
Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 01, 2026

Second



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IN LENT

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

MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Welcome

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Today – Second Sunday in Lent

LITURGIST: Patricia Gwirtz

HEAD USHER: Tom Trumbetas



SECOND SUNDAY
in Lent

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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HOW DO I CONNECT?

Clerk of Session | [Kristen Mitchell](#)

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Worship | [Amy Eckels](#)

Youth Group | [Ben Mitchell](#)

For more contact info, please contact the church office.

Service for the Lord's Day

10:30am

Prayer Before Worship

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the mature find purpose and the young be inspired through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"To Christians Jesus is the incarnation, God's love in person on earth. God's love is visionary, perceiving behind the armor most of us don an individual unprecedented and unrepeatable. And God's love doesn't seek value, it creates it. Christians recognize their value as a gift rather than an achievement; it is not because we have value that we are loved, but because we are loved that we have value."

-William Sloane Coffin, *The Courage to Love*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship | Psalm 139:23-24

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart;

People: **try me and know my thoughts!**

Leader: See if there is any wicked way in me,

People: **and lead me in the way everlasting.**

*Opening Hymn | *Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise* | #263

***Opening Prayer**

God of love,
as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,
so may we give ourselves to you,
living according to your holy will.
Keep our feet firmly in the way
where Christ leads us;
make our mouths speak the truth
that Christ teaches us;
fill our bodies with the life
that is Christ within us.
In his holy name we pray. Amen.

Choir Anthem | *Amazing Grace* arr. Bruce Stevenson

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We confess to you, Lord, what we are: we are not the people we like others to think we are;
We are afraid to admit even to ourselves what lies in the depths of our souls. But we do not want to
hide our true selves from your healing touch. We believe that you know us as we are, and yet you
love us. Help us to know and accept ourselves; give us the courage to put our trust in your forgiveness,
through Christ our Savior.

Moment for personal confession and reflection.

***Pardon and Peace**

Leader: I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

People: To this peace we were called as members of a single body.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: Peace be with us all.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 121

Old Testament pg. 539

John 3:1-17

New Testament pg. 88

Sermon | The Search for the Sacred or, Look What the Wind Blew In |
Pastor Jim Reisner

***Hymn** | *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* | #92

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 SERVICE OF THE UPPER ROOM

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.*

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and just to give you thanks...

...Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord,

People: Hosanna in the highest. ...

Leader: ...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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.

The Bread

The Cup

The Acclamation | Psalm 103

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
People: and all that is within me bless God's holy name.
Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
People: and forget not all God's benefits.

Prayer after Communion

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

***Closing Hymn | *Amazing Grace* | #280**

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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

SATURDAY

Thrift Shop 10 am-4 pm

SUNDAY

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

Looking Ahead

MARCH 18

Session Meeting 7:00 pm

MARCH 21

Session Meeting 9 am – 12 pm

MARCH 22

Calvary's Mountain (Cantata) 10:30 am

MARCH 29

Palm Sunday 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.



MPC Spring Clean Up – March 21 from 9 am to 12 pm

Rain Date March 28

Please note -

A special meeting of the congregation will be held March 1, 2026, directly after worship, both in person and via the Church's Zoom Meeting Link, for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The Zoom link is available on the Church's website and the password is MPC.



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 - 1:00 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 for the next few weeks. 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:

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OR

Linda Pursley

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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**

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

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