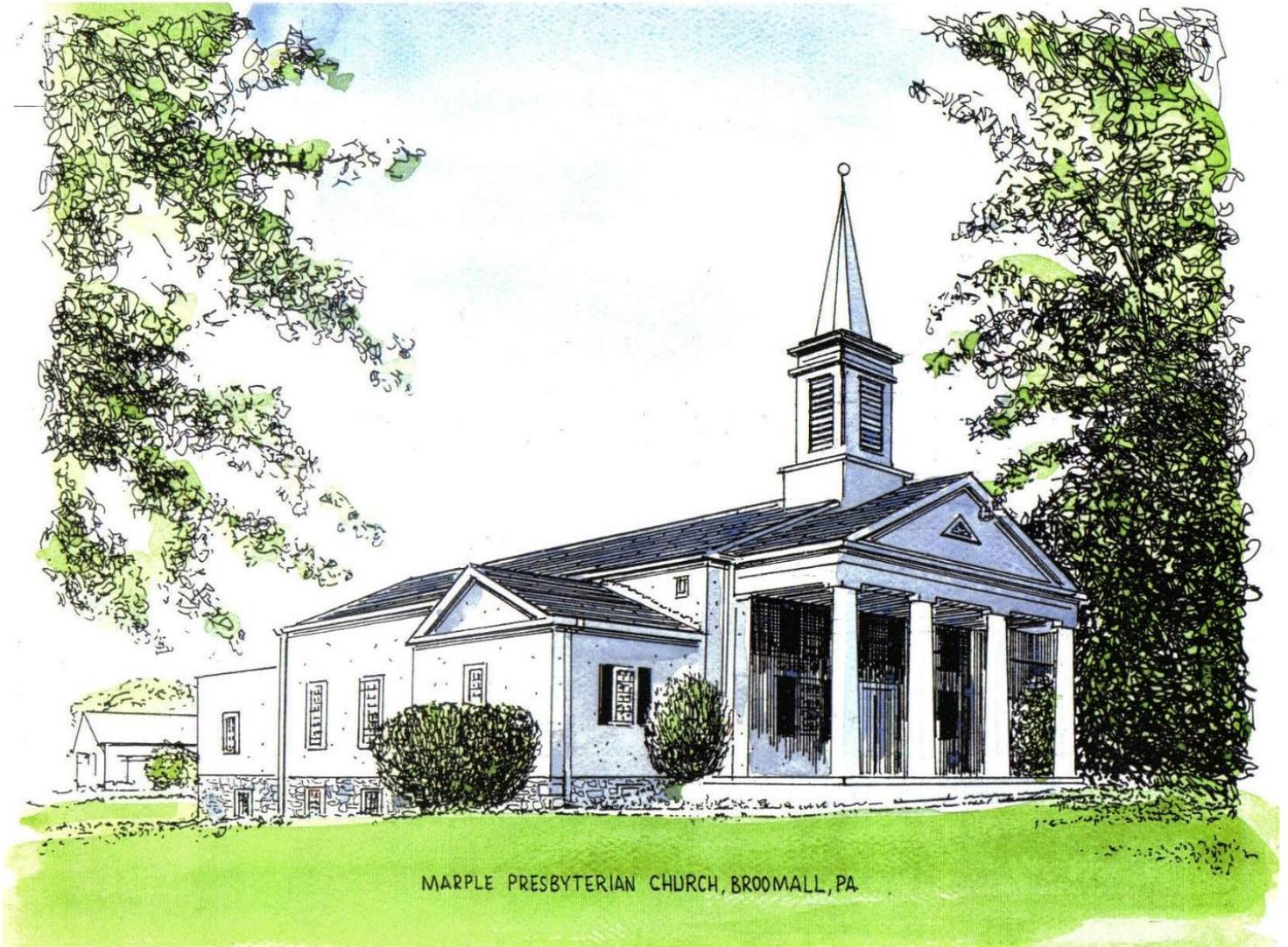

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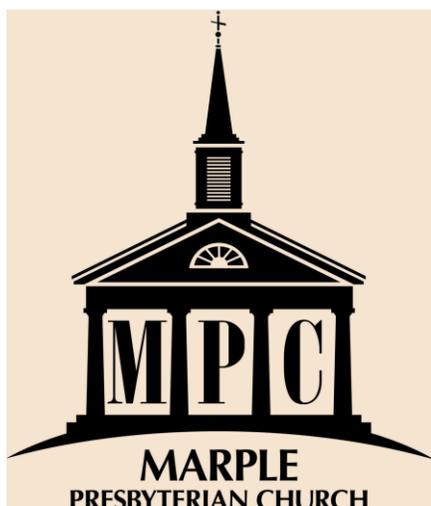
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“We love because He first loved us.” 1 John 4:19

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Welcome

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025



Today – 5th Sunday in Eastertide

LITURGIST: Marion Brower

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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Clerk of Session | [Kristen Mitchell](#)

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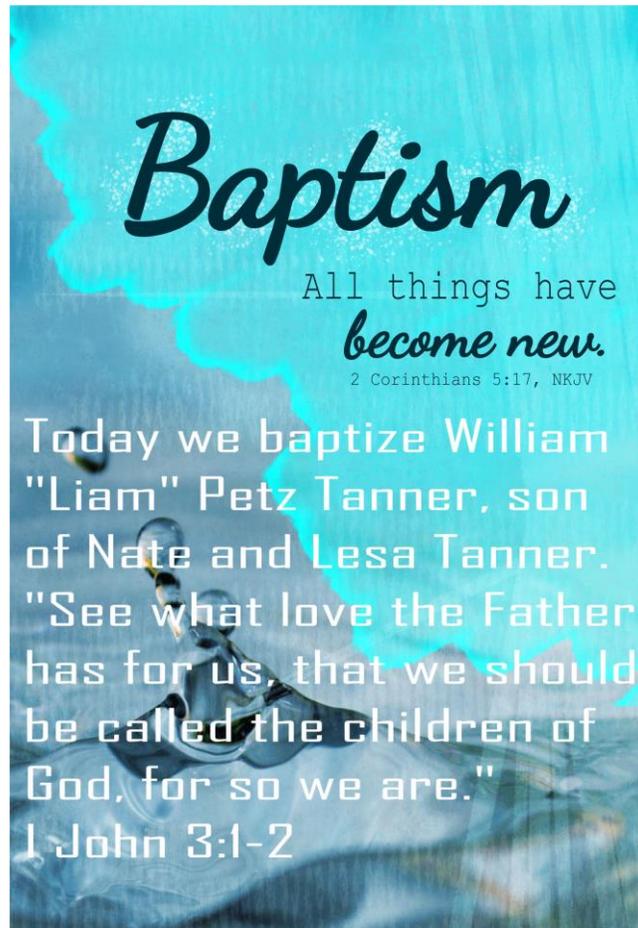
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Worship | [Amy Eckels](#)

Youth Group | [Ben Mitchell](#)

For more contact info, please contact the church office.



Nowhere in the Book of Acts do you ever hear any of the apostles say, *"I wish Jesus was still here."* Wouldn't you think that at least once somebody would have been caught murmuring, *"Jesus would know what to say right now,"* or *"I miss the sound of his voice, the look in his eyes, the touch of his hand."* They never get nostalgic. They never look over their shoulders for Jesus to step forward and take charge; instead, they are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim his presence in every situation before them.

When we make our pilgrimage with God, there is no looking in the rear-view mirror. Jesus said as much when he said, *"No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude | Susan B. Greene

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship | I Peter 1:3

Leader: By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

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

***Opening Prayer**

God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, now that Christ is raised help us not to return to our old routines and ways. May your Spirit inspire us to rejoice in the good news of the resurrection, and embolden us to live courageous and vibrant lives dedicated to His service, through the same Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

Choir Anthem | *Jesus Loves Me* arr. Joel Raney

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

New life stirs and springs up all around us, Lord, while we are earthbound still. Although we are often held down by doubts, kept back by fears, ashamed of what we fail to do, appalled at what we've done, forgive us, Lord. Renew us in the resurrection light as it shone for Peter, John and Mary Magdalene. Transform our weakness by your strength that we may be alive in Christ and to the live of those you have given us to serve. Amen.

Moment for personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon | Psalm 103

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

People: God has not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

Leader: As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's mercy towards those who revere God.

People: As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us.

Leader: Believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God! 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; now let us turn to each other, greeting each other in the name of Christ, the Prince of Peace. The Peace of Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you.

Sacrament of Baptism – William “Liam” Petz Tanner

Introduction

Presentation

Thanksgiving Over the Water

*The 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.

The Act of Baptism

Welcome

Special Music | *Lullaby Prayer* by Heather Sorenson

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Romans 6:1-11

New Testament pg. 146

Acts 4:1-14

New Testament pgs. 113

Sermon | Holy Boldness | Pastor Jim Reisner

***Hymn** | *Blessed Assurance* | #341

*Please stand as you are able

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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**

God of extravagant mercy, with hands outstretched you have poured out wonder and pleasure and delight, goodness and beauty and bounty. So, take these offerings, and all the ways we seek to serve you, we pray, as our protest against all that is evil and ugly and impoverished, trivial and wretched and tyrannical, in our world and in ourselves— and thus may we and others know ourselves to be blessed. Amen.

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Hymn | God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

THE CHURCH

303 God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em) (D) (G)
Fm Cm Fm E^b A^b



1 God the Spir - it, guide and guard-ian, wind - sped
2 Christ our Sav - ior, sov - ereign, shep-herd, Word made
3 Great Cre - a - tor, life - be - stow - er, truth be -
4 Tri - une God, mys - ter - ious be - ing, un - di -

(D) (Em) (A) (B7) (Em) (Bm)
E^b Fm B^b C7 Fm Cm



flame and hov - ering dove, breath of life and
flesh, Love cru - ci - fied, teach - er, heal - er,
yond all thought's re - call, fount of wis - dom,
vid - ed and di - verse, deep - er than our

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm E^b A^b B^bm Fm Cm Fm



voice of proph-ets, sign of bless - ing, power of love:
suf - fering ser - vant, friend of sin - ners, foe of pride:
womb of mer - cy, giv - ing and for - giv - ing all:
minds can fath - om, great - er than our creeds re-hearse:

(C) (G) (D)
D^b A^b E^b



give to those who lead your peo - ple fresh a -
in your tend - ing may all *pas - tors learn and
as you know our strength and weak - ness, so may
help us in our var - ied call - ings your full

*Or "elders" or "deacons"

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that the church's ministry is the combined witness of all its members. The first half of each stanza addresses either one of the divine Persons or the full Triune God, and the second half forms a prayer drawing on the attributes recalled in the first half.

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MUSIC: Alfred V. Fedak, 1988
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Music © 1989 Selah Publishing Co., Inc.

CHURCH UNITED
8.7.8.7.D

*Please stand as you are able

THE CHURCH

(Am) (Em) (B7) (Em) (Bm)
 B^bm Fm C7 Fm Cm

noint - ing of your grace; send them forth as
 live a shep - herd's care; grant them cour - age
 those the church ex - alts o - ver - see its
 im - age to pro - claim, that our min - is -

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (Bm) (Em)
 Fm E^b A^b B^bm Fm Cm Fm

bold a - pos - tles to your church in ev - ery place.
 and com - pas - sion shown through word and deed and prayer.
 life stead - fast - ly, yet not o - ver - look its faults.
 tries u - nit - ing may give glo - ry to your name.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude | Susan B. Greene



MPC would like to say thank you to our choir members as they end their season. We are grateful for their efforts this year.

MPC also offers a very special thank you to our talented music director, 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

Session Meeting 7:00 pm

THURSDAY

Joys & Concerns Chat | *Zoom* 3-4 pm

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SATURDAY

Thrift Shop 10 am-4 pm

SUNDAY

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

Looking Ahead

JUNE 4

Deacon's Meeting 7:30 pm

JUNE 6

Strawberry Fest, Thrift Store Open 5 pm – 8 pm

JUNE 15

Father's Day

JUNE 18

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

What is Apportionment?

Each year there is a “Per Capita” Apportionment to all Presbyterian Churches to support the administrative work of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. The Book of Order requires each Presbyterian Church to make this payment for each and every member on its church roll.

How Does MPC Benefit From Paying Apportionment?

Some of the many ways MPC has benefited from supporting the Presbytery are;

- support for youth ministry
- received a grant for burst pipes
- received a grant for the thrift shop
- support and guidance in our transition to find a new pastor
- assistance in finding an interim pastor
- support of our interim pastor
- historical archiving
- resources and connections

How Much is the Annual Contribution this Year?

The annual contribution per member this year is **\$37.00**.

Note; this cost is not per household, but **per each member of MPC. Please consider paying your share of this direct charge the church will pay on your behalf.

If you can, why not round up your portion to \$40.00?

Consider also paying a member's share who may be unable to do so!

Payment may be sent to the church office, paid online through REALM, or placed in the offering plate. Please mark your payment "**APPORTIONMENT**".

Thank you for your support!





SAVE THE DATE
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
FRIDAY JUNE 6th

5-8pm

THRIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN

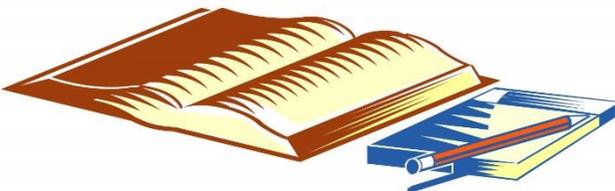
Cake donations as well as jewelry donations needed and appreciated.

Volunteers are needed for set up on Friday during the day.

Thrift Shop Volunteers needed for Friday Night.

Please contact Debbie Pettinelli for more information.

*Confirmation
Class*



Confirmation Class will commence on Sunday, April 27 and will meet in the Library on Sundays at 9 am. Youth and their parents will receive a separate email with additional information. If you are interested in confirmation class, please contact Kristen Mitchell - klizzano@gmail.com.



More "Gently-Used Jewelry" Needed

The Jewelry Table has been quite popular with patrons of the Strawberry Festival. So much so, that we're in need of more jewelry donations. With many returning shoppers, we would like to offer some new selections.

Also if you have any small boxes they will also be much appreciated.

You can give them to me at Sunday Service or leave them at the church office with Lori.

Thank you.

Diane Valaitis

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STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

**FOOD & FUN
FOR ALL AGES**

\$8 per person*

Kids 3 & under **FREE**

**Includes dessert ticket*

Strawberries, Desserts, Ice Cream
Delicious Food * Vendors * Games * Kids Activities * Snapology
MPC THRIFT STORE – BARGAINS GALORE

FRIDAY JUNE 6th

5-8pm

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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

<i>Paul Avazier '26</i>	<i>Douglas Ballard '25</i>
<i>Amy Eckels '25</i>	<i>Marion Brower '27</i>
<i>Ben Mitchell '27</i>	<i>Bette Downs '27</i>
<i>Kristen Mitchell, Clerk</i>	<i>Virginia Geisbert '25</i>
<i>Debbie Pettinelli '27</i>	<i>Patricia Gwartz '26</i>
<i>Kerri Robinson '26</i>	<i>Greg Hoffman '27</i>
<i>John Strain '27</i>	<i>Joyce Holmwood '26</i>
<i>Joanne Trumbetas '25</i>	<i>Linda Pursley '27</i>
<i>Kim Wertz '25</i>	<i>Diane Valaitis '26</i>
<i>Alfie Wilkes '25</i>	<i>Shirley Wise '26</i>