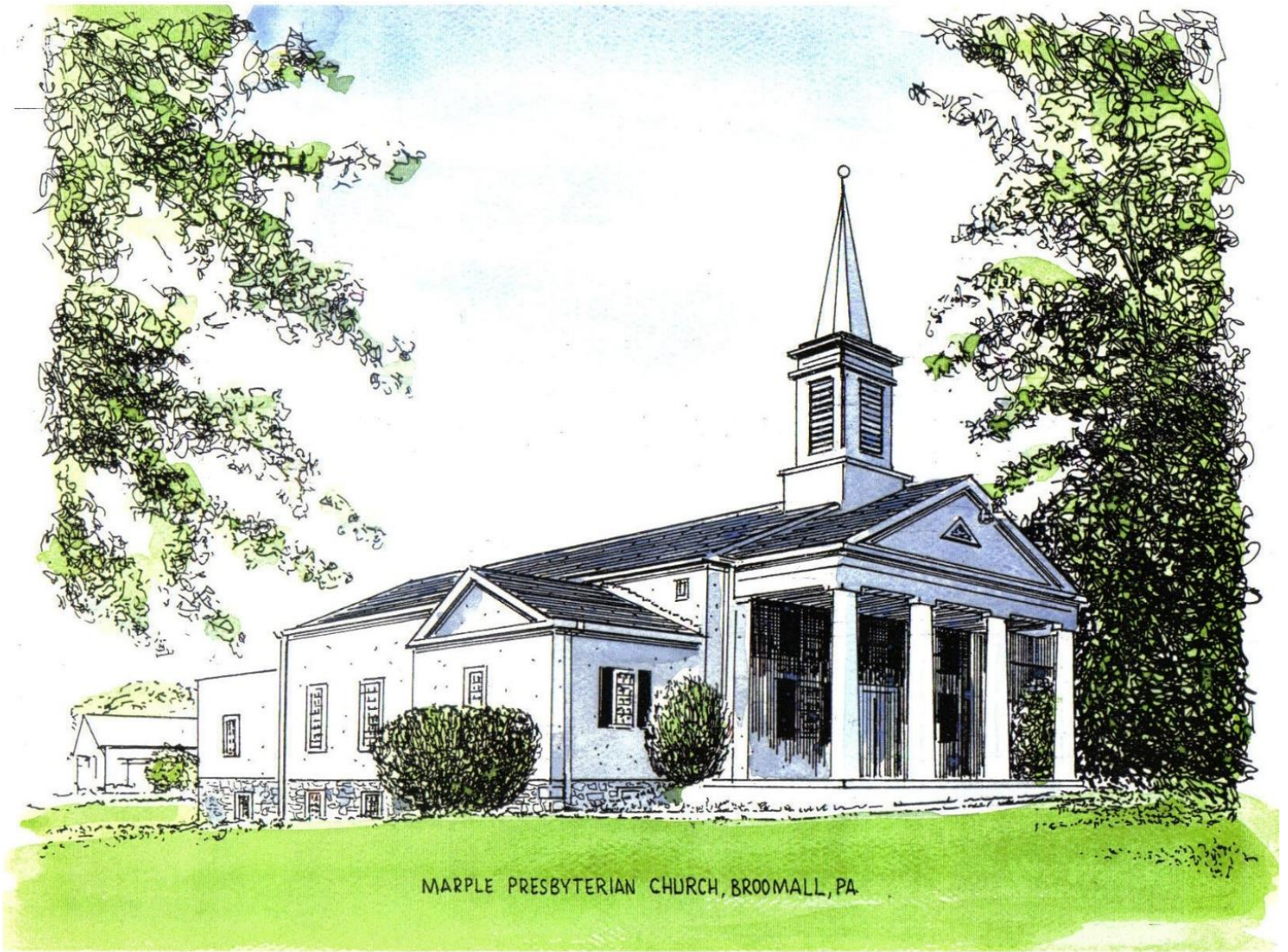

Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026



MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROOMALL, PA

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

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Welcome

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026



Today – July 26, 2026

LITURGIST: John Strain

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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For more contact info, please contact the church office.

July 26, 2026

10:30am

We welcome Rev. TJ Denley as our guest preacher.

Rev. TJ Denley is a validated minister from the Presbytery of Baltimore whose validated ministry is as an Assistant District Attorney in the Post Conviction Relief Unit with the Philadelphia District Attorney's Officer. Prior to law school, TJ was a hospital chaplain serving in Chicago, Illinois and Baltimore, Maryland. She lives in the East Falls neighborhood of Philadelphia with her wife and their two cats.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Alleluia! Give thanks to Yahweh!

People: Praise God's name and make know God's deeds to the nations!

Leader: Sing to God! Sing praise and tell of all God's wonderful works.

People: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts that seek Yahweh rejoice!

***Opening Hymn | *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* | #460**

***Opening Prayer**

O God, you are infinite, eternal and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth. Your works everywhere praise you, and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior. Therefore, we praise you blessed and holy Trinity, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Special Music | Kristen Mitchell, Soloist

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We confess to you steadfast God, that we wander from the path of love upon which we are meant to walk. Fears divide us, prejudice hardens us, violence destroys us. We turn our hearts again to you God of grace and mercy. Forgive us love that is self-satisfied, and teach us that love is self and other affirming. Forgive us faith that makes us rush to judgment and give us faith that fills us with compassion. Forgive us peace we have made with our division and unite us in peace that surpasses understanding. We pray with thanksgiving in the name of Christ.

Moment for personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: By God's mercy, our feet are set again upon the path of faithfulness, our hearts are set again upon the coming of God's realm.

People: Thanks be to God, our hope and our guide forever!

***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: As Jesus gave his peace to us, let us share his peace with each other.
The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

1 Kings 3:5-12

Old Testament pg. 292

Romans 8:26-39

New Testament pg. 148

Sermon | Rev. TJ Denley, Guest Preacher

***Hymn** | *Thy Boundless Love to Me* | #366

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 Thanksgiving and Dedication

Blessed are you God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this offering, the results of our human efforts. May these talents, treasures and time be used to further your realm on earth and the mission of the church. Blessed by God forever.

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

Closing Hymn | *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

SENDING

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me O Christ, Surround Me

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1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es - en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

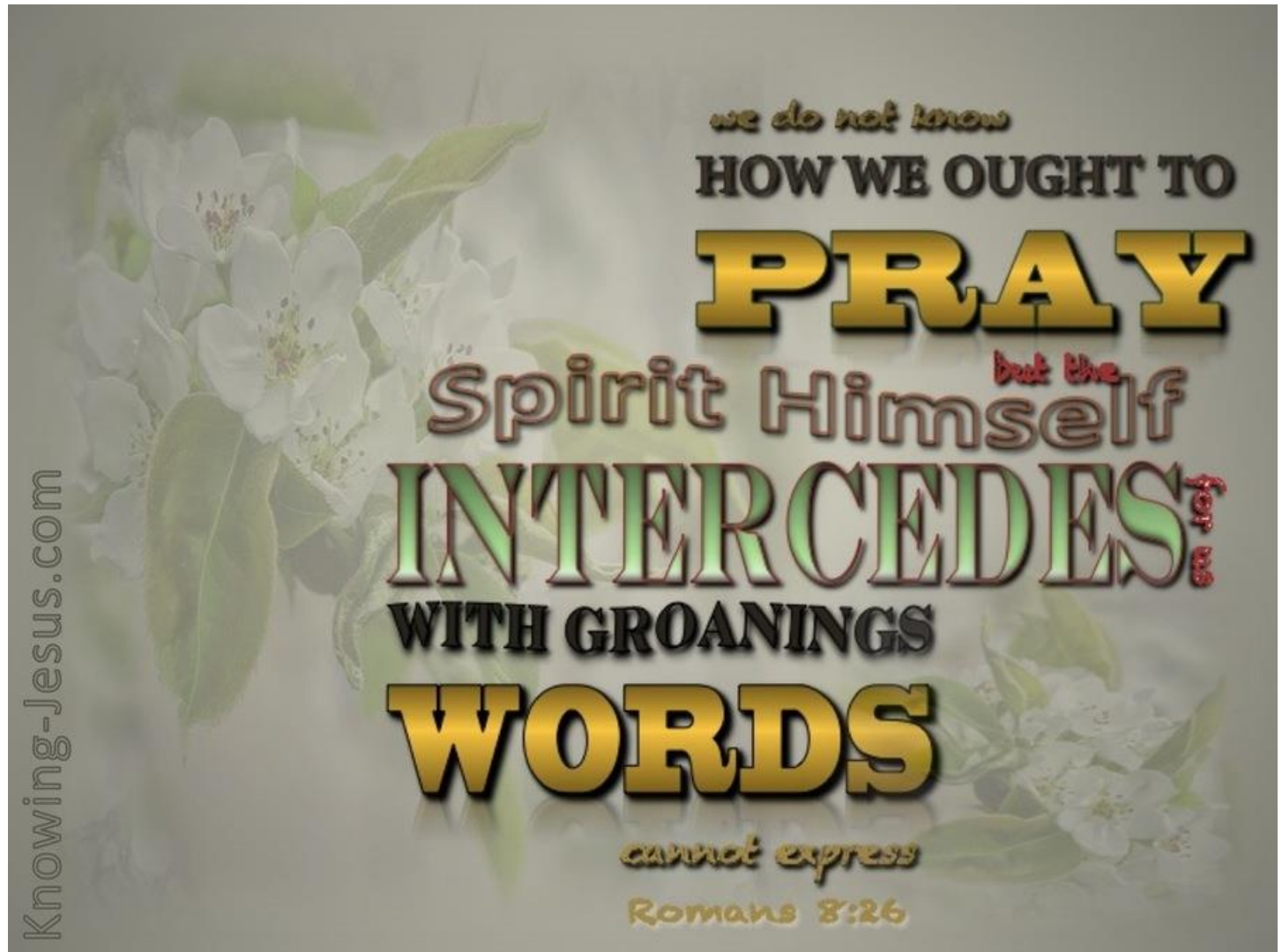
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GREEN TYLER
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*Please stand as you are able

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

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

Worship 10:30 am

Looking Ahead

AUGUST 19

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.



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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610-888-7458

OR

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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**

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Faye Allison '28

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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
