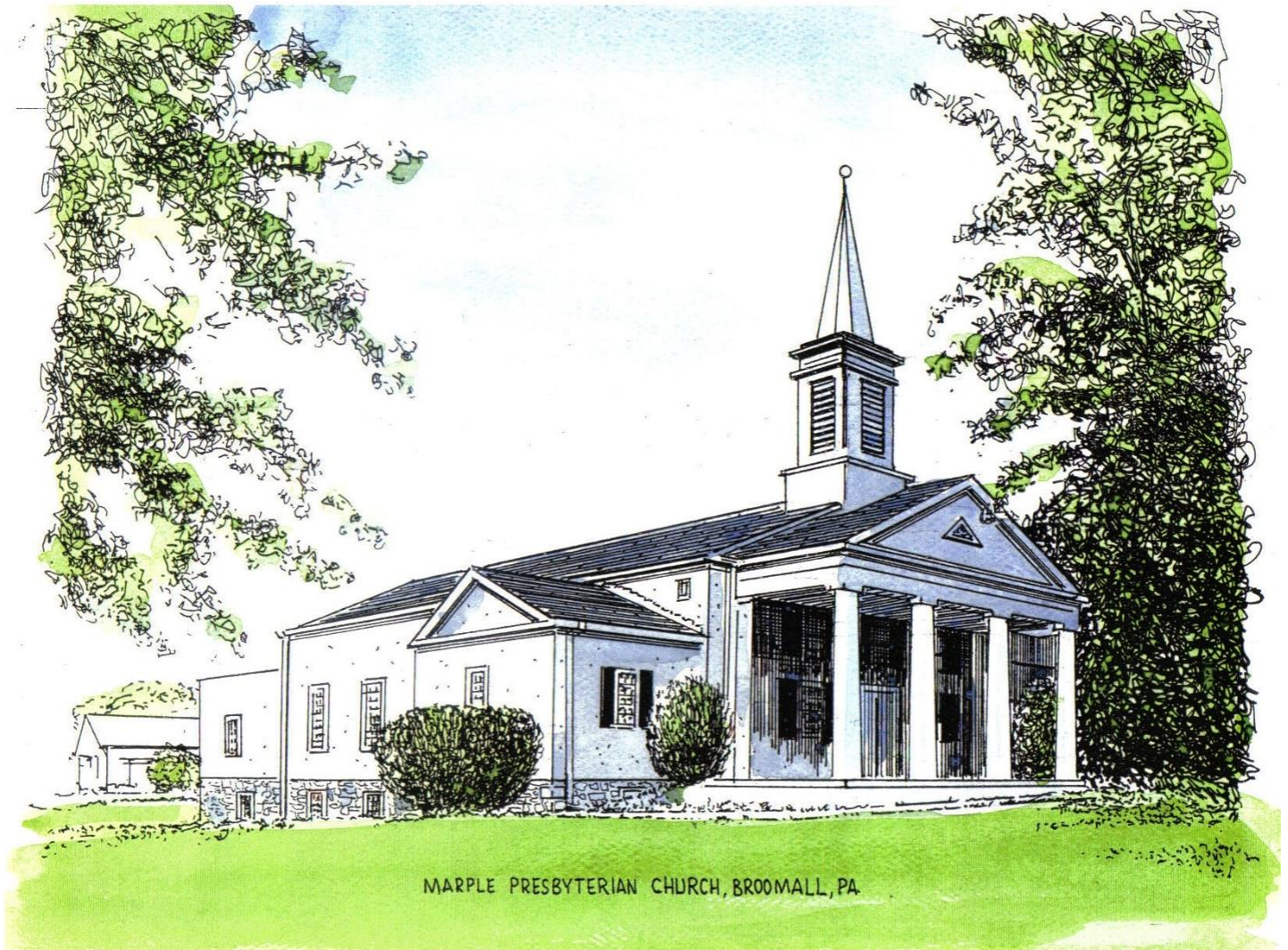

Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024



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

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Welcome

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024



Today

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.

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Worship elements adapted from

Service for the Lord's Day

10:30am

We welcome Kate McShane as our guest preacher today.

Prelude | Susan B. Greene

Welcome and Announcements | Kate McShane

***Call to Worship**

Leader: When shall we behold the face of God?

**People: Through earthquake, wind and fire,
we listen for God's voice.**

Leader: By day, God offers steadfast love.

People: By night, God's song is with us.

Leader: Let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn** | *God Is Here!* | *Insert*

Opening Prayer (unison)

Leader: Like Elijah, O God, we turn and face You in the midst of the storm.
Help us this hour to hear You speak to us —
not in the wind, or the thunder,
nor even in the upheaval of the ground beneath us.

**People: Help us to hear You speak to us, in our heart of hearts,
as that still, small voice amidst the maelstrom,
which gives us direction, and peace, and hope.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Choir Anthem | *Witness* arr. Dick Bolts

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy and merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you and one another
in our thoughts, with our words, by our actions.
For the times when we have run away from you,

People: we are sorry.

Leader: For the times when we have been impatient with you, ourselves or others,

People: we are sorry.

Leader: For the times we have said or done things that hurt someone else,

People: we are sorry.

Leader: For the times we have done something we knew was wrong,

People: we are sorry.

Leader: For the things we didn't do that we should have done,

People: we are sorry.

Leader: Dear God, forgive what we have been,
help us to be better than we are,
and make us into the people you want us to be.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Musical response for personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In the waters of our baptism, we are reminded of the good news.

People: Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me and Jesus is good to me.

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.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Time with the Children

Invitation to the Offering and Moment of Friendship

Offertory

Congregational Response *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 Dedication

All: God of great wonders,
we join with you in the joy of giving.
You give us life and breath,
you fill the world with beauty,
our hands with bounty,
and our hearts with the desire to give.
Accept these gifts, and ourselves in your service.
Amen.

***Preparation Hymn |** *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind | Insert*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 4 |
1 Kings 19:1-18 |

Old Testament pg. 464
Old Testament pg. 311

Sermon |The Sound of Sheer Silence | Kate McShane

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.

***Closing Hymn | *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* | Insert**

Benediction

Postlude | Susan B. Greene



*Please stand as you are able

GATHERING

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God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1979, rev. 1988
 MUSIC: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941
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ABBOT'S LEIGH
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*Please stand as you are able

GATHERING

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

169 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

1 *Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fool - ish
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard be - side the Syr - ian
 3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, O calm of hills a -
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy

ways; re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in
 sea the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let
 bove, where Je - sus knelt to share with thee the
 cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and
 balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak

pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 us, like them, with - out a word rise up and fol - low thee.
 si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
 through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

*Or "Dear Lord, Creator good and kind"

These stanzas were carved into a hymn from a much longer poem describing a frenzied ritual by an obscure sect in India, but they culminate in a reference to 1 Kings 19:11-12 that celebrates silence (as befits a Quaker poet). This tune was created especially for these words.

TEXT: John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872
 MUSIC: Frederick Charles Maker, 1887

REST
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 (alternate tune: REPTON)

*Please stand as you are able

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) (Em)
F Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) (D)
C7 F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)
F7 Bb Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
Bb Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."
Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

TEXT and MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1986
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PROMISE
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This Week

MONDAY

Cub Scout Troop 151 Meeting | *Hall* 7-9 pm

TUESDAY

Thrift Shop 10am-3 pm

Joys & Concerns Chat | *Zoom* 3-4 pm

WEDNESDAY

Joys & Concerns Chat | *Zoom* 3-4 pm

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

Adult Choir Practice | *Chapel* 7 pm

SATURDAY

Thrift Shop 10am-4 pm

SUNDAY

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

Looking Ahead

APRIL 15

Cooking for the Homeless 2:30 pm

MAY 5

5k Run / Walk at Ridley Creek State Park

Learn More



Sunday School - MPC Sunday School is open to children ages 3 and up and runs weekly during the 10:30 am Sunday.



Join us as we participate in the 19th annual 5k run/walk at Ridley Creek State Park on Saturday, May 5, 2024. Kristen Mitchell will provide more information once MPC is registered as a group. Please save the date.

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

Douglas Ballard '25

Amy Eckels '25

Marion Brower '24

Ben Mitchell '24

Bette Downs '24

Kristen Mitchell '26

Virginia Geisbert '25

Betty Rippel '26

Patricia Gwartz '26

Carol Robinson '24

Joyce Holmwood '26

Kerri Robinson '26

Greg Hoffman '24

Mack Smith '24

Eileen Matthews '24

Carol Valaitis '26

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