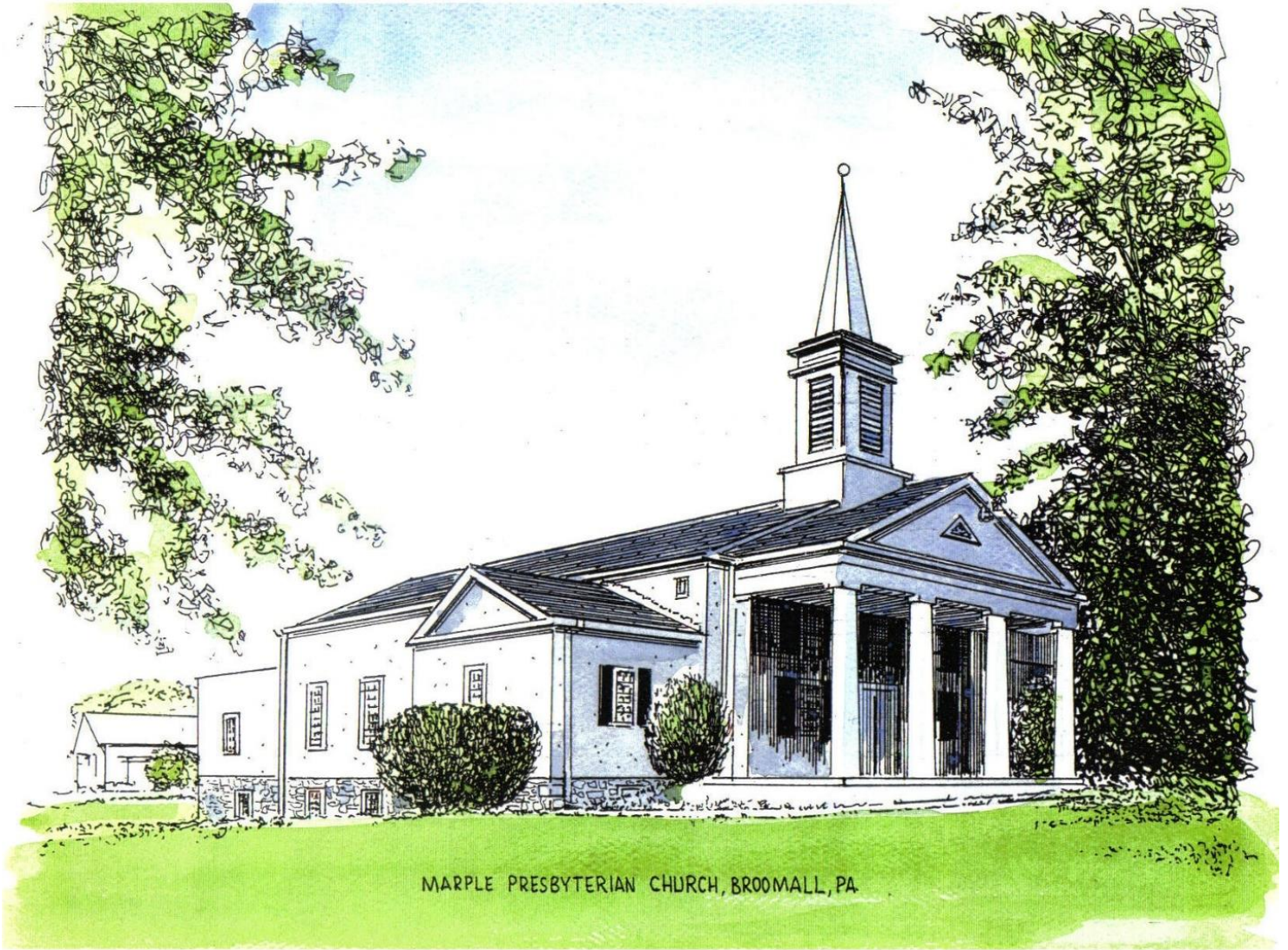

Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2026



MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROOMALL, PA

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

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Welcome

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2026



Today – February 8, 2026

LITURGIST: Patti Gwirtz

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

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Website | www.marplepres.org

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For more contact info, please contact the church office.

The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.

-- Frederick Buechner

"Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

-- Howard Thurman

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude | Susan B. Greene

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** | Psalm 100

Leader: Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before God's presence with singing.

People: **Know this: the Lord alone is God; we belong to the Lord, who made us, we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving; go into the holy courts with praise, give thanks and call upon the name of the Lord.

People: **For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love endures forever; and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

***Opening Hymn** | *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* | #285

***Opening Prayer**

O God, source of all beauty and goodness, your grace comes fresh every morning. In each new day you give us light. We praise you for your never-failing love that satisfies our needs and shows us the way to follow. We rejoice in your constant care; for you are faithful in love for all people, offering your salvation through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Choir Anthem | *This Little Light of Mine* arr. Sonny Willis

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. May we draw near to you with true humility, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Musical response for personal confession and reflection.

*** Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Hear the Good News! If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

People: So we also must consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to all that is good in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen!

***Congregational Sung Response** **From All That Dwell Below the Skies | #229, stanza 3*

Eternal are Thy mercies Lord;

Eternal truth attends Thy word:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,

Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia!

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: We are a forgiven people. Let us then forgive one another. And in the spirit of unity to which Christ calls his church, let us greet one another with the peace of Christ, saying,
The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

I Corinthians 1:26-31

New Testament pg. 156

Matthew 5:13-16

New Testament pg. 4

Sermon | Consider Your Call | Pastor Jim Reisner

***Hymn |** *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord* | #419

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.

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Leader: There are different gifts,

People: but it is the same spirit who gives them.

Leader: There are different ways of serving God,

People: but it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through different people in different ways,

People: but it is the same God who achieves God's purpose through them all.

Leader: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

People: to use it for the common good.

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ,

People: and individually members of Him.

Leader: Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make his church useful in the world, and we call men and women to faith, so that, in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of our Sovereign God.

Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as ministers of word and sacrament, elders, or deacons. In ordination, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said:

Whoever among you want to be great must become the servant of all and if he or she wants to be first among you, he or she must be the servant of all people!

People: Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life to set others free.

Presentation of Candidates

Constitutional Questions for Ordination and Installation

Constitutional Questions for the Congregation

Do we, the members of Marple Presbyterian Church, accept these brothers and sisters in faith, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

Laying On of Hands

Prayer

Leader: Almighty God, in every age you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your loyal people. We thank you for these people whom you have called to serve you. Give them special gifts to do their special work; and fill them with the Holy Spirit, so they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be faithful disciples as long as they shall live.

Candidate: *God, our Creator, You have chosen me. Now give me strength, wisdom, and love to work for the Lord Jesus Christ.*

People: **God of Grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us: that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world: through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.**

Declaration and Welcome

Church officers scheduled to be ordained today are:

Patti Gwartz as Elder

Faye Allison, George Guyer and Carol Robinson as Deacons

Church officers scheduled to be installed are:

Amy Eckels, Lynn Smith and Kimberly Wertz as Elders

Faye Allison, George Guyer and Carol Robinson as Deacons

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 and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good,
we praise you for your mercies,
for your goodness that has created us,
your grace that has sustained us,
your discipline that has corrected us,
your patience that has borne with us,
and your love that has redeemed us.
Receive from us, we pray, our offerings this morning,
and all the ways we seek to serve you.
Help us to love you and to be thankful for all your gifts
by serving you and delighting to do your will,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

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

Charge and Benediction

Postlude | Susan B. Greene

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

FEBRUARY 18

Ash Wednesday Worship in the Chapel 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.

MPC Weather Cancellation Policy

A decision to cancel services will be made no later than 2 hours before the scheduled service. Notification will be made via Realm email blast, post to MPC Facebook (which appears on MPC website), and notification to Chair of Deacons to make phone notifications to members as needed.



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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.



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

Patti Gwartz '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

Diane Valaitis '26

John Strain '27

Shirley Wise '26

Kim Wertz '28