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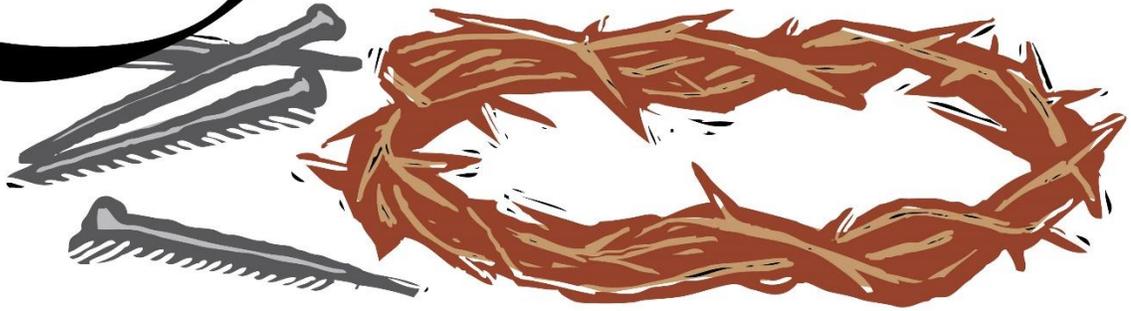
# Marple Presbyterian Church

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SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

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# Fourth



SUNDAY

IN LENT

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

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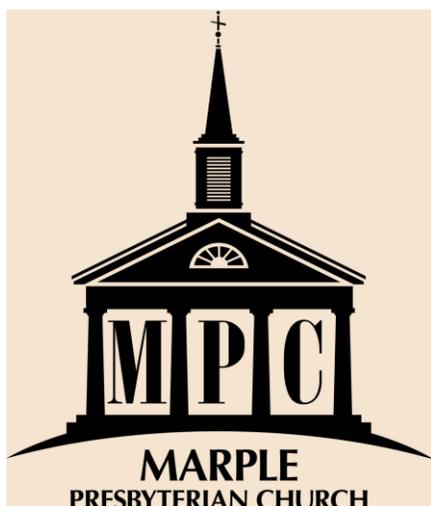
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# Welcome

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## Today – Fourth Sunday in Lent

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LITURGIST: Linda Pursley

HEAD USHER: Tom Trumbetas



FOURTH SUNDAY  
*In Lent*

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## New Here?

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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

[marplepc@gmail.com](mailto:marplepc@gmail.com)

**Website** | [www.marplepres.org](http://www.marplepres.org)

[facebook.com/MarplePresbyterian](https://facebook.com/MarplePresbyterian)

## HOW DO I CONNECT?

Clerk of Session | *Kristen Mitchell*

Christian Education | *Ben Mitchell*

Deacons | *Linda Pursley & Joyce Holmwood*  
[marplepresdeacons@gmail.com](mailto:marplepresdeacons@gmail.com)

Fellowship | *Debbie Pettinelli*

Finance | *Kerri Robinson*

Membership Development |

Mission | *Session Members*

Music | *Susan Greene*

Nursery | *Amy Eckels*

Personnel | *Ben Mitchell*

Property Management | *Paul Avazier*

Rentals | *Church Office*

Stewardship |

Treasurer | *Bill Brower*

[marlepctreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:marlepctreasurer@gmail.com)

Worship | *Amy Eckels*

Youth Group | *Ben Mitchell*

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For more contact info, please contact the church office.

*The unflagging lunacy of God. The unending seaminess of human beings. The meeting between them that is always a matter of life or death and usually both. The story of Zacchaeus is the gospel in sycamore. It is the best and oldest joke in the world.*

— Frederick Buchner, *Wishful Thinking*

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship | Isaiah 53:6; Psalm 124:8

Leader: All we like sheep have gone astray;

**People: We have all turned to our own way.**

Leader: And the Lord has laid upon the Son, Jesus Christ, the iniquity of us all.

**People: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

#### \*Opening Hymn | *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* | #303

#### \*Opening Prayer

Merciful God,  
righteous judge of all,  
you sent Jesus among us  
to seek and to save those who are lost.  
Grant that we,  
like Zacchaeus of Jericho,  
may eagerly seek the Savior,  
joyfully welcome him into our homes and lives,  
and gladly do what is pleasing in his sight.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Choir Anthem | *Seek Ye First* by Marques L. A. Garrett

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we open ourselves before you to acknowledge that we do not represent your Kingdom well. We suffer from failures of nerve, dimness of vision, divided allegiances, withheld compassion, wasted time, and intemperate speech. Minor irritations and petty satisfactions have closed us off against the good, the beautiful, and the true. It is scarcely clear to us, much less to others, that we intend to follow Jesus. Cleanse us of these and all our sins and faults. Bless us with the gift of a fresh start and a new resolve. And all to the end that our frail but forgiven lives may winsomely declare your praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Moment for personal confession and reflection.*

#### \* Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ,

**People: and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,  
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

**People: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

Leader: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**People: 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. 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

Psalm 139

Old Testament pgs. 545-546

Luke 19:1-10

New Testament pg. 77

**Sermon** | From A to Zacchaeus | Pastor Jim Reisner

**\*Hymn** | *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* | #357

# 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 Dedication and Thanksgiving

God of compassion,  
we praise you that you look upon our frail lives  
with love and understanding  
and that you desire for us all new life in Jesus Christ.  
We are overwhelmed by your love,  
which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave,  
and leads us to new life.  
By your Spirit, strengthen our souls to be brave and  
bold in Christ's service.  
Take these offerings,  
and all the ways we seek to serve you,  
and use them and us for your purposes,  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord.  
Amen.

# **WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Closing Hymn | *God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us* | #261**

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

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## This Week

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### 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

[zoom.us/j/6103561098](https://zoom.us/j/6103561098) PW MPC

Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm

### SATURDAY

MPC Clean Up 9 am – 12 pm

Thrift Shop 10 am-4 pm

### SUNDAY

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

Calvary's Mountain (Cantata) 10:30 am

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## Looking Ahead

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### MARCH 29

Palm Sunday 10:30 am

### APRIL 2

Maundy Thursday Worship in Chapel 7 pm

### APRIL 3

Good Friday Interfaith Service 12 pm

### APRIL 5

Easter Sunday 10:30 am

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## Learn More

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**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](mailto:youthgroup@marplepres.org) for additional information.

**Stewardship is more than a moment in the offering plate**—it is a way of living that recognizes every good gift comes from God. When we give of our time, talents, and resources, we participate in God's work of love, service, and compassion in our community and beyond. Generosity is an act of gratitude and trust, reminding us that what we share today can bring hope, care, and encouragement to others. May we approach stewardship with joyful hearts, knowing that even the smallest gifts can make a meaningful difference.



## Easter Flowers Order Form

Please fill out this form and return to the church office with your payment no later than Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> if you would like to place a flower in the sanctuary for Easter.

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope No. \_\_\_\_\_

In  honor  memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to  
Marple Presbyterian Church.

Paid via  Cash  
 Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity	_____
\$9/each	_____
TOTAL	_____



# LENTEN SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 22 - 10:30 am  
Calvary's Mountain (Cantata)

Sunday, March 29 - 10:30 am  
Palm Sunday Worship Service

Thursday, April 2 - 7:00 pm, Chapel  
Maundy Thursday Worship Service  
Communion

Friday, April 3 - 12:00 pm  
Good Friday Interfaith Service

Sunday, April 5 - 10:30 am  
Easter Sunday Worship Service

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**EASTER EGG HUNT**– Please join us after worship on Easter Sunday for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! We will be holding an Egg Hunt for children in the Courtyard immediately after worship on April 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be candy, games, and lots of fun for everyone. We hope to see you there!

We appreciate donations of individual miniature non-peanut Easter candy as well as small non-candy items. Donations may be placed in the basket in the narthex or dropped off at the church office for the next few weeks. Feel free to chat with Debbie Pettinelli for more information.



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](mailto:jholmwood433@comcast.net)

610-888-7458

OR

Linda Pursley

[lpursley1981@gmail.com](mailto: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.



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**SESSION**

**DEACONS**

*Paul Avazier '26*

*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*

*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*

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