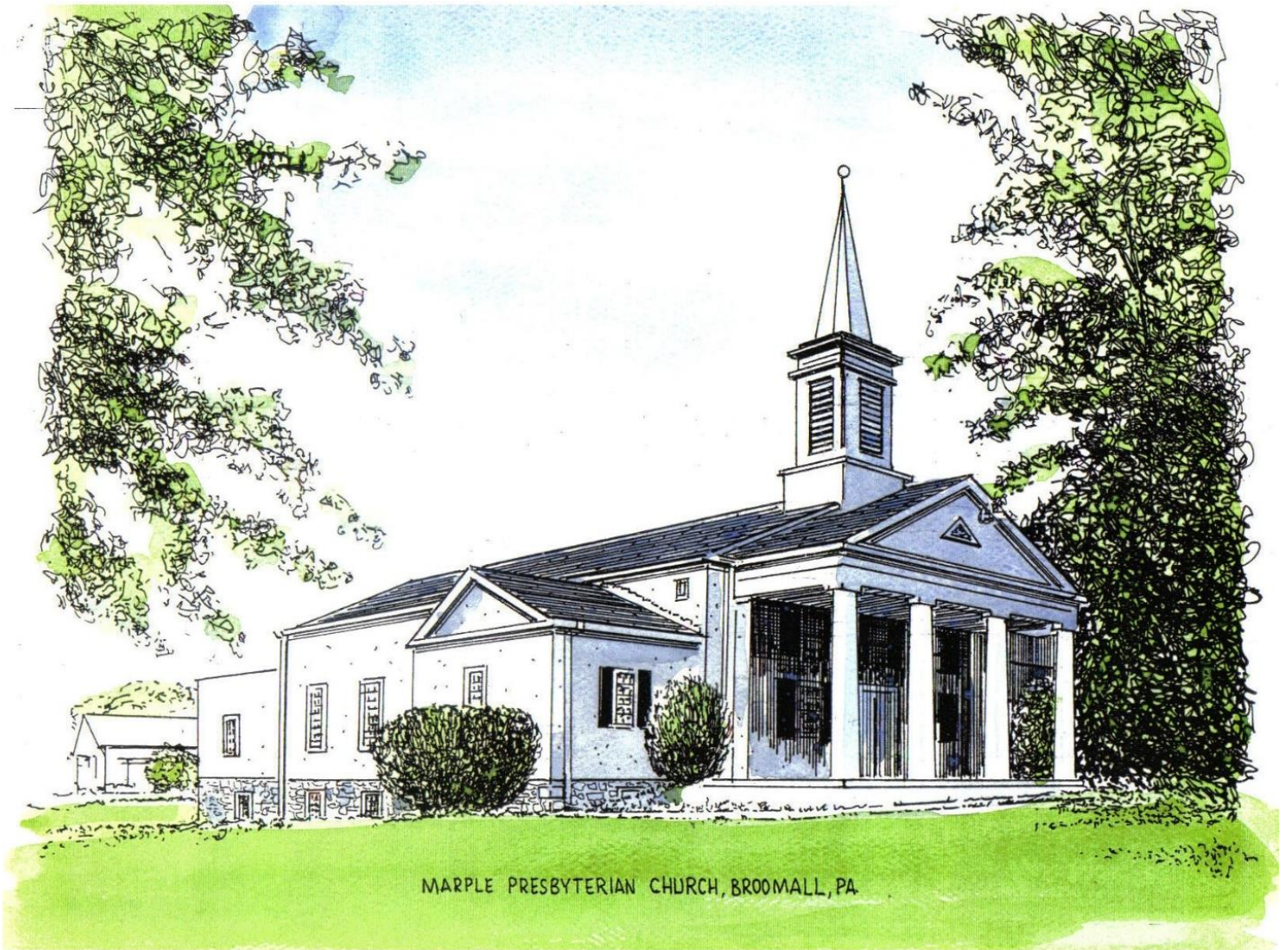

Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026



MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROOMALL, PA

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

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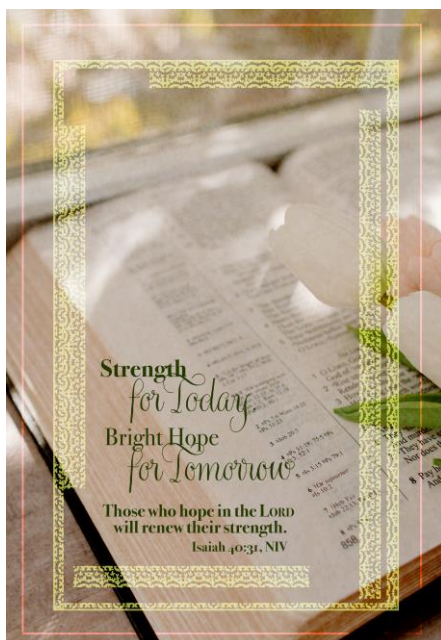
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Today – January 18, 2026

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

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But though I was initially disappointed at being categorized as an extremist, as I continued to think about the matter I gradually gained a measure of satisfaction from the label. Was not Jesus an extremist for love: "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which spitefully use you, and persecute you." ... So the question is not whether we will be extremists, but what kind of extremists we will be.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Letter from Birmingham Jail

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude | Susan B. Greene

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** | Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

People: **The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**

Leader: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

People: **the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

Leader: the reverence of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

People: **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

***Opening Hymn** | *All Beautiful the March of Days* | #292

***Opening Prayer**

Holy Spirit, hear us as we pray. Take the faltering words we say and turn them into songs, that we may give to God the praise we want to give.

Holy Spirit, speak to us as we pray. Bring merciful and forgiving words that we may find God's peace.

Holy Spirit, come to us today, telling us anew of the dying and raising of Jesus Christ, that we may discover again the joy of living as his faithful disciples; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Choir Anthem | *No Other Lamb, No Other Name* by Jay Althouse

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, we lack the courage to live according to our convictions. We kill the prophets and anoint the fools. We seek the praise of the world, and forget about our relationship to you. We go after the things of this world that perish in the grasping, and neglect the eternal blessings you wish to shower on us. Too often, we bow before the idols of our age, and refuse to acknowledge you as the Lord of our lives. Too often, we worship you with our lips, but not in the course and direction of our lives. Gracious God, help us come to ourselves and call us back into your merciful presence. Grant us by your spirit the wisdom and courage to live in your light and walk in your way, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Musical response for personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon | Psalm 103

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

People: **God has not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.**

Leader: As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's mercy towards those who revere God.

People: **As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us.**

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

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***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.*

*Please stand as you are able

Passing of the Peace

Leader: We are a forgiven people. As God has forgiven us, let us forgive one another. And in the unity to which Christ calls his church, let us greet one another with the peace of Christ, saying:

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Time with Children

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

New Testament pgs. 155-156

John 1:29-42

New Testament pgs. 86-87

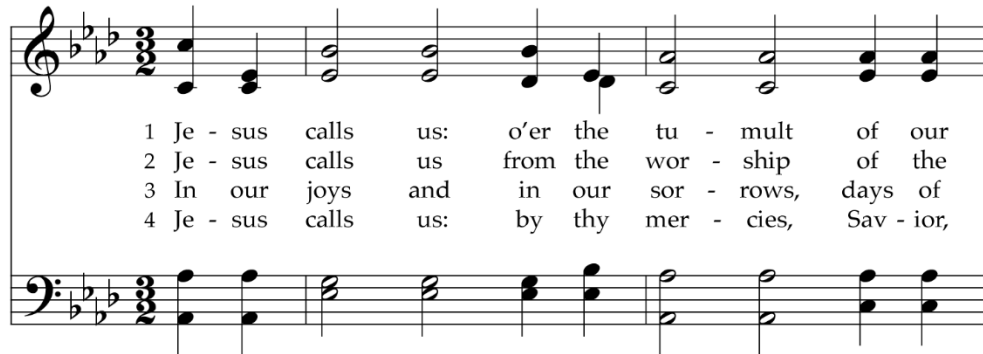
Sermon | “Come and See” | Pastor Jim Reisner

***Hymn | Jesus Calls Us**

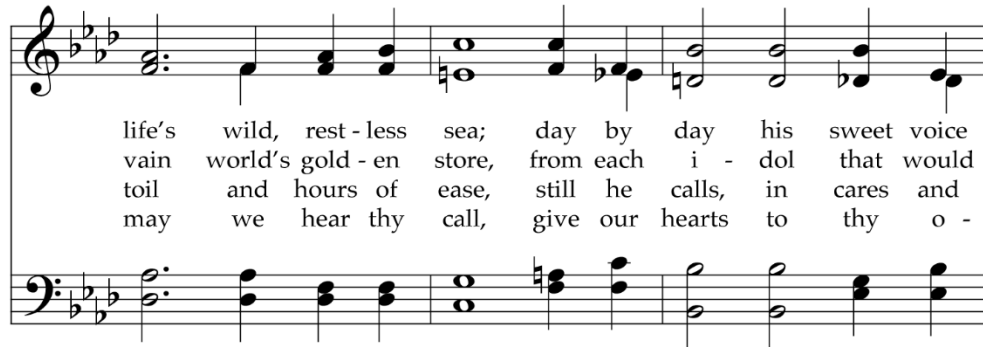
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Jesus Calls Us

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1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -



sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852
MUSIC: William H. Jude, 1887

GALILEE
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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**

God of our hearts and minds, we give you thanks and praise for your goodness to us and dedicate to you our thoughts, our words, our gifts, our deeds, the working of our hands, the thinking of our minds, the loving of our hearts. Shield us this day, keep us from offense, and surround us with your love, now and for evermore. Amen.

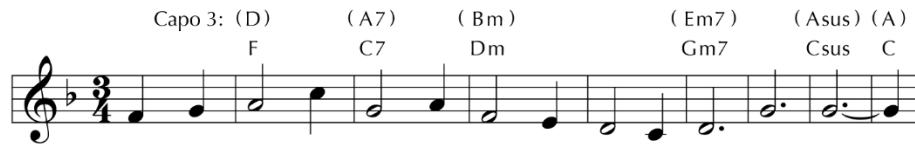
WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Hymn | Will You Come and Follow Me

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The Summons



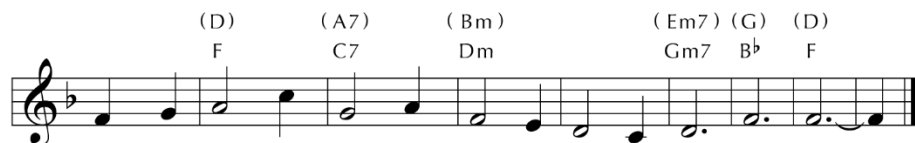
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987
MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987
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KELVINGROVE
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*Please stand as you are able

Charge and Benediction

Postlude | Susan B. Greene

This Week

MONDAY

MLK Holiday – Church Office Closed

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

Session Meeting 7 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

FEBRUARY 1

Worship and Communion 10:30 am

Annual Meeting after Worship

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 for additional information.

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.



Faith  is taking the
first step even
when you don't see the whole
staircase.

—MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR 2025-2026

MPC's Youth Group is open to all youth currently in 6th to 12th 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 2nd and 4th 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 or 302-494-1146.



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

Linda Pursley

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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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