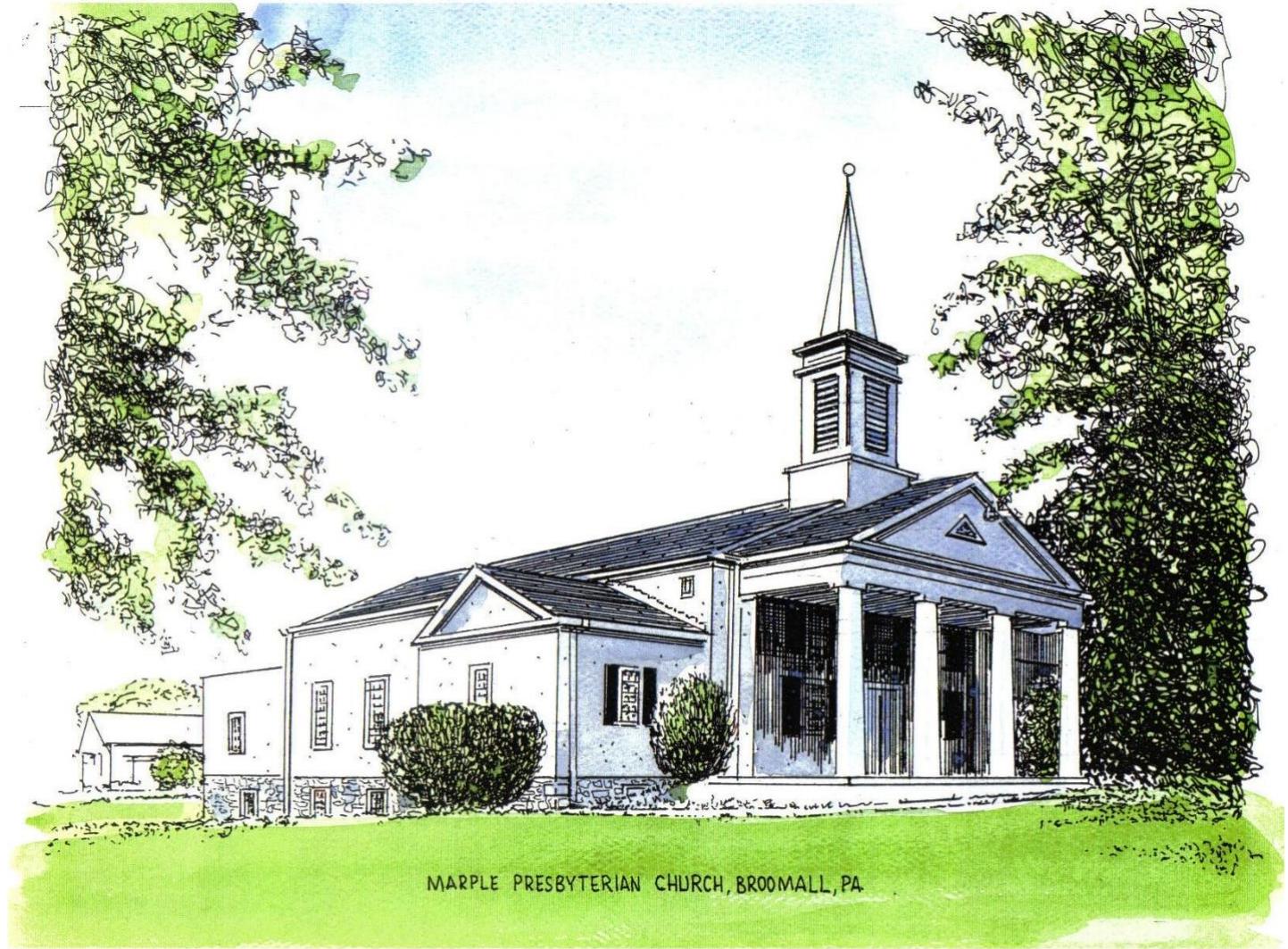


Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022



MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROOMALL, PA

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

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Welcome

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022



First Sunday of Advent

LITURGIST: Mike Poteet

HEAD USHER: Tom Trumbetas

MESSAGE FROM THE MPC COVID-19 TASK FORCE

Thank you for joining us in worship today. In accordance with new CDC guidelines (February 25, 2022) and determination by CDC that Delaware County community COVID level is Medium.

According to CDC guidance adopted by Session on April 27, 2022, the following prevention steps should be taken based on the COVID-19 Community Level -

- Wear a mask indoors in public
- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines
- Get tested if you have symptoms
- Additional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness

People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask. Masks are recommended in indoor public transportation settings and may be required in other places by local or state authorities. We also ask that everyone resume social distancing indoors and respect the placement of the red ropes at the ends of every other pew. Thank you again for joining us in worship.

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 about the life of our church, 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.

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Service for the Lord's Day

10:30am

Prelude | Matthew Knecht

Welcome and Announcements | Rev. Karen R. Nelson, Pastor

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The light shines in the darkness,

People: We come to worship, seeking the light of Christ once again.

Leader: Shine into our lives and into your world this Advent.

People: Renew us with fresh hope.

Leader: Come let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn |** “Sleepers, Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us | Insert

Lighting of the Advent Wreath | The Walden Family

Reader 1 “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’”
(Psalm 122:1)

Reader 2 May we be glad to be together. Whether we drove in or walked over, whether we logged on or tuned in later. May God help each of us to be glad to be here in this community, with this family. May it be a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. May it be a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.

Reader 1 We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored—our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God’s people for the promise to be fulfilled. (Light one purple candle)

All: Almighty and everlasting God,
You hold all our days in your hands,
and embrace us in your everlasting arms.
In an often tired and violent world, you are hope.
In a hectic and busy world, you are peace.
In a world that can be cold, you are comfort.
In Jesus Christ, you bring love into this world,
and call us to embody his love in all we do and say.
In our worship this day,
we offer you our love and loyalty,

*Please stand as you are able

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Make us one in worship and service,
so that the world will see your hope at work in us and through us,
making all things new. Amen.

Choir Anthem | Keep Your Lamps Arr. Johnson

Prayer of Confession

God of hope,
we confess that we often prefer
accepting half-truths and pleasing ideas,
rather than your challenging word.
We are tempted to praise our own cleverness rather than your wisdom.
We have all mistreated others for our benefit
and fallen down on your call to be good stewards of the earth.
In your mercy,
forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct who we shall be through the mercy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Musical response for personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Receive the Good News in hope. With great mercy, God forgives what we have confessed and offers us new life in Christ. Trust in the hope that you are forgiven and that, with God, new things are possible.

People: Thanks be to God.

**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.*

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: This Sunday we celebrate the Advent of Hope, coming to us in Jesus Christ. Think of your gifts as seeds of that hope which we can plant in the world God loves for Christ's sake.

Offertory

**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

All: God, our hope and our help, receive our gifts as seeds of gratitude for your gift to us in Christ Jesus. Bless these seeds with growth so that hope will sprout in people who struggle with despair, and places trying to rebuild after devastating loss. Be their hope and their help, through Christ our Lord.

***Preparation Hymn | Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence | Insert**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 2:1-5 |
Matthew 24:36-44 |

Old Testament pg. 594
New Testament pg. 26

Sermon | Rev. Karen R. Nelson, Pastor

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.

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.

***Closing Hymn** | *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending* | Insert

Benediction

Postlude | Matthew Knecht

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

349 "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

1 "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice as - tounds us; the shout of ram-part
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her heart with joy - ful
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let saints and an - gels

guards sur - rounds us: "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
 hope is spring - ing; she wakes and hur - ries through the night.
 sing be - fore you, as harps and cym-bals swell the sound.

Mid-night's peace their cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent summons
 Forth he comes, her Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in
 Twelve great pearls, the cit - y's por - tals: through them we stream to

This text is based on the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids (Matthew 25:1–13), but contains allusions to many other New Testament passages. Because one person created both text and tune, they combine majestically to form what is often called “the king of chorales.”

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Musical notation for the first stanza, featuring a treble clef, common time, and a key signature of one sharp. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

clear-ly spo - ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
truth vic - to - rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
join the im-mor - tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Musical notation for the second stanza, featuring a bass clef, common time, and a key signature of one sharp. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, in - car - nate
No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

Musical notation for the third stanza, featuring a bass clef, common time, and a key signature of one sharp. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and has - ten there,
Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and heed your call
light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to greet our King;

Musical notation for the fourth stanza, featuring a bass clef, common time, and a key signature of one sharp. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

that you the wed - ding feast may share."
to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

Musical notation for the fifth stanza, featuring a bass clef, common time, and a key signature of one sharp. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence 347

Capo 3: (Bm)

Dm

(G)

B^b

(D)

F

(Bm)

Dm

(C)

E^b

1 Let all mortal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim, with

(G)

B^b

(F#)

A

(G)

B^b

(D)

F

(Em)

Gm



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly
 earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man
 on the way, as the Light of light de -
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the

(Bm)

Dm

(C)

E^b

(G)

B^b

(D)

F



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
 pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

(B)

D

(Em)

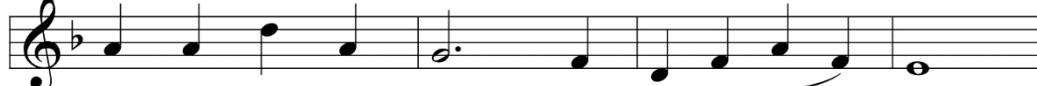
Gm

(Bm)

Dm

(A)

C



Christ our God to earth de - scand - eth,
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 that the powers of hell may van - ish
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

(Bm)

Dm

(Em)

Gm

(F#m)

Am

(Bm)

Dm



our full hom - age to de - mand.
 his own self for heaven - ly food.
 as the shad - ows clear a - way.
 al - le - lu - ia, Lord most high!"

The flowering of English hymnody in the 19th century included the rediscovery, translation, and versification of ancient Christian hymns, such as this text from one of the earliest existing Christian liturgies. It is set here to an adaptation of a 17th-century French melody.

TEXT: From Liturgy of St. James, 4th cent.; trans. Gerard Moultrie, 1864, alt.
 MUSIC: French melody; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

PICARDY
8.7.8.7.8.7

*Please stand as you are able

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

348 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff is for the soprano voice, the middle staff for the alto voice, and the bottom staff for the bass voice. The music is in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are integrated into the musical lines, appearing below the notes.

1 Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
2 Now redemp - tion, long ex - pect - ed,
3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,

once for our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand,
comes in sol - emn splen - dor near; all the
high on thine e - ter - nal throne; Sav - ior,

thou - sand saints at - tend - ing join to
saints this world re - ject - ed thrill the
take the power and glo - ry; claim the

Despite unclear musical origins, the result here is a characteristic early Methodist hymn tune, notable for its breadth and range. It effectively sets a text of similarly mixed sources, one that Charles Wesley regarded as related to "Thy kingdom come" in the Lord's Prayer.

TEXT: Stanzas 1, 3, Charles Wesley, 1758, alt.; stanza 2, John Cennick, 1752, alt.
MUSIC: Thomas Olivers, 1763; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

HELMSLEY
8.7.8.7.4.4.7

*Please stand as you are able

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

sing the glad re - frain: Al - le -
 trum - pet sound to hear: Al - le -
 king - dom as thine own. Come, Lord

 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Je - sus; come, Lord Je - sus; come, Lord

 lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
 Je - sus. Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

This Week

MONDAY

Cub Scout Troop 151 Meeting | Hall 7-9pm

TUESDAY

Joys & Concerns Chat | Zoom 3-4pm

The Great Course:

Tours of Medieval Europe | Zoom 7 pm

WEDNESDAY

Joys & Concerns Chat | Zoom 3-4pm

Boy Scout Troop 151 Meeting | Hall 7-9pm

AA Meeting | Lower CE Bldg. 7-8pm

THURSDAY

Joys & Concerns Chat | Zoom 3-4pm

Adult Choir Practice | Chapel 7pm

SUNDAY

AA Meeting | Lower CE Bldg. 8-9am

Looking Ahead

DECEMBER 4 | 4pm – 7pm

Youth Group Christmas Party | Rowland Room

DECEMBER 10 | 9:00am

Breakfast with Santa | Fellowship Hall

DECEMBER 18 | 10:30am

Christmas Cantata | Sanctuary

This year's cantata will be –

"Festival of Lessons and Carols" by Hal Hopson

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.



Learn More

ADULT EDUCATION

The Great Courses: Tours of Medieval Europe
Tuesdays beginning on November 1.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88390868845?pwd=L0ZydTJoekZvb3JGV0NFeU1taEkxZz09>

Meeting ID:883 9086 8845 Passcode:

Join us for Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 10 at 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed at 8 am for this event. Please see Mack if interested in helping with this festive occasion.



Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 18 at 10:30 am. Our choir has been working hard on this year's Christmas Cantata – "Festival of Lessons and Carols" by Hal Hopson.

SESSION

Charles Fry '23
Sean Greene '22
Scott Hessen '22
Kelley Kuyat '24
Kristen Mitchell '22
Carol Robinson '22
Kerri Robinson '23
Mack Smith '24
John Strain '23
Lesa Tanner '24
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