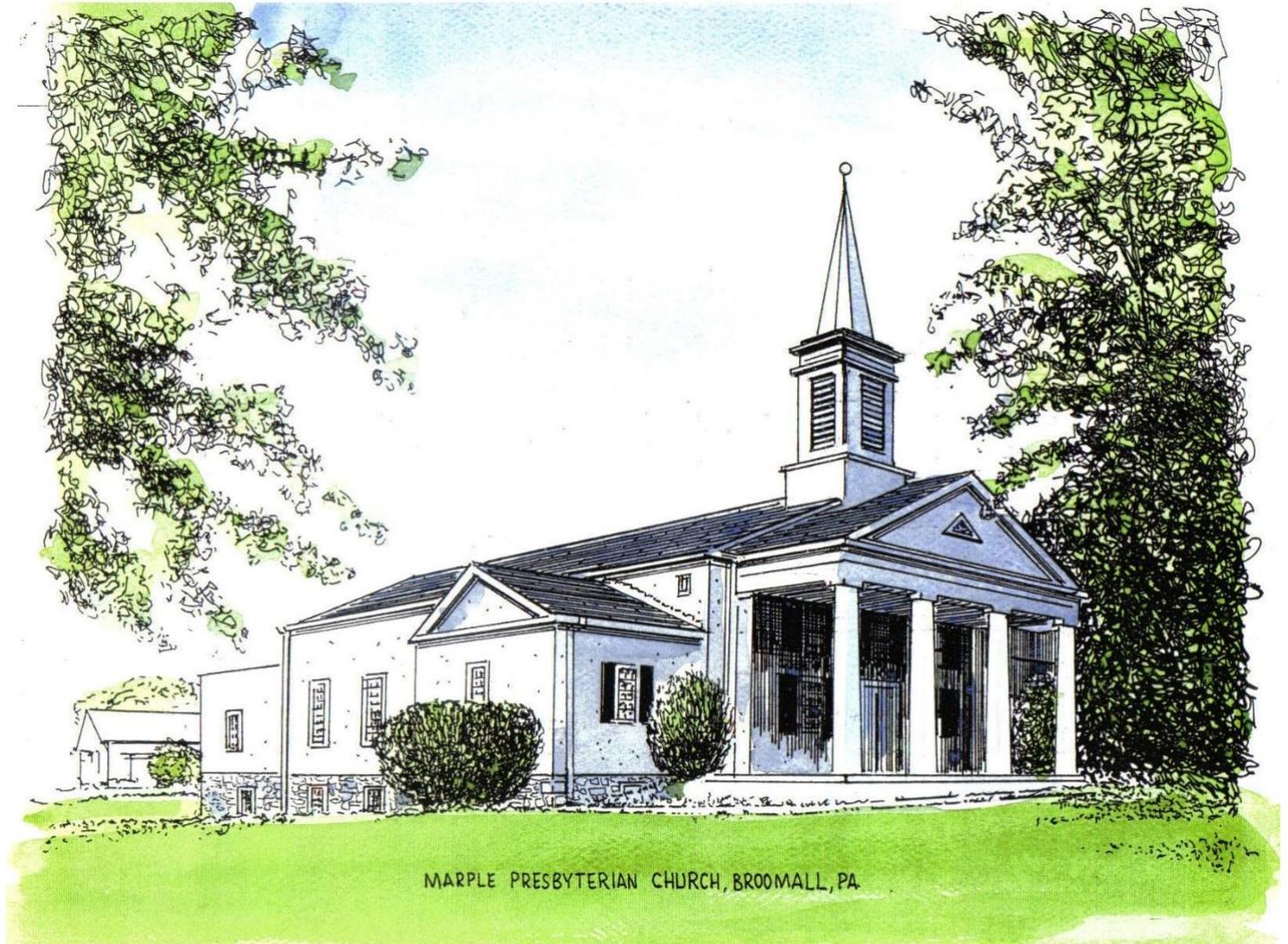

Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROOMALL, PA

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

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Welcome

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



Anniversary Sunday

LITURGIST: Douglas Ballard

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.*

RESOURCES

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Youth Group | *Kristen Mitchell*

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Service for the Lord's Day

10:30am

Prelude | Susan B. Greene

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

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Here God speaks to us words of challenge and comfort.

People: Here Jesus stands among us, calling us to acts of mercy.

Leader: Even now, the Holy Spirit is moving in our midst,

People: filling us with hope and inspiring us to faithfulness.

Leader: Let us worship God, ever Three and ever One.

People: Let us praise God's holy name together!

***Opening Hymn** | *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* | *Insert*

***Opening Prayer** |

Creating God,
beauty and harmony mark your creation.
As the seasons change,
we see you are still at work in the world,
transforming hearts and situations.
We praise you for all you do to repair injustice,
to bring peace to places of war,
working for goodness to prevail in all nations.
You offer us new possibilities day by day,
and so we place our trust in your redeeming power.
Renew our energy for mission this autumn
and open our eyes to new opportunities to reach out in Jesus' name.
Through the power of the Spirit, make us participants in your work,
bringing justice and joy into the world you love.
Amen.

Choir Anthem | *Be Thou My Vision* Arr. Craig Courtney

Prayer of Confession

Compassionate God,
you open your heart to those in need,
and to your aching creation.
We confess we often turn away
so that we do not have to see pain, suffering or injustice,
right before our eyes.

*Please stand as you are able

**We don't like to feel uncomfortable
or pressed into service.
Forgive us, and
give us courage to love others as you love us
and reach out with the care we have witnessed in Jesus. Amen.**

A choral response for personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The prophet Micah declared that God requires of us three things:
to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.
To all who repent, who act for justice and seek to serve God and neighbor in
kindness, God offers forgiveness and peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus
Christ be with you all.

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: Prophets and parables remind us again and again to share our wealth with
those living on the margins. Your contributions to the life and mission of this
congregation and to the greater PC(USA) of which we are a part help change
the world by bringing God's love and goodness to those standing
outside the gate. Let us bless God with our offering.

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: Loving God, we bring you our gifts, grateful that we have something to
share, and glad to be part of a network of mission and mercy which circles
the earth. Bless the ministries of the church universal as well as the
mission of our congregation. Use our gifts to multiply their impact in the
world you love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time with Children

***Preparation Hymn | Abide With Me | Insert**

Recognition of 50 Year Members

William Ankrum

Cindy Barbezat

Dianne Hirt

Marilyn Lechler

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 43:1-7 |

Romans 8:31-39 |

Old Testament pg. 532

New Testament pg. 74-75

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 | *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* | Insert**

Benediction

Postlude | Susan B Greene

*Please stand as you are able

ADORATION

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

TEXT: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.

MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1842, alt.

HYMN TO JOY
 8.7.8.7.D

*Please stand as you are able

836

Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide!
 earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see.
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 Heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

By blending end of day and end of life, the imagery of this well-known Victorian hymn has made it valuable for both evening services and funerals. Although the author wrote his own music for it, the present tune has been firmly associated with this text for over 150 years.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

354 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 God has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,

he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
and is sift - ing out all hu - man hearts be - fore the judg - ment seat;
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me;

he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword.
O be swift, my soul, to an - swer; O be ju - bi - lant my feet!
as he died to make us ho - ly, let us live to make all free,

Refrain

God's truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on. Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le -
while God is march - ing on.

Though its biblical roots are often overlooked, this text incorporates many apocalyptic images such as the coming of the Lord in glory (Matthew 24:30/Mark 13:26/Luke 21:27), the winepress (Isaiah 63:3; Revelation 14:19, 19:15), and the sharp sword (Isaiah 27:1; Revelation 19:15).

TEXT: Julia W. Howe, 1861, alt.
MUSIC: American melody, 19th cent.

BATTLE HYMN
15.15.15.6 with refrain

*Please stand as you are able

This Week

MONDAY

Cub Scout Troop 151 Meeting | *Hall* 7-9pm

TUESDAY

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

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

OCTOBER 2 | 4pm – 7pm

Youth Group Meeting | Roland Room

OCTOBER 9 | 10:30am

Sue Murr | Guest Speaker-Sunday Service

OCTOBER 12 | 6pm

Kids Against Hunger | Broomall

OCTOBER 16 | 4pm – 7pm

Youth Group Meeting | Roland Room

OCTOBER 23 | 2:00pm

Session and Deacon Pot-Luck | Courtyard

OCTOBER 30 | 2:00pm

Trunk Or Treat | Parking Lot

NOVEMBER 1 | Every Tuesday 7:00pm

Adult Education - The Great Courses: Tours of Medieval Europe | Zoom

NOVEMBER 6 | 10:30am

All Saints Service

Learn More

TRUNK OR TREAT

Our 2nd annual trunk or treat is scheduled for October 30th at 2pm! Decide on your theme, gather your decorations, buy your candy. It's almost time!

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: MPC

YOUTHGROUP

Youth Group kick-off meeting will be October 2nd! Further details to be announced for future Youth Group activities!

SUE MURR-Guest Speaker

Sue is serving children and adults with disabilities throughout Uganda, combining her two passions for physiotherapy and disability ministry in the church. As a physio working alongside national partners, she provides direct services to children and their families, pointing them to Jesus for their ultimate healing. Several times per year, she participates in wheelchair distributions, where up to 200 people in one district are provided with the life-changing gift of mobility.

Several churches have identified the presence of people with disabilities in their midst and are reaching out to them; Sue has the privilege of learning with them, how to serve and be served by these precious families. The body is much fuller when each one is encouraged to find out what their gift is and use it to the glory of God.

Help Us Fundraise for a New Roof by Shopping with our SCRIP Program!

Marple partners with an organization called ShopWithScrip, which recently rebranded and is now known as RaiseRight. With this program, church members can order gift cards for their full value while the church receives a percentage of each gift card purchase.

It's a great way to help increase your giving and it is now easier than ever! Instead of writing a check and waiting for the church order to be placed and delivered, you can order gift card on-demand.

It's easy to get started - and just in time for last-minute Back to School shopping!



1. Go to <https://www.raiseright.com/enroll>
2. Enter the enrollment code: **F4DDABCE47862**
3. Create a username and password
4. Start shopping



MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE	
<i>August 2022</i>	
Total Income:.....	\$15,089
<u>Total Expenses:.....</u>	<u>\$15,309</u>
Net:.....	(\$120)
Roof Fund:.....	\$3,616

Our results for August we essentially break-even. Thanks once again to our loyal members and friends for your ongoing financial support
John Strain, Finance Chair

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>Charles Fry '23</i>	<i>Douglas Ballard '22</i>
<i>Sean Greene '22</i>	<i>Marion Brower '24</i>
<i>Scott Hessen '22</i>	<i>Barb Capuzzi '22</i>
<i>Kelley Kuyat '24</i>	<i>Cerrie Cox '23</i>
<i>Kristen Mitchell '22</i>	<i>Bette Downs '24</i>
<i>Carol Robinson '22</i>	<i>Virginia Geisbert '22</i>
<i>Kerri Robinson '23</i>	<i>Joyce Holmwood '23</i>
<i>Mack Smith '24</i>	<i>Greg Hoffman '24</i>
<i>John Strain '23</i>	<i>Eileen Matthews '24</i>
<i>Lesa Tanner '24</i>	<i>Linda Pursley '24</i>
<i>RuthAnne Yakscoe '23</i>	<i>Diane Valaitis '23</i>
<i>Alfie Wilkes '22</i>	<i>Shirley Wise '23</i>
