



Marple Presbyterian Church

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 18, 2026 - 10:30 a.m. Worship

Rev. Roberta Kearney, Transitional Pastor | Sermon – Stewardship of Resistance

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.

Touchpoint Program to help us grow!

A brief meeting will be held following this week's church service. The purpose of the meeting is to cover a new program called Touchpoint which is intended to help us grow our attendance / membership. I will cover the same material that I covered last week. So, if you missed last week, please stay for a few minutes after church if you are curious or interested in ideas to help us grow. We will meet at the front of the church. So, grab a quick snack and come on down to the front. If you attended last week, you are certainly welcome to join us again but the material will be the same as I covered last week. On October 25 the meeting will cover steps 2 and 3 of the Touchpoint program. Hope to see you for a few minutes after church.

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Pastor Roberta Kearney's e-mail – rkearney@marplepres.org

MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN THRIFT SHOP

Saturday, Oct. 17 10 am – 4 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 20 10 am – 3 pm

Oct. 21 at 7 pm – Session Meeting

JOYS AND CONCERNS ON ZOOM

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 3 – 4 pm

zoom.us/j/6103561098 Password MPC

Thursdays at 6:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nov. 1 – Worship, Communion, All Saints' Day

Nov. 8 – Worship, Guest Pastor Sherry Elliot

Nov. 4 at 7:30 pm – Deacon's Meeting

Nov. 18 at 7 pm – Session Meeting

Nov. 22 - Cantata; Attendees are invited to donate non-perishable food items for Chester Eastside

Nov. 25 - 27 - Church Office Closed

Giving for PC(USA) Per Capita

We, as members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), are connected to a larger body of believers through our congregation, presbytery, synod, and General Assembly.

As a connectional church, we both benefit from and contribute to the ministries of the PC(USA).

One way we support our shared ministry is through our per capita allocation. Per capita is Latin meaning paying "for each head".

Per Capita, is constitutionally required by our Book of Order. Per capita is the annual amount assessed for each member of the church to enable the work of the PC(USA) in governance, leadership, and mission work of the denomination.

These funds support the work of our councils, the preparation and training of church leaders, constitutional and judicial functions, and the ministries that connect and strengthen Presbyterian churches across the country.

Our congregation's Per Capita assessment is \$40 per member; a cost we ask each member to contribute to the church for this purpose.

If you have not already designated your contribution, we invite you to contribute your Per Capita share of \$40. By doing so, you help relieve this expense from our church's operating budget and enable more of our resources to support the local ministries of our congregation.

How your contribution is used:

- \$24.56 supports the Presbytery infrastructure which supports shared ministries in Philadelphia, Delaware, Bucks and Montgomery Counties
- \$2.40 goes to the Synod which consists of 16 Presbyteries across Pennsylvania and parts of West Virginia and Ohio
- \$12.04 goes to the Office of the General Assembly, which supports our Synods, Presbyteries, and over 10,000 congregations.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship and for helping us live out our connectional commitment as the body of Christ.

Stewardship

GROWING OUR FAITH

Stewardship of Resistance

In Exodus 1 and 2, two courageous midwives, Shiprah and Puah, defied Pharaoh's orders to kill Hebrew baby boys. They chose to honor God and protect life rather than obey a ruler who demanded injustice. Their quiet but powerful act of resistance helped make Moses' future possible. Moses' mother, his sister Miriam, and even Pharaoh's daughter continued this chain of courage, each taking risks to protect a child and preserve hope for a people.

Their story reminds us that stewardship is about more than caring for our money, time, and talents. It also means taking responsibility for one another and standing against injustice when the dignity and well-being of others are threatened. Sometimes resistance is bold and public; other times, it happens quietly through acts of compassion, protection, and faithfulness that may never be recognized.

The stewardship of resistance calls us to ask: Where do we see injustice in our community, and how might God be calling us to respond? Who among us is quietly standing up for others, protecting the vulnerable, or creating hope where it is needed most?

Like the midwives, we may never know how far our actions will reach. But when we choose courage, connection, and responsibility for one another, we become part of God's work of bringing new life and hope into the world.

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 any Deacon listed in the bulletin. Please be sure to e-mail Pastor Roberta as well at rkearney@marplepres.org