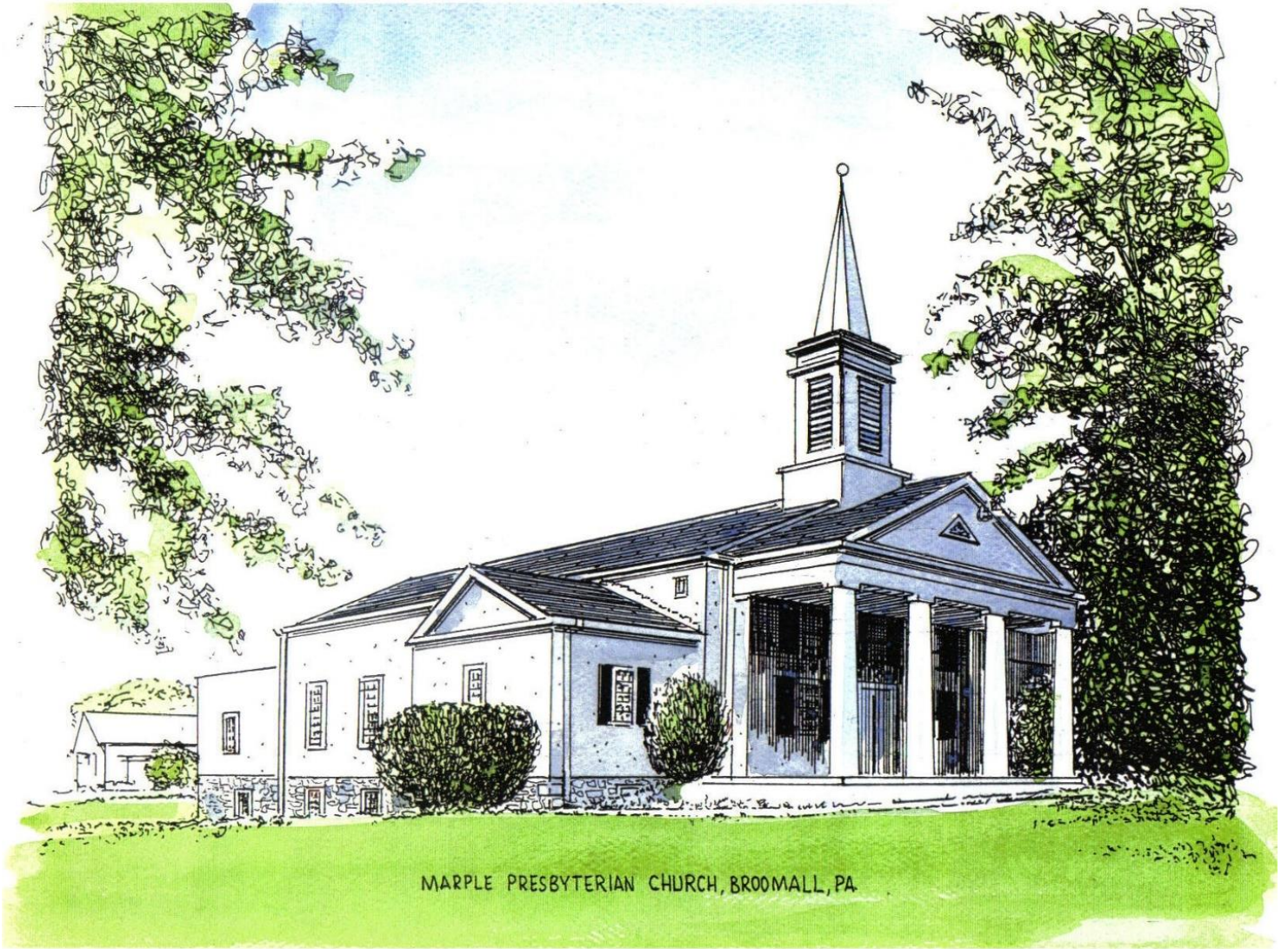

Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026



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

MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Welcome

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026



Today – April 19, 2026

LITURGIST: Linda Pursley

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

Contact Us | 610-356-1098

marplepc@gmail.com

Website | www.marplepres.org

facebook.com/MarplePresbyterian

HOW DO I CONNECT?

Clerk of Session | *Kristen Mitchell*

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Deacons | *Linda Pursley & Joyce Holmwood*
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Fellowship | *Debbie Pettinelli*

Finance | *Kerri Robinson*

Membership Development |

Mission | *Session Members*

Music | *Susan Greene*

Nursery | *Amy Eckels*

Personnel | *Ben Mitchell*

Property Management | *Paul Avazier*

Rentals | *Church Office*

Stewardship |

Treasurer | *Bill Brower*

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Worship | *Amy Eckels*

Youth Group | *Ben Mitchell*

For more contact info, please contact the church office.

We bless Your name for the revelation of Yourself and of Your love in our Lord Jesus Christ, and for the hope set before us in the Gospel. We thank You that deep in the human heart is an unquenchable trust that life does not end with death; that the Father who made us, will care for us beyond the bounds of vision, even as He has cared for us in this earthly life. We praise Your name that our hope has been so wondrously confirmed in the life and words and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

--The Book of Common Worship, 1946 edition

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship | I Peter 1:3

Leader: By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

*Opening Hymn | *To God Be the Glory* | #485

*Opening Prayer

God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, now that Christ is raised help us not to return to our old routines and ways. May your Spirit inspire us to rejoice in the good news of the resurrection, and embolden us to live courageous and vibrant lives dedicated to His service, through the same Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

Choir Anthem | *The Old Rugged Cross* arr. Heather Sorenson

*Please stand as you are able

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.

Moment 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 *From All That Dwell Below the Sky* | #229

*Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord
Eternal truth attends Thy Word:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: We are a forgiven people. In that same spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation, 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.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Romans 14:7-13

New Testament pgs. 152-153

John 14:1-6, 11-12 and 25-27

New Testament pgs. 102-103

Sermon | A Sure and Certain Hope | Pastor Jim Reisner

***Hymn** | *O Jesus, I Have Promised* | #389

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**All: We give you thanks, great God,
for the hope we have in Jesus,
who is risen from the dead.
We praise you for his presence with us.
Because he lives, we look for eternal life,
knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come
can separate us from your great love
made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Hymn | *Go, My Children, With My Blessing*

SENDING

Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547

1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort

ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
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Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.

TEXT: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983
MUSIC: Welsh melody
Text © 1983 Concordia Publishing House

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*Please stand as you are able

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

This Week

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

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

MAY 6

Deacon's Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm

MAY 10

Worship, Mother's Day 10:30 am

MAY 17

Worship, Congregation Meal 10:30 am

MAY 20

Session Meeting 7:00 pm

MAY 22

Red Cross Blood Drive – MPC FH 8 am – 1 pm

MAY 24

Worship, Guest Pastor 10:30 am

MAY 25

Memorial Day Holiday, Church Office Closed

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.



Sunday, May 17 – There will be a congregational meal after worship. Please contact Debbie Pettinelli if you would be willing to make a dish or help serve.

Friday, June 5 – Strawberry Fest Please contact Debbie Pettinelli if you would be willing to help. This is a big event and many hands are needed. Please bring in any jewelry that may be collecting dust as well as any jewelry boxes.



**Friday,
June 5th
5pm-8pm**

More "Gently-Used Jewelry" Needed

The Jewelry Table has been quite popular with patrons of the Strawberry Festival. So much so, that we're in need of more jewelry donations. With many returning shoppers, we would like to offer some new selections.

Also if you have any small boxes they will also be much appreciated. You can give them to me at Sunday Service or leave them at the church office with Lori.

Thank you.

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For details:

<https://runtheday.com/register/detail/delaware-county-suicide-preventionawareness-2026-uw9/>



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:

Joyce Holmwood

jholmwood433@comcast.net

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.



SESSION

DEACONS

Paul Avazier '26

Faye Allison '28

Amy Eckels '28

Marion Brower '27

Patricia Gwartz '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
