

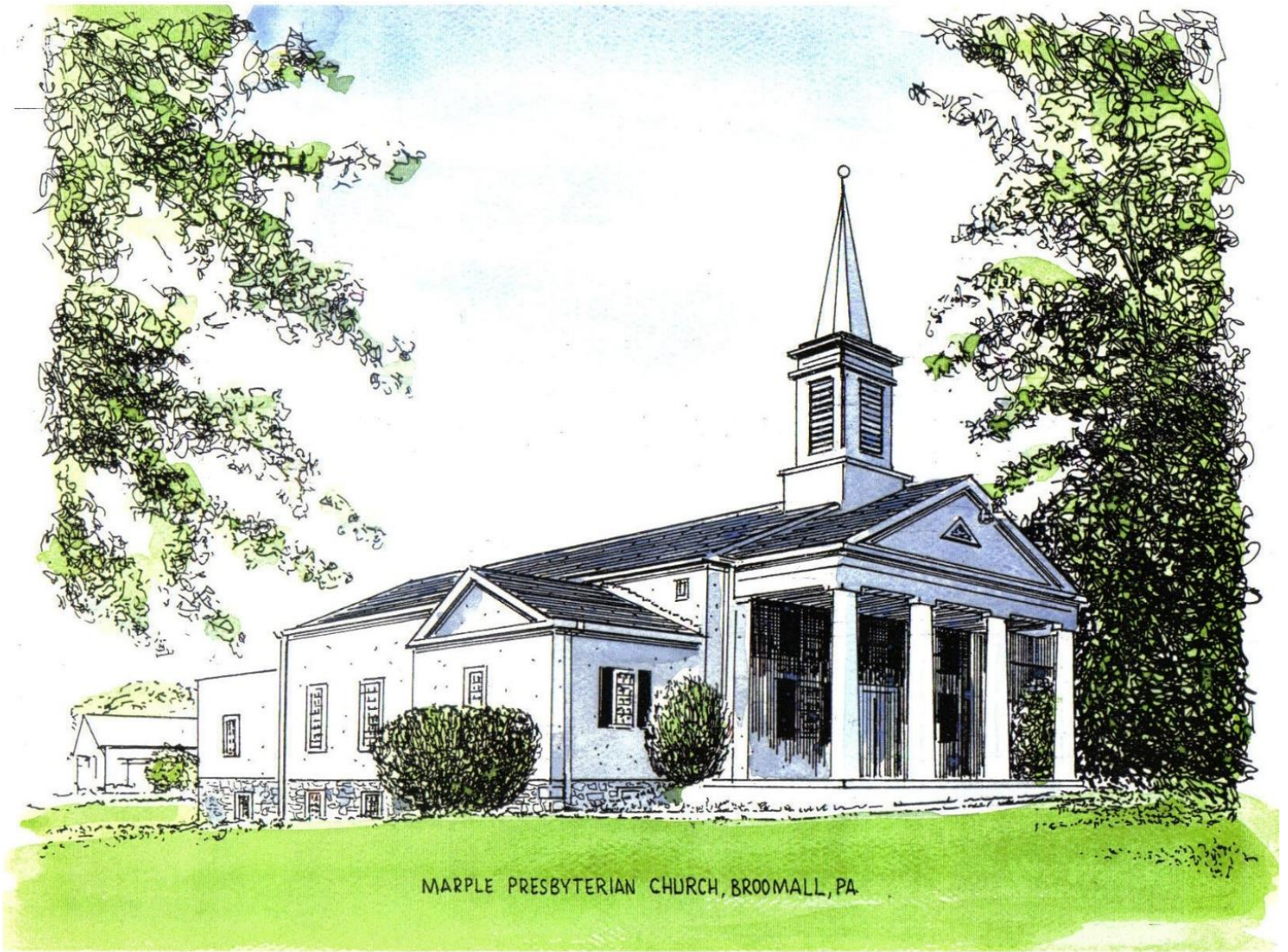
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# Marple Presbyterian Church

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 09, 2026

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MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROOMALL, PA

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

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# Welcome

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## Today – August 9, 2026

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LITURGIST:

HEAD USHER: Tom Trumbetas



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## New Here?

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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

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

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**August 9, 2026**

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**10:30am**

**We welcome Pastor Sherry Elliott as our guest preacher.**

**We also welcome back Matthew Knecht.**

Along with their dog, Lentil, Pastor Sherry and her husband, David live in a cooperative community in West Center City. Princeton Theological Seminary is her alma mater. Sherry has served in rural, urban and suburban communities. She enjoys writing, visiting museums, laughter and spending time with friends. Every day that allows her to get out into the world, with kindness, generosity and patient words, she is thankful to share the Good News of Jesus.

## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **\*Call to Worship | based on 1 Kings 11-13**

**Leader:** Upon Mount Horeb, Elijah heard the voice of God, not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire, but in the sound of sheer silence.

**People:** **Holy God, quiet our minds and our hearts, rid us of distraction, so we can hear you and know you among us.**

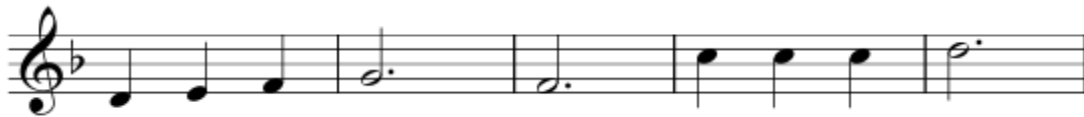
## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - migh - ty, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord, a - bove all things so won-drou - sly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -  
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your  
reig - ning; shel-tering you un - der his wings, and so  
fend you; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
dore him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Come, all who hear;  
gent - ly sus - tain - ing! Have you not seen  
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new  
prai - ses be - fore him. Let the A - men



now to his tem - ple draw near,  
all that is need - ful has been  
what the Al - migh - ty can do,  
sound from his pe - ople a - gain;



join me in glad a - do - ra - tion.  
sent by his gra - ious or - dain - ing?  
if with his love he be - friends you.  
glad - ly for - e - ver a - dore him.

## **\*Opening Prayer**

Leader: God of the past, who has created and nurtured us,

**People: we are here to thank you.**

Leader: God of the future, who is always ahead of us,

**People: we are here to thank you.**

Leader: God of the present, who is here in the midst of us,

**People: we are here to thank you.**

Leader: God of life, who is beyond us and within us,

**People: we rejoice in your glorious love. Amen.**

## **Special Music | Matthew Knecht, Soloist**

## **Call to Confession**

We return to God through confession. Let us honestly acknowledge how we have gone astray and confess our sins to God.

## **Prayer of Confession**

**God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You know our exhaustion, our cynicism, our sense of defeat. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we are quick to lose perspective and exaggerate critique. We confess the ways we are tempted to give up on the path of righteousness. We pray for your forgiveness. Amen.**

*Moment for personal confession and reflection.*

## **Assurance of Pardon | Isaiah 43:1**

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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.*

## **\* Passing of the Peace |**

Leader: As Jesus gave his peace to us, let us share his peace with each other.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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

**Prayer for Illumination** | John 12:21

### **Scripture Lessons**

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Old Testament pgs. 32-33

Matthew 14:22-33

New Testament pg. 15

**Sermon** | "In the Pit, Out of the Pit, In the Water, Out of the Water" |

Pastor Sherry Elliott, Guest Preacher

\*Hymn | O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing v. 1, 3, 5

ADORATION

# O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and  
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new  
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the  
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en  
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.  
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.  
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

## SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar  
 a mi Libertador,  
 las glorias de su majestad,  
 los triunfos de su amor.*

## KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면  
 그 입 다 가지고  
 내 구주 주신 은총을  
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.; Spanish trans. Federico J. Pagura;  
 Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001  
 MUSIC: Carl Gottlieb Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839  
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## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith | from a Brief Statement of Faith**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

### **Sharing Joys and Concerns**

#### **Prayers of the People**

Leader: Lord in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

#### **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, the gifts we offer reflect only a portion of all that you have given us. Take these offerings, we pray, and multiply them for your use. May our offerings be a blessing to those most in need, to those most vulnerable. May our offerings, given in a spirit of generosity, abate the desire to hoard, and spread the desire to share. Amen.

# WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

\*Closing Hymn | *And Can It Be That I Should Gain?* v. 1, 2, 4

## And Can it Be That I Should Gain?

1 And can it be that I should gain An in - trest in the  
2 'Tis my - stery all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies! Who can ex - plore His  
3 He left His Fa - ther's throne a - bove, So free, so in - fi -  
4 Long my im - pri - soned spi - rit lay Fast bound in sin and  
5 No con - de - mna - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and all in

Sa - vior's blood? Died he for me, who caus'd his pain? For me who  
strange de - sign? In vain the first - born se - raph tries To sound the  
nite His grace; Emp - tied Him - self of all but love, And bled for  
na - ture's night; Thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning ray, I woke, the  
Him is mine! A - live in Him, my li - ving Head, And clothed in

him to death pur - sued? A - ma - zing love! how can it be, That  
depths of love di - vine! 'Tis mer - cy all! let earth a - dore, Let  
A - dam's help - less race; 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and free; For,  
dun - geonflamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free; I  
right - eous - ness di - vine, Bold I ap - proach th'e - ter - nal throne, And

*Refrain*  
thou, my God, shouldst die for me? A - ma - zing love! how  
an - gel minds in - quire no more.  
O my God, it found out me.  
rose, went forth and fol - lowed Thee.  
claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
maz-ing love!

\*Please stand as you are able



## Charge and Benediction

## Postlude

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## Stewardship: More Than a Season

When we hear the word stewardship, many of us immediately think about budgets and pledge cards. But stewardship is so much more than that. It is simply recognizing that everything we have—our time, talents, resources, and opportunities—is a gift from God, and asking, “How can I use these gifts to glorify Him and serve others?”

Our church is blessed with people who live out stewardship every day. Some sing in the choir, teach our children, serve on committees, prepare meals, provide rides, visit those who are homebound, care for our building, pray faithfully, or quietly lend a helping hand whenever it is needed. Others support the ministry of our church through generous financial giving. Every act, large or small, helps us share Christ’s love in our community.

As we move through the ordinary days of the year, let us remember that stewardship is not just something we talk about once a year—it is a joyful way of living. Thank you for the many ways you support the life and ministry of our congregation. Your generosity, faithfulness, and willingness to serve are a blessing to our church family and a witness to God’s love.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” — 1 Peter 4:10



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## This Week

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### MONDAY

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

### THURSDAY

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

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### SATURDAY

Thrift Shop 10 am–4 pm

### SUNDAY

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

Worship 10:30 am

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## Looking Ahead

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### AUGUST 19

Session Meeting 7 pm

### AUGUST 27

Choir Rehearsals Resume 6:30 pm

### SEPTEMBER 2

Deacon's Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm

### SEPTEMBER 10-16

Church Office Closed

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## Learn More

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**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.



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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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*

*Faye Allison '28*

*Amy Eckels '28*

*Marion Brower '27*

*Patricia Gwirtz '28*

*Bette Downs '27*

*Ben Mitchell '27*

*George Guyer '28*

*Kristen Mitchell, Clerk*

*Greg Hoffman '27*

*Debbie Pettinelli '27*

*Joyce Holmwood '26*

*Kerri Robinson '26*

*Linda Pursley '27*

*Lynn Smith '28*

*Carol Robinson '28*

*John Strain '27*

*Diane Valaitis '26*

*Kim Wertz '28*

*Shirley Wise '26*

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