



# Marple Presbyterian Church

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## **\*MPC Weather Cancellation Policy\***

A decision to cancel services will be made no later than 2 hours before the scheduled service. Notification will be made via Realm email blast, post to MPC Facebook (which appears on MPC website), and notification to Chair of Deacons to make phone notifications to members as needed.

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, Feb. 1, 2026 - 10:30 a.m. Worship and Communion**

**Annual Meeting after Worship**

**The Rev. Jim Reisner, Transitional Pastor – Sermon – Jesus' Agenda for the Annual Meeting**

*There are no experts in the company of Jesus. We are all beginners, necessarily followers, because we don't know where we are going. On reflection, it is difficult to understand how the term "laity" and the assumptions drawn from it continue to marginalize so many Christians from all-out participation in following Jesus. After all, didn't Jesus call only lay persons to follow him? Not a priest or professor among the twelve men and numerous women followers.*

--Eugene H. Peterson, The Jesus Way:  
A Conversation on the Ways Jesus Is the Way

We welcome you to join us in-person or virtually. You can access the live stream on Twitch [HERE](#).

Past services may be viewed on our YouTube channel using the link on our website. The live stream link and weekly bulletins are also available on our website, [www.marplepres.org](http://www.marplepres.org).

### **MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN THRIFT SHOP**

**Saturday, Jan. 31 10 am – 4 pm**

**Tuesday, Feb. 3 10 am – 3 pm**

**Feb. 4 – Deacon's Meeting via Zoom at 7:30 pm**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS ON ZOOM**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 3 – 4 pm**

[zoom.us/j/6103561098](https://zoom.us/j/6103561098) Password MPC

**CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**Thursday - 6:30 pm, MPC Chapel**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Feb. 8 – Souper Bowl of Caring

Feb. 18 – Ash Wednesday Worship in the Chapel at 7 pm

**CALL FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING**

Marple Presbyterian Church will hold its annual meeting on February 1, 2026 directly following Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary in-person and via the Church's Zoom link for remote attendees. All members are encouraged to participate. Elections for Elders, Deacons, and Corporate officers will be held.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, we are pleased to present the following individuals for nomination at the upcoming Annual Meeting.

**Board of Deacons:**

Faye Allison

Carol Robinson

George Guyer V

**Board of Elders:**

Patti Gwartz

Lynn Smith

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Wertz

Nominating Committee Chair

## YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR 2025-2026

MPC's Youth Group is open to all youth currently in 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, regardless of membership at Marple Presbyterian Church. We typically meet a few Sundays per month from 4 – 7 pm in the Rowland Room at MPC, 105 N. Sproul Rd, Broomall, Pennsylvania. See below for meeting dates and special events!

### Youth Group Meeting Dates:

October 19	February 15
November 2	March 1
December 7	March 15
December 21* – Christmas Party!	April 5
January 11*	April 19
January 25*	May 3
February 1	May 17

*\*For the Christmas Party, Youth Group will run from 3 pm to 6 pm. Youth are invited and encouraged to stay and attend MPC's Longest Night Service which is from 7-8 pm.*

*\*For January meetings, we will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at the normal time.*

### Special Events:

November 15-16 – Lock-in @ MPC

December 27 – Go Karts Trip

*\*\*We would like to plan an away retreat once we have a sense availability for our members in the Spring. We will announce dates and information after the holiday season.*

June 6 – Youth Group BBQ

*\*\*We are considering turning the BBQ into a campout at the Mitchells' house if members are interested in trying this. We have access to two campers, some indoor accommodations and may be able to procure tents for anyone really wanting to "rough" it.*

For more information, contact Kristen Mitchell at [klizzano@gmail.com](mailto:klizzano@gmail.com) or 302-494-1146.

## HYMN HISTORY SERIES

### ***When Morning Gilds the Skies***

*Did you know?*...Originating in Wurzburg, on the Main River near Frankfurt, this hymn was written by an unknown German author, and first appeared in a Roman Catholic hymnal in 1828. Some sources say the hymn was written in 1818; others list an even earlier date. The original hymn had 14 stanzas. It was translated from German into English in 1854 by Edward Caswell (1814-1878), a Roman Catholic priest from England, who translated it into 28 couplets (or 2-line stanzas with a repeated refrain). Edward Caswell was the son of an Anglican clergyman, and converted to Catholicism in 1847 prior to translating the hymn. The original tune used was "Beim frühen Morgenlicht," but the tune "Laudes Domini" was written by Joseph Barnby (1838-1896) specifically for this text. The tune and text were first published together in 1868, and is the tune we use to this day. Joseph Barby was an outstanding English organist and choirmaster who was knighted by Queen Victoria in 1892 in honor of his musical contributions.

### **\*CAUTION\***

Please be aware that the outside steps from the parking lot are often very icy (the sun does not hit them) and therefore we mark them with a caution cone to direct entering to the narthex door or via the doors in the carport / breezeway.

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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