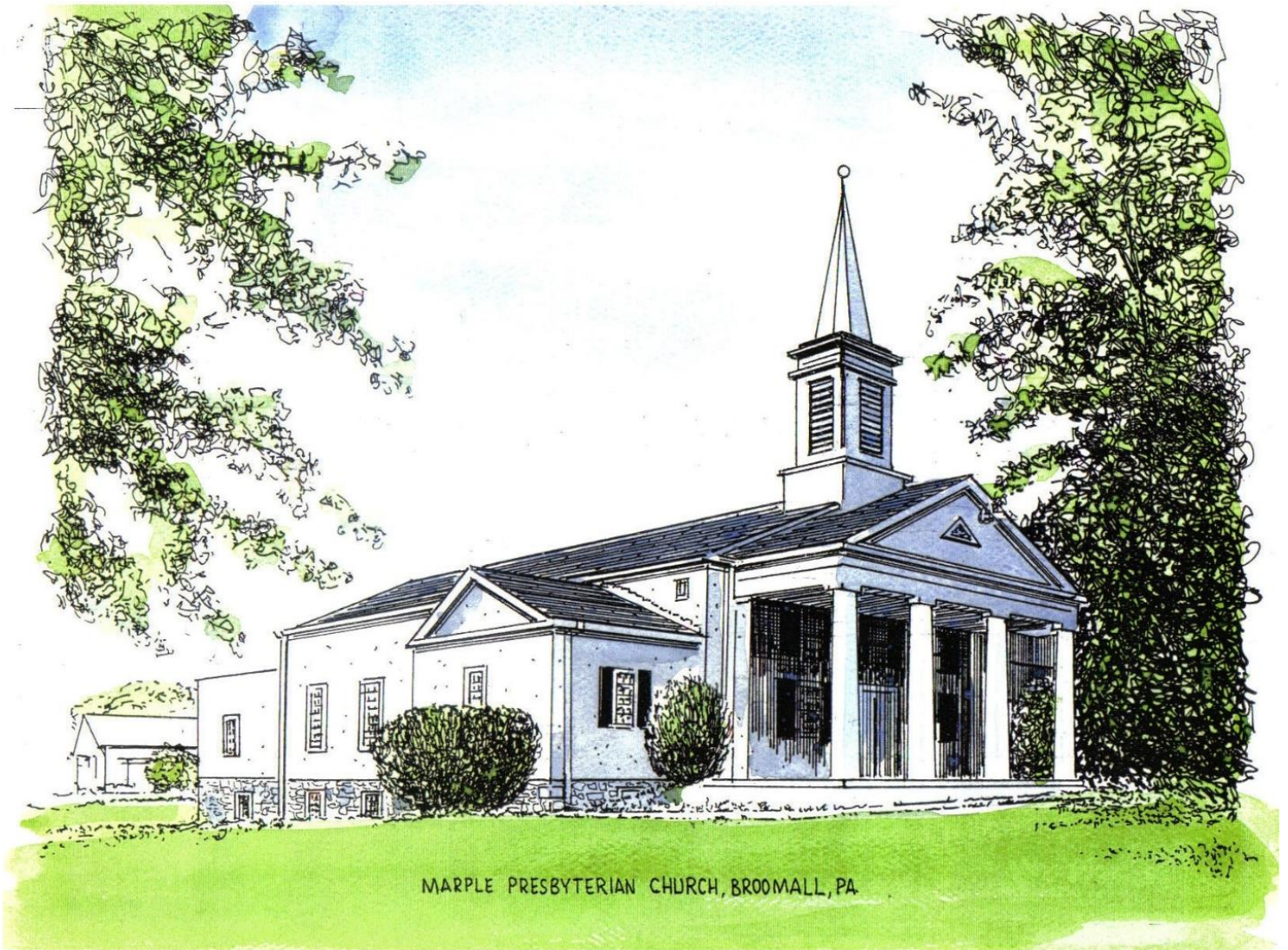

Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026



MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROOMALL, PA

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

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Welcome

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026



Today – August 23, 2026

LITURGIST: John Strain

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?

Clerk of Session | [Kristen Mitchell](#)

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Nursery | [Amy Eckels](#)

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Worship | [Amy Eckels](#)

Youth Group | [Ben Mitchell](#)

For more contact info, please contact the church office.

August 23, 2026

10:30am

We welcome Rev. Roberta Kearney as our transitional pastor.

Roberta has 17 years experience as a Transitional Pastor, serving churches in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and additional years serving as an Associate Pastor. Over the course of her ministry, she has served churches ranging in size from 75 to 2,200 members, with a preference for smaller churches. After working in the Pennsylvania legislature, she went to seminary with the idea of working on public policies based on the ministry of Christ. In seminary she discovered a love for worship and scripture. Roberta, the oldest of six children, has lived in Bethlehem for more than 25 years, where she wishes her garden were ready for planting.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Receiving Rev. Roberta Kearney as our Transitional Pastor

Clerk of Session, Kristen Mitchell

Members of Search Committee, Debbie Pettinelli and John Strain

Prayer

God of grace and love, we give thanks for this moment of new beginnings.

Bless the covenant we make with Roberta as our Transitional Pastor.

Give us patience and guidance in the months ahead. Lead us toward your will for our congregation and grant us joy in its realization.

We pray giving thanks to Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We have been called together as the body of Christ.

People: We are one body, though we have many members.

Leader: Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, and not the other way around.

People: But not all the members have the same function; we have different gifts.

Leader: God calls us to use these gifts generously, maturely and cheerfully to build up the body of Christ.

People: Together we present ourselves in dedication to God and service to others.

All: Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn | *All Creatures of Our God and King* | #455 | v. 1,3,5,6**

***Opening Prayer**

We gather together as a community of believers. We come to worship you God, seeking direction and help. We gather to hear again your grace in calling for us to be your people. We wish, like Paul we could have been called on the road to Damascus with a blinding light, or called like Moses out of a burning bush. We long for a calling that clear. But more often we must discern together how to be your people, to be the body of Christ. Open us to the stirring and guiding of your Holy Spirit.

Special Music | *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* arr. Mark Hayes feat. Bernie Strain

Call to Confession

We come to confess the broken relationships, the sin that separates us from God and each other. God meets us with grace. And morning by morning, new mercies we see. Humbly we acknowledge our need to turn to God's ways again and again.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, by your Holy Spirit you pour out mercy and grace through Jesus Christ. You call us to discern again and again your will for your church, and for the world. And so we confess the ways we fail to turn to you, the ways we struggle to see more clearly and more faithfully what it means to love you, ourselves and one another in body, mind and spirit. Help us to see and appreciate that you make us different from each other, in order that we might be joined together as the body of Christ, to show your glory in your church and world. Heal us, strengthen us, and renew us we pray. Hear this our prayer, and the silent confessions of our hearts.

Moment for personal confession and reflection as we remember our need for God's grace and love...

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Our God of steadfast love and encouragement leads us to live in harmony with one another, in accord with the forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

People: **As forgiven people, let us glorify God, who redeems us in Christ and shapes us through the Holy Spirit.**

***Congregational Response | *Lord, Be Glorified* | #2150**

In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

*** Passing of the Peace |**

Leader: Since Christ has opened his heart to us – let us open our hearts to one another. You are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.

Saying: the peace of Christ be with you and responding ...

People: **And also with you.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Old Testament pg. 157

Romans 12:1-8

New Testament pg. 151

Sermon | Full-Bodied Life | Rev. Roberta Kearney, Transitional Pastor

***Hymn | *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* | 422**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Affirmation of Faith | From A Brief Statement of Faith**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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**

You give with open hands, most generous God, grace upon grace.

Help us to be good stewards of your gifts and graces.

May we resist the impulse of wanting more and more possessions,
by choosing generosity towards others.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who loves and shapes us to be your people for the world.

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

***Closing Hymn | *Take My Life* | #391**

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

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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 Rehearsals Resume 6:45 pm

SATURDAY

Thrift Shop 10 am–4 pm

SUNDAY

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

Worship 10:30 am

Looking Ahead

SEPTEMBER 2

Deacon's Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 7

Labor Day Holiday - Church Office Closed

SEPTEMBER 10-16

Church Office Closed

SEPTEMBER 16

Session Meeting 7:00 pm

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.



Hello Everyone

The new school year is almost here and the Deacons are, once again, collecting school supplies for the children at the Shelter.

Please note: The Deacons will purchase the back packs. However, we need everything else. So, look for those sales and, if you can, please pick up a few items for the kids who are less fortunate.

Please bring your school supplies into the church by Sunday August 30th, so we can sort and then deliver everything to the shelter.

You can also send a check to the church labeled Deacons School Supplies and we will shop for you, if you cannot or prefer not to shop.

Thank you for your very generous support of this ministry.

Linda Pursley
Deacon
631-942-5758



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**

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
