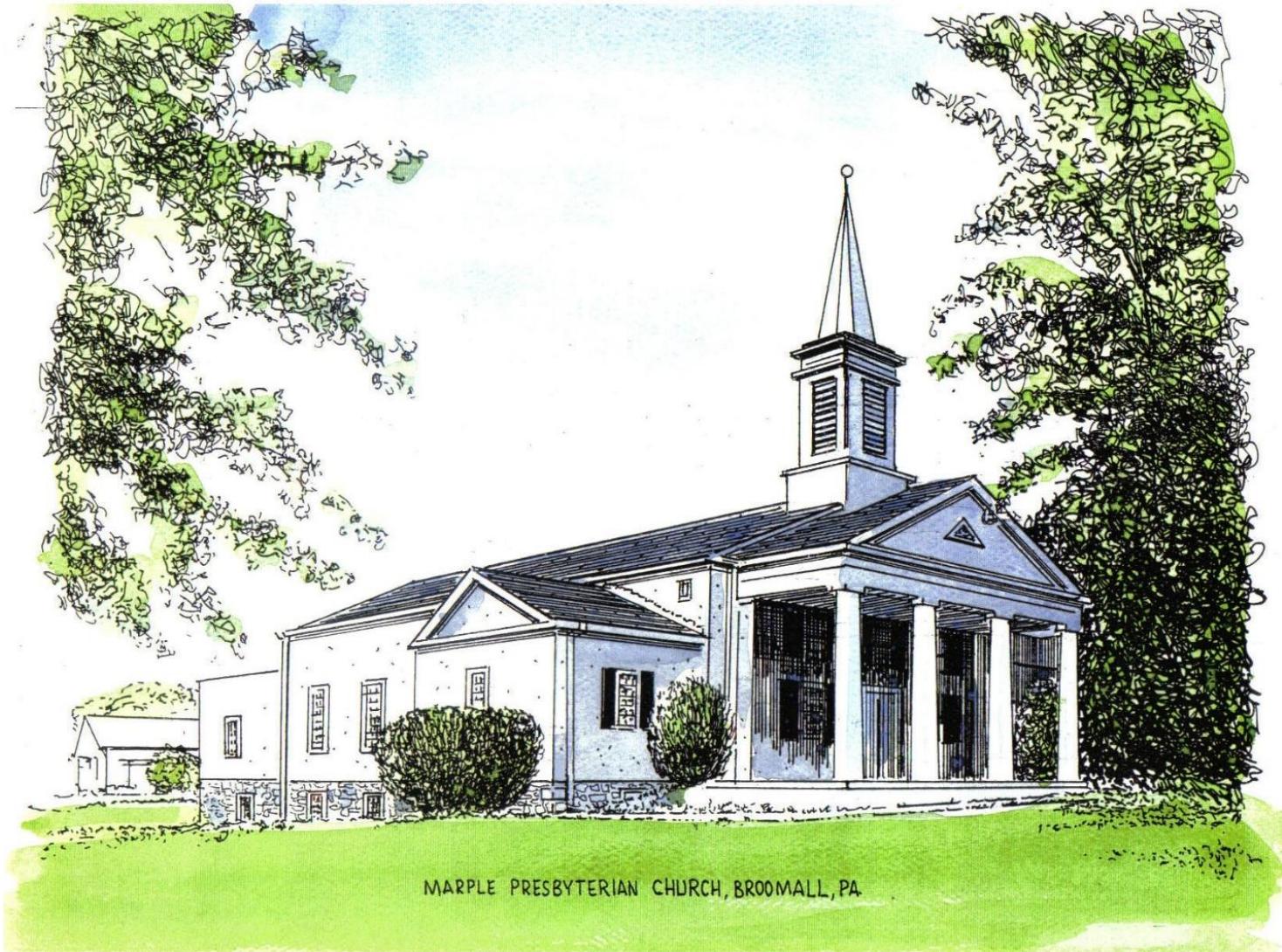


# Marple Presbyterian Church

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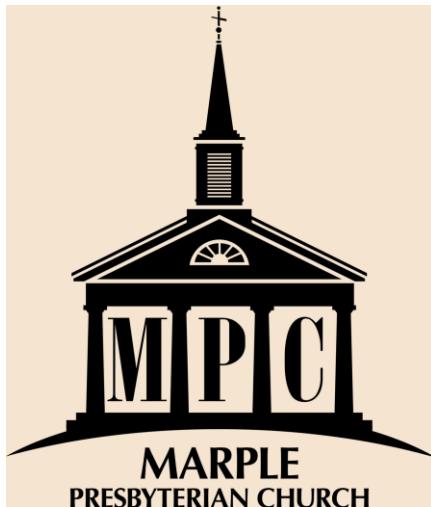
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**“We love because He first loved us.”** 1 John 4:19

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# Welcome

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026



## Today – January 25, 2026

LITURGIST:

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

[marplepc@gmail.com](mailto:marplepc@gmail.com)

**Website** | [www.marplepres.org](http://www.marplepres.org)

[facebook.com/MarplePresbyterian](http://facebook.com/MarplePresbyterian)

## HOW DO I CONNECT?

Clerk of Session | Kristen Mitchell

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Fellowship | Debbie Pettinelli

Finance | Kerri Robinson

Membership Development |

Mission | Session Members

Music | Susan Greene

Nursery | Amy Eckels

Personnel | Ben Mitchell

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Stewardship | Joanne Trumbetas

Treasurer | Bill Brower

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Worship | Amy Eckels

Youth Group | Ben Mitchell

For more contact info, please contact the church office.

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# Service for the Lord's Day

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# 10:30am

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"The world does not lack for wonders, only a sense of wonder."

-- C.K. Chesterton

"The greatest miracles in the world take place where people say,  
"I don't see anything so miraculous about that."

-- Soren Kierkegaard

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Prelude** | Susan B. Greene

### Welcome and Announcements

**\*Call to Worship** | Psalm 18:46; 40:2-3

Leader: The Lord lives! Blessed is my rock.

People: High above all is God who saves me.

Leader: God set me on a rock and gave me a firm footing;

People: And on my lips God put a new song.

Happy is the one whose trust is the Lord.

**\*Opening Hymn** | *When Morning Gilds the Skies* | #487

## \*Opening Prayer

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and in your presence angels stand in awe. Enlarge our vision, that we may recognize your power at work in your Son and join the apostles and prophets as heralds of your saving word. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

**Choir Anthem | *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*** arr. R. Kevin Boesiger  
feat. Sarah Guyer, Cello

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

*Musical response for personal confession and reflection.*

### \*Assurance of Pardon | II Corinthians 5:14-16

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ,

**People: And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us,  
Christ prays for us.**

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

**People: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

Leader: Believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**People: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.**

### \*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 | Colossians 3:12-17**

Leader: As God's own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind.

Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you. And, above everything else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for you.

And now in the spirit of unity to which Christ calls his church, let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you.

## **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scripture Lessons**

Isaiah 40:27-31

Old Testament pgs. 628-629

Matthew 4:17-25

New Testament pg. 3

### **Sermon | Beating the Winter Blues | Pastor Jim Reisner**

## \*Hymn | You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

### 43 You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord On Eagle's Wings (Psalm 91)

The musical score consists of six staves of music. The first staff (Leader or All) starts in G major and moves to D/F# major. The second staff (G major) starts in G major and moves to D/F# major. The third staff (Dm) starts in D major and moves to F major. The fourth staff (Gm) starts in G major and moves to A major. The fifth staff (Em) starts in E major and moves to G major. The sixth staff (A7) starts in A major and moves to D major. The lyrics are as follows:

1 You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -  
bide in his shad - o w for life, say to the Lord, "My  
ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

*Refrain*

All D Em  
And he will raise you up on ea - gles' wings, bear you on the  
breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

2 The snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and  
fam - ine will bring you no fear: un - der his wings, your

Although the body of this text is a paraphrase of Psalm 91, the refrain combines allusions to Exodus 19:4, Psalm 139:9, and Isaiah 40:31; 49:16. Written in response to the death of a friend's father, this piece has been a source of consolation to many people.

TEXT: Michael Joncas, 1978, alt.  
MUSIC: Michael Joncas, 1978  
Text and Music © 1979 Jan Michael Joncas (Published by OCP)

ON EAGLE'S WINGS  
Irregular

\*Please stand as you are able

## CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

Dm F Gm Asus A  
*to Refrain*

ref - uge, his faith - ful - ness your shield.

G D/F#  
*Leader or All*

3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the

G D/F# F  
ar - row that flies by day; though thou - sands fall a -

Dm F Gm Asus A  
*to Refrain*

bout you, near you it shall not come.

G D/F#  
*Leader or All*

4 For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com - mand to

G D/F# F  
guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

Gm7 Am Gm7 Asus A  
*to Refrain*

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

## 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**

Gracious God, every good and perfect gift comes from you. With thanksgiving for all your blessings, we open our hands to give back to you. Receive these gifts and all the ways we seek to serve you, as expressions of our love for you, and as a dedication of the greater gift of our lives to your service. Amen.

## **WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME**

### **\*Closing Hymn | *Be Thou My Vision* | #339**

## **Charge and Benediction**

## **Postlude | Susan B. Greene**

# 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

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

## 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](https://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 and Communion 10:30 am

Annual Meeting after Worship

# Looking Ahead

## FEBRUARY 4

Deacon's Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm

## FEBRUARY 8

Souper Bowl of Caring

## FEBRUARY 18

Ash Wednesday Worship in the Chapel 7:00 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](mailto:youthgroup@marplepres.org) for additional information.

## 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.

## **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 Gwirtz  
Lynn Smith

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Kimberly Wertz**  
**Nominating Committee Chair**



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:

Joyce Holmwood

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610-888-7458

OR

Linda Pursley

[lpursley1981@gmail.com](mailto:lpursley1981@gmail.com)

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.



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**SESSION**

**DEACONS**

Paul Avazier '26

Douglas Ballard '25

Amy Eckels '25

Marion Brower '27

Ben Mitchell '27

Bette Downs '27

Kristen Mitchell, Clerk Virginia Geisbert '25

Debbie Pettinelli '27 Patricia Gwirtz '26

Kerri Robinson '26 Joyce Holmwood '26

John Strain '27 Greg Hoffman '27

Joanne Trumbetas '25 Linda Pursley '27

Kim Wertz '27 Diane Valaitis '26

Alfie Wilkes '25 Shirley Wise '26