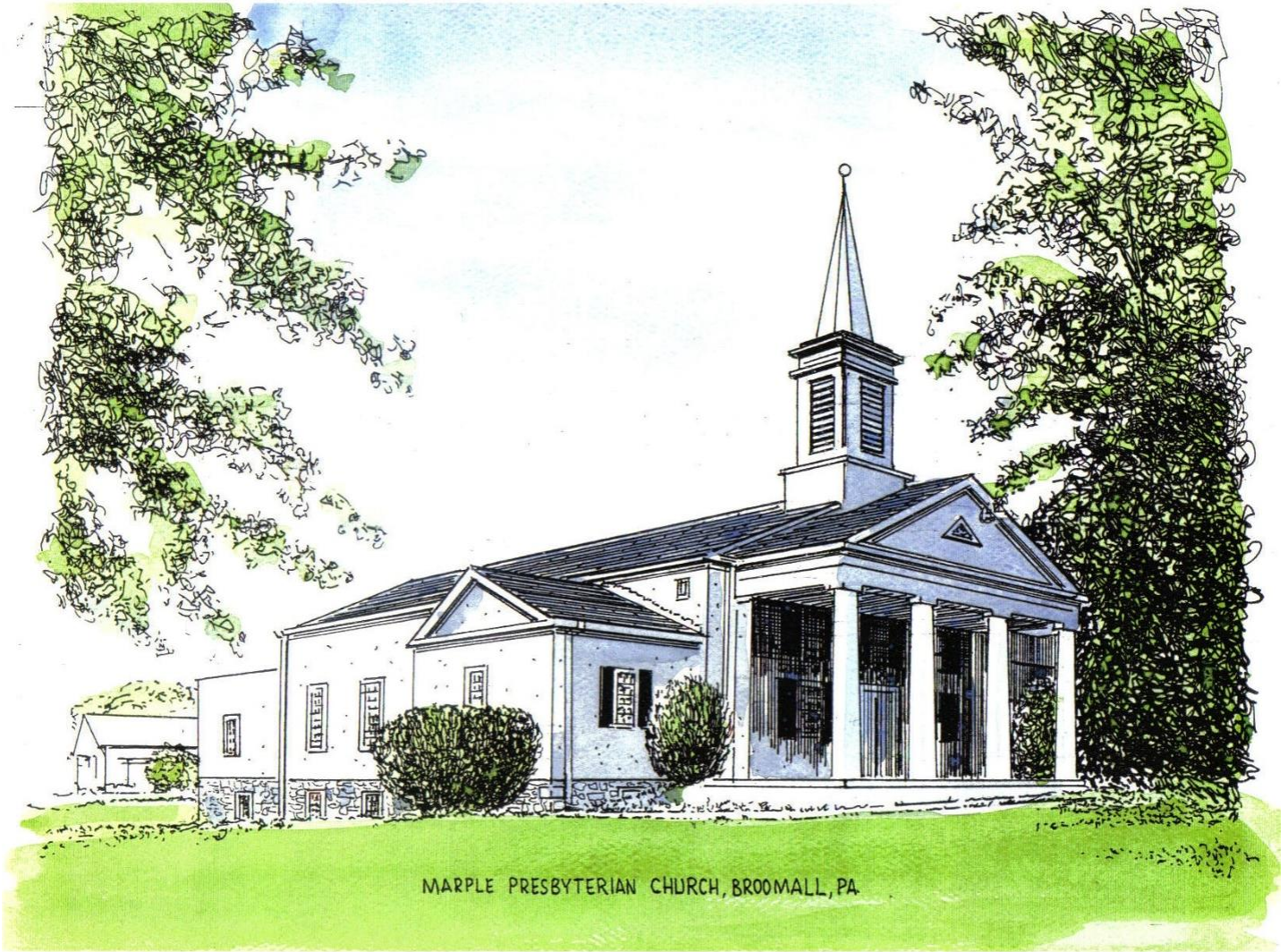

Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024



MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROOMALL, PA

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

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Welcome

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024



Today

LITURGIST: Ryan Walden

HEAD USHER: Tom Trumbetas



Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held today following Worship.

A Note from Faye Allison to MPC –

Please express my gratitude to the Deacon's and many wonderful friends for their cards and comforting notes. Marple has always been my home church and I look forward to returning to PA.

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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For more contact info, please contact the church office.

Worship elements adapted from



The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Service for the Lord's Day

10:30am

Prelude | Susan B. Greene

Welcome and Announcements | Rev. Karen R. Nelson, Pastor

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God's praise endures forever,

People: and eternity meets us in fleeting moments.

Leader: God's praise endures forever,

People: and glory bursts into ordinary activities.

Leader: God's praise endures forever,

People: and faith is steadfast in the midst of change and challenge.

Leader: Let us worship the Eternal God who calls us to this time and place.

***Opening Hymn** | *All Creatures of Our God and King* | *Insert*

Opening Prayer (unison)

Loving God,

you are the wisdom behind all mystery,

the glory hidden in all that makes us wonder,

the strength in all that nourishes.

With eyes open and spirits alert, we experience your glory around us.

Scattered throughout the earth,

smoldering deep inside us and radiating in acts of love,

sparks of your glory reside.

We feel joy each time we encounter you.

So we gather to express our praise and gratitude

for all the good we have experienced,

knowing it all comes from your hand,

for you are Creator, Christ and Spirit. Amen.

Choir Anthem | *My Jesus, Live in Me* by Lee Dengler and Herb Frombach

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
we confess there are many times we forget you.
We are tempted to focus on what troubles us and ignore the help you offer.
And we are tempted to seek wisdom and meaning in the wrong places.
In thoughtless moments,
we harm the earth and each another.
Forgive us.
Remind us to live each day focused on your purposes
revealed in Christ who loves us. Amen.

Musical response for personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone.
New life has begun. Thanks be to God that we can make a new start, forgiven and set free.

People: Thanks be to God.

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.*

Invitation to the Offering

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: Lord Jesus, we bring our gifts to you, asking you to bless them so that they may accomplish more than we can ask or imagine. Bless us, too, so that our lives speak of our choice to follow you, offering others the healing and hope you have offered us. Amen.

***Preparation Hymn | *I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry* | Insert**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Mark 1:21-28 |
1 Corinthians 8:1-13 |

New Testament pg. 33
New Testament pg.160

Sermon | Rev. Karen R. Nelson, Pastor

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.

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** | *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* | *Insert*

Benediction

Postlude | Susan B. Greene

15 All Creatures of Our God and King

Unison

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice
 2 O broth-er wind with clouds and rain, you nur-ture gifts
 3 O broth-er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad-
 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain

Harmony

and with us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 of fruit and grain. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 ows of the night. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 or sor-row grieve, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Unison

O broth-er sun with gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon
 O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear, make mu-sic for
 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-folds such bless-
 Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears; so, e-ven in

Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."

TEXT: Francis of Assisi, 1225; trans. composite
 MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623, alt.; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
 LM with alleluias
 (this tune in a higher key, 327)

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

Harmony

with sil - ver gleam, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 your Lord to hear. Sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ings on our way, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 the midst of tears, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
 waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry 799

(Psalm 116)

1 I love the Lord, who heard my cry cry
2 I love the Lord, who heard my cry cry

and pit - ied ev - ery groan.
and chased my grief a - way.

Long as I live and trou-bles rise,
O let my heart no more de - spair

I'll has - ten to God's throne.
while I have breath to pray.

This setting of stanzas from a metrical psalm draws on an African American singing tradition marked by a slow pace and individual improvisation. Vestiges of that practice appear here in the pattern of extended syllables occurring at regular intervals without regard to meaning.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Richard Smallwood, 1975

Music Arr. © 1975 Richard Smallwood

I LOVE THE LORD
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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, alt.
 MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; arr. *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

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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

FEBRUARY 11

Souper Bowl Sunday 10:30 am

FEBRUARY 14

Ash Wednesday Worship Service 7:00 pm

FEBRUARY 19

Cooking for the Homeless 2:30 pm

FEBRUARY 21

Lenten Worship Service & Luncheon 12:00 pm

MARCH 11

Red Cross Blood Drive 8 am - 1:00 pm

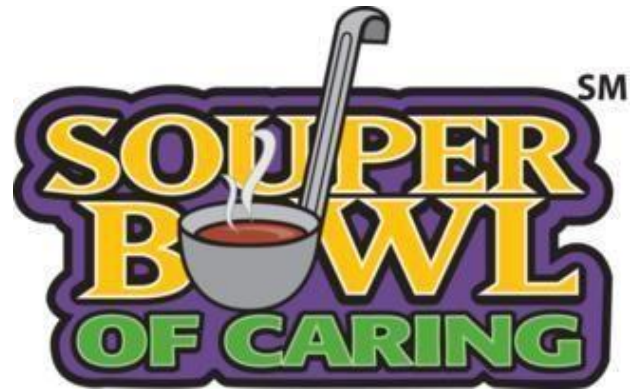
MARCH 13

Lenten Worship Service & Luncheon 12:00 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 service.



Souper Bowl Sunday is on February 11. Please bring loose change and small bills. This is an opportunity for our younger children to be involved during Worship. We encourage them to bring a pot to use during the collection.

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement across the nation working together to fight hunger and poverty in their communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game.

Medical Lending Closet



The Deacons would like to remind members that we maintain a closet here in the church with free durable medical equipment. Items such as canes & crutches, walkers, commodes, a respiratory nebulizer and more are available for anyone who may need them. Please contact the church office, Kim Wooden or any Deacon if you or someone you know has a need.



created FOR COMMUNITY

A MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES

*What does it mean to be in community
with each other, with the world,
with creation, and with God?*

Informal Worship with Lunch

Wednesdays from Noon to 1:15

February 21: Marple Presbyterian Church
105 N Sproul Rd, Broomall, 610-356-1098

February 28: Grace Lutheran Church
2191 West Chester Pike, Broomall, 610-356-1824

March 6: Marple Christian Church
475 Lawrence Rd, Broomall, 610-356-6186

March 13: Marple Presbyterian Church
105 N Sproul Rd, Broomall, 610-356-1098

March 20: Grace Lutheran Church
2191 West Chester Pike, Broomall, 610-356-1824

In **DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**, the COVID-19 hospital admission level is **MEDIUM**.

- If you are at [high risk of getting very sick](#), wear a high-quality [mask or respirator](#) (e.g., N95) when indoors in public.
- If you have household or social contact with someone at high risk for getting very sick, consider self-testing to detect infection before contact, and consider wearing a high-quality mask when indoors with them.
- [Stay up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines.
- Maintain [ventilation improvements](#).
- Avoid contact with people who have suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
- Follow recommendations for [isolation](#) if you have suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
- Follow the recommendations for [what to do if you are exposed](#) to someone with COVID-19.

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

Charles Fry '23
Amy Eckels '25
Ben Mitchell '24
Carol Robinson '24
Kerri Robinson '23
Mack Smith '24
John Strain '23
Ryan Walden '25
RuthAnne Yakscoe '23
Alfie Wilkes '25
Barbara Zelonka '25

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