
Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

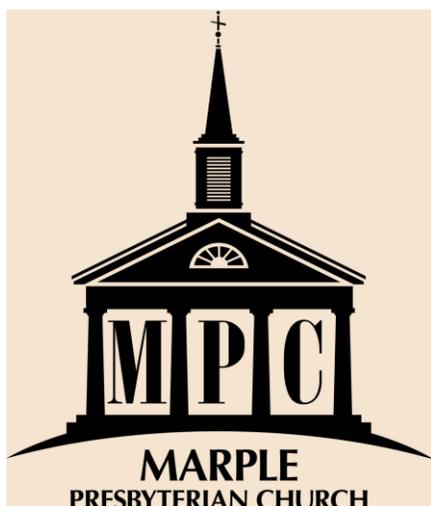


“We love because He first loved us.” 1 John 4:19

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Welcome

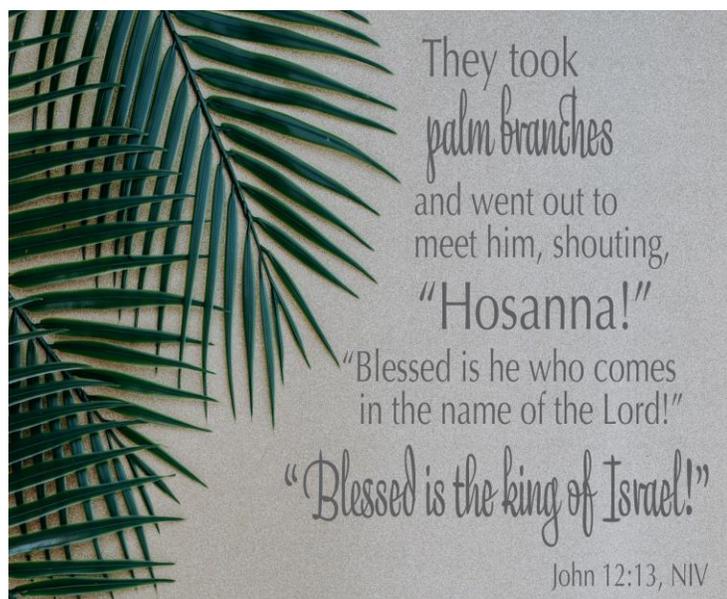
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Today – Palm Sunday

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*

Christian Education | *Ben Mitchell*

Deacons | *Linda Pursley & Joyce Holmwood*
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*

marplepctreasurer@gmail.com

Worship | *Amy Eckels*

Youth Group | *Ben Mitchell*

For more contact info, please contact the church office.

*When Jesus wept, the falling tear
In mercy flowed beyond all bound;
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear
Seized all the guilty world around.*

William Billings, 1770

*When fishes flew and forests walked,
And figs grew upon thorns,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born. . . .
The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will,
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb.
I keep my secret still.
Fools! For I also had my hour,
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.*

G. K. Chesterton, *The Donkey*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** | Zechariah 9:9 and Psalm 118:26

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,

People: humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Palm Sunday Proclamation | Luke 19:28-40

***Opening Hymn** | *All Glory, Laud and Honor* | #88

***Opening Prayer**

We praise you, O God,
for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ.
Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph
and was proclaimed Messiah and king
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.
Let these branches be signs of his victory,
and grant that we who carry them
may follow him in the way of the cross,
that, dying and rising with him,
we may enter into your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem | *Ain't No Rock Gonna Shout for Me* by Lloyd Larson

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we confess that we are very much like the crowd who greeted Jesus on that first Palm Sunday. We hail His coming to the city but are slow to welcome Him into our hearts. We sing His praises with our lips but often fail to praise Him in our living. We are quick to parade our faith when the going is easy and quick to abandon it when the ways grow tough.

God of mercy, forgive us the blindness and failures of Palm Sunday and Good Friday, that we might fully experience the joy of Easter; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Moment for personal confession and reflection.

* Pardon and Peace

Leader: Hear the Good News! I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment:
that we love one another as he loved us.

**People: As God's own people let us be merciful in action,
kindly in heart, and humble in mind.**

Leader: Let us be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven us.

**People: And above everything else, let us be loving,
and may we never forget to be thankful for what God has done for us.**

*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.*

*The Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Luke 19:41-48

Old Testament pgs. 534-535

New Testament pg. 78

Sermon | When Jesus Wept | Pastor Jim Reisner

***Hymn** | *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* | #89

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 us all,
you gave your Son to take the form of a servant
and to suffer death on the cross.
How can we thank you for this amazing gift?
Strengthen us to follow him, to take up our cross,
to love the world, and to serve you in word and deed.
Receive these gifts,
and all the ways we seek to serve you,
and use them for the work of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Hymn | *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* | #91

Charge and Benediction

Postlude



*Please stand as you are able

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

Deacon's Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm

THURSDAY

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

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Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm

Maundy Thursday Worship in Chapel 7 pm

FRIDAY

Good Friday Interfaith Service 12 pm

SATURDAY

Thrift Shop 10 am-4 pm

SUNDAY

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

Easter Sunday 10:30 am

Looking Ahead

APRIL 15

Session Meeting 7 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.

Spring Clean Up

We had beautiful weather to work on cleaning up our grounds from a difficult winter. At the risk of forgetting someone, I'd like to thank the following folks who worked extremely hard this past Saturday morning:

Patti Gwartz, Debbie Pettinelli, Bernie Strain, Meg and Scott Hessen, Mack Smith, Austin Smith, Seth Pancoast, Eric Eckels, Brian Strain, Pastor Jim, and a special thanks to all our scouts and parents that came out in force. I had an extensive list of "To Do's" and we completed everything on the list!!! The last time we completed everything on the list was in 1898. Thank you one and all. (I hope I didn't forget anyone but if I did let me know).

John Strain



Easter Flowers Order Form

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

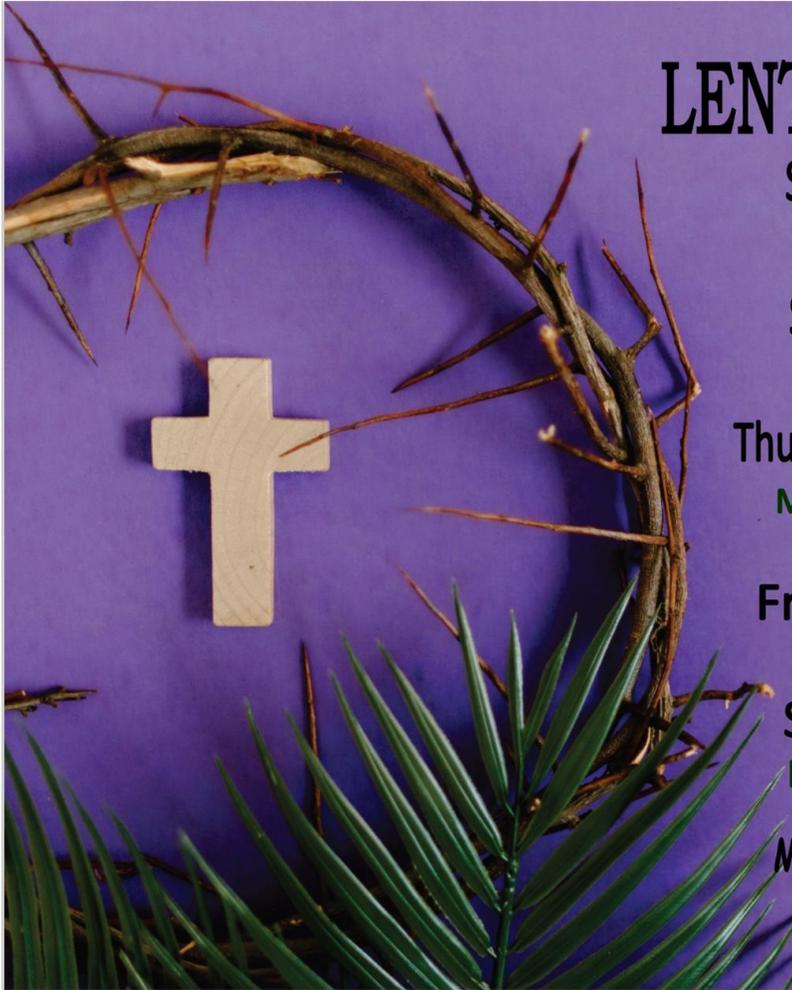
Given by: _____ Envelope No. _____

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 5th. 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 through **Palm Sunday, March 29**. 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

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>Faye Allison '28</i>
<i>Amy Eckels '28</i>	<i>Marion Brower '27</i>
<i>Patricia Gwartz '28</i>	<i>Bette Downs '27</i>
<i>Ben Mitchell '27</i>	<i>George Guyer '28</i>
<i>Kristen Mitchell, Clerk</i>	<i>Greg Hoffman '27</i>
<i>Debbie Pettinelli '27</i>	<i>Joyce Holmwood '26</i>
<i>Kerri Robinson '26</i>	<i>Linda Pursley '27</i>
<i>Lynn Smith '28</i>	<i>Carol Robinson '28</i>
<i>John Strain '27</i>	<i>Diane Valaitis '26</i>
<i>Kim Wertz '28</i>	<i>Shirley Wise '26</i>