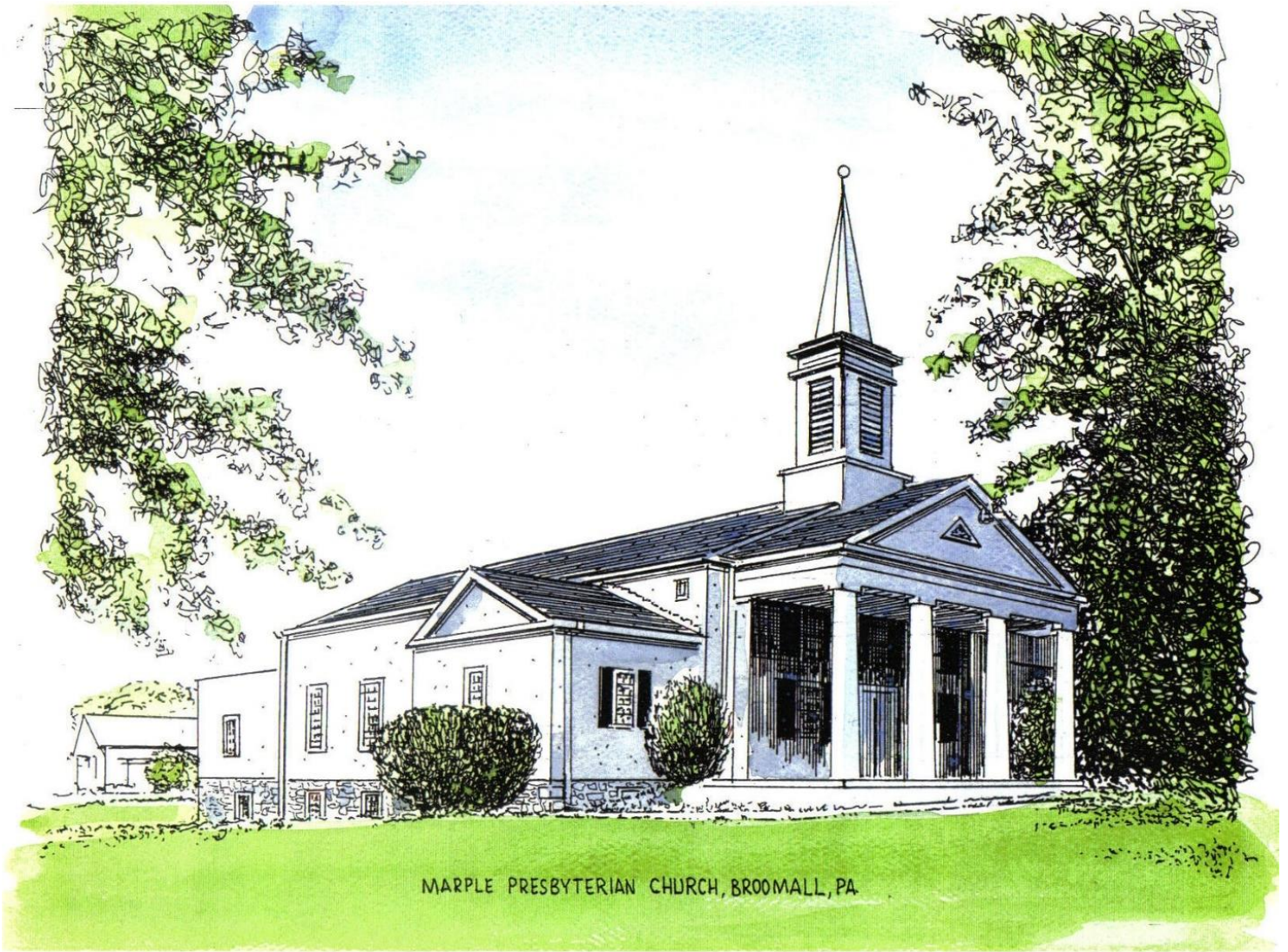

Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026



MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROOMALL, PA

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

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Welcome

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026



Today – October 11, 2026

LITURGIST:

HEAD USHER: Tom Trumbetas

THE LORD WILL
guide you ALWAYS;
HE WILL *satisfy*
YOUR NEEDS
IN A SUN-SCORCHED LAND
AND WILL *strengthen*
YOUR FRAME.
ISAIAH 58:11, NIV



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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For more contact info, please contact the church office.

October 11, 2026

10:30am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come now into God's presence.

People: We come together to call upon God.

Leader: Let us lift our voices in song.

People: We listen for God to speak to us in many different ways.

Leader: Let us open our hearts to God.

People: We sense God's spirit moving among us and in our world.

***Opening Hymn | *O God of Every Nation* | #289**

***Opening Prayer**

God of wisdom, you remember the rise and fall of every empire. You remember the rise and fall of dynasties whose leaders, both political or financial, hoarded goods for themselves and blocked services and resources which serve the common good of all people. When our memory is short, call us back into your ancient story and re-form us to your sacred economy, through Jesus Christ, who teaches us to serve and pray for your will on earth to be done.

Choir Anthem | *He Never Failed Me Yet* by Robert Ray

Call to Confession

Our world values the rich and successful and our spirits are weary of these demands. Knowing our God walks with us in our confusion, our doubts, our failings, our struggles, we humbly come before God to ask for mercy. Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Prayer of Confession *(a responsive prayer)*

The Pharaohs and Herods of the world decree death to strangers and to foreigners. The power of fear and hate surround us.

For those in our world who suffer injustice, danger, and poverty, we pray:

God, have mercy on us and shape us in the ways of Christ.

For the times we lack courage to address the causes of injustice, oppression and poverty, we pray to our God of justice:

God, have mercy on us and shape us in the ways of Christ.

For the times we give in to despair and resignation when confronted with the injustice of our world, we pray to our God of strength:

God, have mercy on us and shape us in the ways of Christ.

For the times we allow our fears to triumph over the call to solidarity and belonging, we pray to our God of reconciliation:

God, have mercy on us and shape us in the ways of Christ.

Merciful God, receive our petitions.

Heal the brokenness in our hearts and in our world

caused by injustice, indifference, selfishness and fear.

Open our hearts to hear the cries of your suffering people.

Support us as we seek to respond in solidarity and with hospitality.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The blazing fire of God's presence refines us, but in mercy it does not destroy us. God does not repay evil for evil, but comes in Christ, to deliver us and restore us to life. This is good news for us and for all people.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and called to live as Christ's people.**

*** Congregational Response** *Breath on Me, Breath of God* verses 1 and 3 | #316

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

*** Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Christ comes to announce peace – to those who are near – and to those who are far off – so that we might no longer be strangers and aliens – but members of the family of God. You are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace with one another by turning and greeting each other 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

Matthew 2:1-7, 13, 16

New Testament pgs. 1-2

Exodus 1:1-14

Old Testament pg. 47

Sermon | Stewardship of Power | Rev. Roberta Kearney, Transitional Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn | *God of Grace and God of Glory* | #420**

***Affirmation of Faith | based on the 10 Commandments**

Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, all your mind, all your strength and all your soul.

We will love God above any other loyalty to leaders or nations.

We will hold God's name as holy, honoring who God is and calls us to be, remembering God brings us out of the house of slavery.

We will honor sabbath rest for all people, creatures and life God has created.

Love your neighbor as yourself.

We will respect the wisdom of our elders.

We will protect the lives and the reputations of those around us.

We will cherish the relationships entrusted to us.

We will not take what is not ours.

We will learn the value of enough.

Love the Lord your God.

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 | *Now Thank We All Our God* | #555 verse 3**

All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in highest heaven, To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given. The one eternal God, Whom heaven and earth adore, The God who was, and is, And shall be evermore.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God, you call us to be good stewards of all your resources – our time, our skills, our passions, our positions, our connections, and our finances. We give you thanks for all your gifts to us. May our lives with you demonstrate your generosity and blessings.

WE ARE SENT IN GOD’S NAME

***Closing Hymn | *We Are Marching in the Light of God* | See Insert**

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Prayer of Confession ~ from *Offering Hospitality to Refugees* compiled by Loreto Conroy. Posted on http://www2.crcna.org/site/uploads/uploads/cwrc/resources/refugee/cwrc_RefugeeKitLiturgy.pdf

Affirmation of Faith — Copyright © 2002 Katherine Hawker. Posted on her [Liturgy Outside](#) website.

853 We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

This lively Zulu/Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other languages around the globe. Some additional stanzas are suggested, but others may be improvised as appropriate to the occasion.

TEXT: South African; English trans. Gracia Grindal, 1984
MUSIC: South African; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984
English Trans. and Music Arr. © 1984 Utryck (admin. Walton Music Corp.)

SIYAHAMBA
Irregular

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:
We are dancing...
We are praying...
We are singing...

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

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

zoom.us/j/6103561098 PW MPC

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

OCTOBER 21

Session Meeting 7:00 pm

NOVEMBER 1

Communion, All Saints' Day 10:30 am

NOVEMBER 4

Deacon's Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm

NOVEMBER 18

Session Meeting 7:00 pm

NOVEMBER 22

Cantata 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.

After Worship today –

John Strain will hold a brief meeting at the front of the church regarding plans to grow our congregation. Anyone 'curious' about the plans is invited to attend. Coming to the meeting doesn't mean that you've committed to helping, it only means that you are curious about what the plan entails. We hope to see you after church.

Giving for PC(USA) Per Capita

We, as members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), are connected to a larger body of believers through our congregation, presbytery, synod, and General Assembly.

As a connectional church, we both benefit from and contribute to the ministries of the PC(USA).

One way we support our shared ministry is through our per capita allocation. Per capita is Latin meaning paying “for each head”.

Per Capita, is constitutionally required by our Book of Order. Per capita is the annual amount assessed for each member of the church to enable the work of the PC(USA) in governance, leadership, and mission work of the denomination.

These funds support the work of our councils, the preparation and training of church leaders, constitutional and judicial functions, and the ministries that connect and strengthen Presbyterian churches across the country.

Our congregation's Per Capita assessment is \$40 per member, a cost we ask each member to contribute to the church for this purpose.

If you have not already designated your contribution, we invite you to contribute your Per Capita share of \$40. By doing so, you help relieve this expense from our church's operating budget and enable more of our resources to support the local ministries of our congregation.

How your contribution is used:

- \$24.56 supports the Presbytery infrastructure which supports shared ministries in Philadelphia, Delaware, Bucks and Montgomery Counties
- \$2.40 goes to the Synod which consists of 16 Presbyteries across Pennsylvania and parts of West Virginia and Ohio
- \$12.04 goes to the Office of the General Assembly, which supports our Synods, Presbyteries, and over 10,000 congregations.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship and for helping us live out our connectional commitment as the body of Christ.

Stewardship

GROWING OUR FAITH

During October and November there will be weekly articles on many different aspects of Stewardship in our life as Christ's people.

Our preaching looks at Stewardship from a number of angles. Following scriptures in the book of Exodus we will consider the following:

Oct 11	Stewardship of Power
Oct 18	Stewardship of Resistance
Oct 25	Stewardship of Identity

Nov 1	Stewardship of Enough
Nov 8	Guest preacher
Nov 15	Stewardship of Delegation
Nov 22	Stewardship of Legacy

Touchpoint Church Growth Plan

Changing our approach in order to brainstorm ideas on initial steps for Marple, there will now be a series of short meetings in the sanctuary immediately following worship.

Anyone who is available for 15-20 minutes every couple of weeks is invited to join the conversation. Come as you are able.

The first conversation is this Sunday, October 11 after worship.

John Strain will offer information and a couple of thoughts to get the conversation started. You are invited to ask questions and throw out ideas. You are invited to bring back an idea or two – for the next conversation on October 25.



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:

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OR

Linda Pursley

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or any Deacon listed in the bulletin.

Please be sure to e-mail Pastor Roberta as well at rkearney@marplepres.org

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 Gwirtz '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
