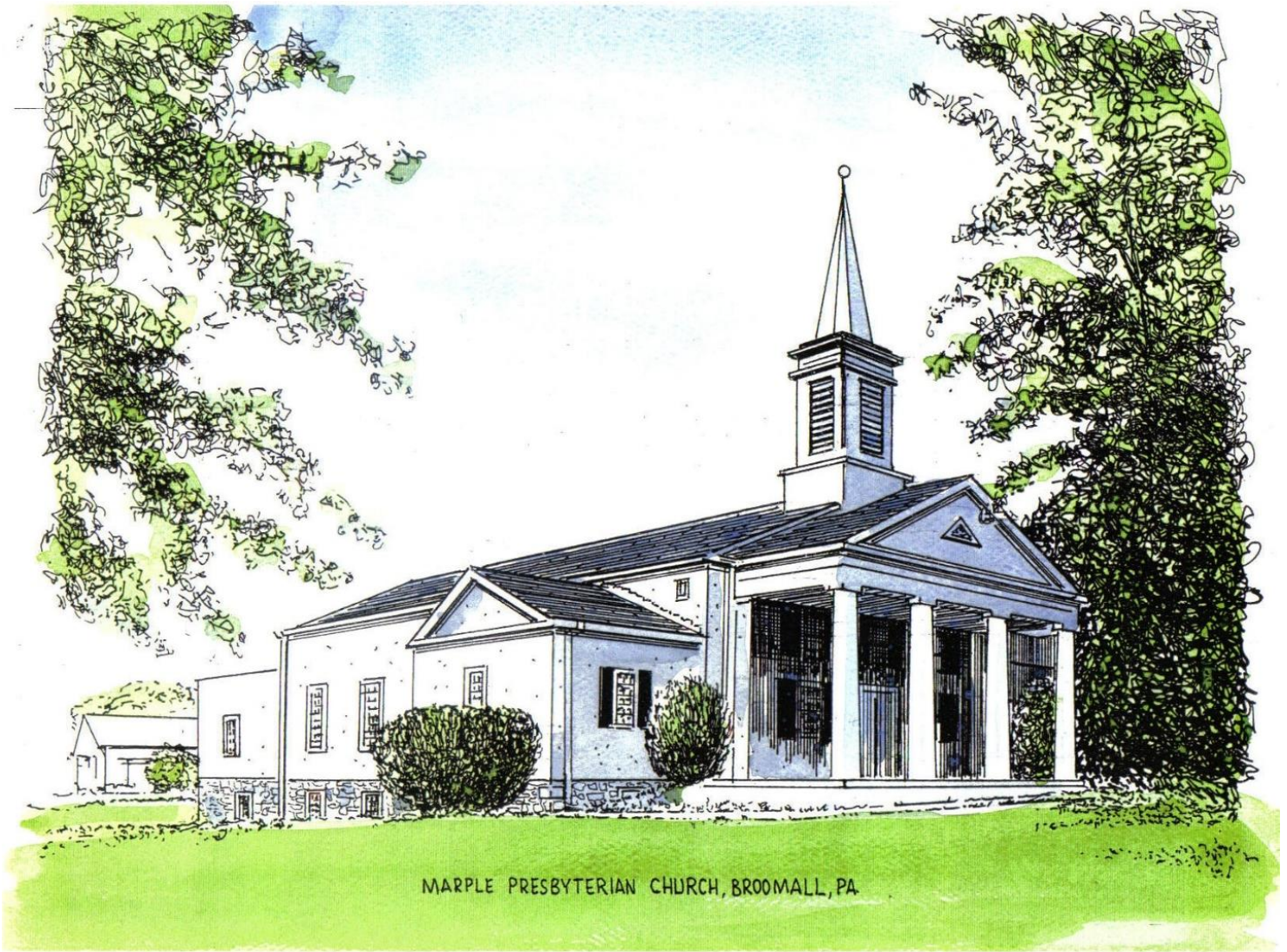

Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 06, 2026



MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROOMALL, PA

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

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Welcome

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 06, 2026



Today – September 6, 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

marplepc@gmail.com

Website | www.marplepres.org

facebook.com/MarplePresbyterian

HOW DO I CONNECT?

Clerk of Session | [Kristen Mitchell](#)

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Nursery | [Amy Eckels](#)

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Youth Group | [Ben Mitchell](#)

For more contact info, please contact the church office.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: This is a day for new beginnings.

People: This is a day for our faithful response.

Leader: Praise God for life enriched by love.

People: Praise God for love that fulfills God's law.

Leader: We give thanks for God's saving work.

People: Our Creator seeks to establish community among us.

Leader: We honor God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

People: God calls us to be a reconciling people.

Leader: The blessing of God's love fills us.

People: We are here to celebrate God's presence.

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

*Opening Prayer

O God, of both endings and beginnings, words cannot express our humble awe that you come to us in Jesus Christ. In him all your fullness dwells. Through Jesus you open our eyes, our hearts and souls, to more fully receive the abundant life you offer us. Your love knows no bounds and is lavished upon all. May we be a sign of your abundant love and justice, mercy and peace as revealed in and through Jesus, your Son and our Savior.

Special Music | *I Will Lift Up Mine Eye* by Nancy Wertsch |
feat. Matthew Knecht and Susan Greene

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you have called us to be the body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation and to reveal you to the world. Forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In Jesus, God has written his commandments of love on our hearts.
Believe the good news of God.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***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: Since Christ has opened his hearts to us – let us open our hearts to one another – so we may be people of peace in Christ.
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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Old Testament pg. 691

Romans 13:8-10

New Testament pgs. 152

Sermon | Love Has Two Feet | Rev. Roberta Kearney, Transitional Pastor

***Hymn** | *I Come with Joy* | #507

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** | *The Confession of 1967*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world
as a reconciling community.

This community, the church universal,
is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation
and shares God's labor of healing the enmities
which separate people from God and from one another.

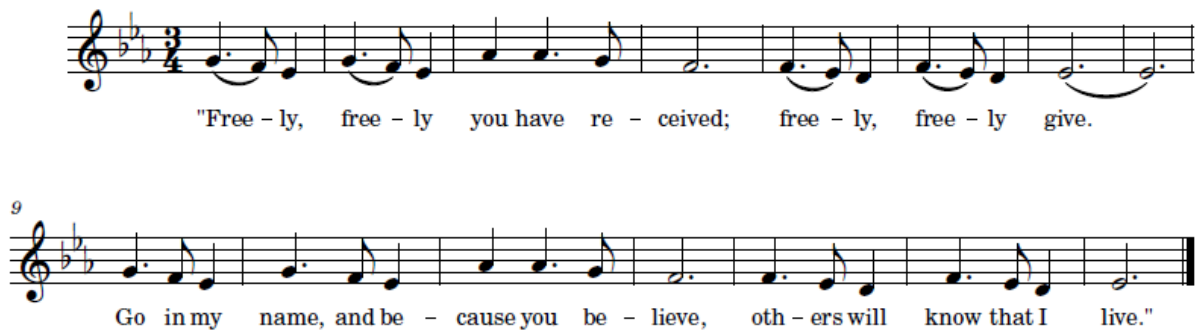
Christ has called the church to this mission
and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel
by faithful obedience to God's call.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

***Congregational Response** *Freely, Freely* written and composed by Carol Owens



The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb) and a time signature of 3/4. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and the second line of music corresponds to the second line of lyrics. The piece ends with a double bar line.

"Free - ly, free - ly you have re - ceived; free - ly, free - ly give.

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Go in my name, and be - cause you be - lieve, oth - ers will know that I live."

Gathering of Joys and Concerns to be offered at the Lord's Table

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by receiving the bread and cup in the pews. The bread is gluten-free.

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord,

People: Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest! ...

Leader: ...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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.

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Please hold the gluten-free bread when you receive it, so we may eat together.

Please hold the cup when you receive it, so we may drink together.

Prayer after Communion (together in one voice)

O God, your Son invites us to his table, and give us his own body.

Together we have tasted your goodness.

May this meal, where Christ nurtures us as a community of faith,
strengthen us in body, mind and spirit to act with love and mercy and
compassion, as you help us to see the world as you see it.

***Hymn | Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! | #430**

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

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

Lizzano – Visitation 10 am

Lizzano Funeral 11 am

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

SEPTEMBER 16

Session Meeting 7:00 pm

SEPTEMBER 27

Worship, Recognition of 50+ members 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. 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.



Information needed for Anniversary Sunday – September 27.

Anniversary Sunday is a great time to celebrate 50 years of faithful church membership.

This year – Roberta would like to add an additional piece to the Anniversary celebration, in order to recognize folks who have been church members for 50 years, whether or not those years were all at Marple.

The idea of celebrating 50 years of membership comes from the Freemasons. The celebration serves as a reminder that long term faithfulness blesses our church. It dates from an era when most folks lived in the same place their entire lives.

Now, as people are much more mobile, they may have joined Marple 20 or 30 years ago,

but may not ever attain 50 years at Marple, even as they have been faithful to God and the church for five or more decades.

If you have been a church member anywhere, for 50 plus years, are close to being a 50-year member of Christ's church please let us know.

At the same time, we would like to gather important information you wish to share, from all our members:

Please feel free to call the church office with this information (610-356-1098) or send an email to marplepc@gmail.com

Name

- Birthday – Month and Day
- Wedding Anniversary, if applicable
- Year you joined Marple Presbyterian Church
- How long you have been a church member elsewhere, before coming to Marple.

Touchpoint Church Growth Plan

Ministry Invitation

Anyone who regularly worships at Marple, online or in person whether or not a church member, is invited to be part of this team.

Marple has been invited to participate in a 12-month program to determine the best ways to reach and welcome people to join in ministry and life at Marple.

The goal is to develop a plan specific to Marple to grow membership by 10% within 12 months. Formation of the plan will occur over four to five months. The remaining months will be spent applying the plan and learning what uses of social media would be most beneficial in our area. The work begins in October and will be done on Zoom. It involves a monthly 2-hour commitment.

The plan includes 5 steps, the first three of which can begin in as soon as 2-3 people commit to being on the Growth Team. Participation on the team is open to all friends and members of Marple. Additional

Marple team meetings, on Zoom, and actions include a 4-8 hour/month commitment.

Broadly, Steps 1-3 are as follows:

1. Work with our church to learn what kind of fellowship events we would invite friends and family to attend at church. Pick the event, then invite family, friends, and former church members to attend.
2. In weekly worship celebrate a blessing in the church or community. Invite inactive or community people to attend.
3. Identify someone who needs a little help, or a celebration, or a bit of encouragement in the neighborhood or church. Meet the need and then celebrate in worship.

John Strain is the contact person to learn more.



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

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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.



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