
Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 05, 2026



Joy Comes in the Morning:
Easter Sunday

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

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Welcome

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Today – Easter Sunday

LITURGIST: Patricia Gwartz

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

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Website | www.marplepres.org

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HOW DO I CONNECT?

Clerk of Session | *Kristen Mitchell*

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Music | *Susan Greene*

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Worship | *Amy Eckels*

Youth Group | *Ben Mitchell*

For more contact info, please contact the church office.

Prayer Before Worship

Eternal God, as we again hear the Good News that Jesus lives, may we experience the effects of His life with us; compassion, kindness, and patience; the love that binds us together; the courage to forgive and be forgiven. O God, since life begins anew today, help us to make a new beginning with Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*For most of us, there is only the unattended
Moment, the moment in and out of time,
The distraction fit, lost in a shaft of sunlight,
The wild thyme unseen, or the winter lightning
Or the waterfall, or music heard so deeply
That it is not heard at all, but you are the music
While the music lasts. These are only hints and guesses,
Hints followed by guesses; and the rest
Is prayer, observance, discipline, thought and action.
The hint half guessed, the gift half understood, is Incarnation.*

T.S. Eliot, *The Four Quartets*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Resurrection Introit arr. Bob Krogstad

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (repeat three times)

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen indeed!**

Alleluia!

***Psalter Reading | Psalm 130**

Leader: You have turned my laments into dancing;

People: You have stripped off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

Leader: You have turned my laments into dancing,

People: that my spirit may sing psalms to You and never cease.

I will confess You forever, O Lord my God.

Opening Hymn | *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* arr. Joel Raney

Matt Knecht, Piano, and Susan Greene, Organ

Choir and Congregation will stand to sing the last stanza

"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!

All creation, join to say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, O heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!

***Opening Prayer**

O God, who at sunrise on that first Easter Day turned earth's mourning into dancing, and who, at every Easter dawning fills your people's hearts with gladness, we sing your praise today for raising Jesus Christ from the dead. Because He lives, we find life and hope and peace in Him. Therefore, we praise you, we worship you, we give you our heartfelt thanks; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Choir Anthem | *Glory Hallelujah to the Risen Lamb* by Lloyd Larson

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we rejoice in the power of Your love, which overcame the power of death and raised Jesus from the grave. We confess that we have often forgotten the power for life that the resurrection reveals; and, by forgetting, have allowed ourselves to be defeated by the power of death and despair. Help us this Easter Day to once again turn to You in trust that we may receive the gift of new life, the strength to follow You, and the love to serve You: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Moment for personal confession and reflection.

*Please stand as you are able

***Assurance of Pardon | Romans 8 and Corinthians 5**

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ,

People: and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

People: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Leader: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: Amen.

Congregational Response | *Lamb of God

*Your gift of love, we crucified; we laughed and scorned him as he died;
the humble King we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.*

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!

O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

The Peace

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

1 Corinthians 15:51-58

New Testament pg. 166-167

John 20:1-18

New Testament pg. 108

Sermon | The Unattended Moment | Pastor Jim Reisner

***Hymn | *The Day of Resurrection* | #118**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Affirmation of Faith | From New Testament Scripture**

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

THE SERVICE OF THE UPPER ROOM

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.*

The Invitation

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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.

Leader: In every time and every age, O God,
it is good and faithful that we give you thanks. ...

... we praise you and join their unending hymn:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things ...

... Remembering our Lord's self-giving love,
We proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Leader: Blessed are you, O Spirit, giver of life. ...

... In the unity of the Holy Trinity,
in gratitude for this great day of resurrection,
we praise you, God of all that is,
now and forever.

People: Amen.

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.

The Bread

The Cup

The Acclamation | Psalm 103

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: and all that is within me bless God's holy name.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: and forget not all God's benefits.

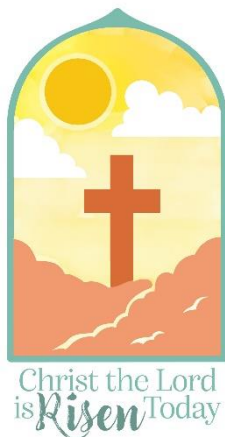
Prayer after Communion

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Hymn | *The Strife Is O'er* | #119

Charge and Benediction

Postlude



*Please stand as you are able

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

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

APRIL 15

Session Meeting 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.



EASTER EGG HUNT– Please join us after worship on Easter Sunday for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! We will be holding an Egg Hunt for children in the Courtyard immediately after worship today. There will be candy, games, and lots of fun for everyone. We hope to see you there!

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS



Given By
Faye Allison

Dedicated

In Memory of

In Honor of

Bob Allison

Our Dedicated Staff

Those Who Love and Support MPC

Marion & Bill Brower

In Honor of

Our Children - Amy & Eric, Stacey & Mike, Todd & Michelle and Ashley

Our Grandchildren – Julia, Colin, Gracie, Maeve & Maura

In Memory of

Our parents - Mildred & Bill Lewis and Jane & Ralph Brower

Russ Schantz

Their Children and Grandchildren

In Memory of

Bruce and Miriam FitzGerald

Their Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

In Memory of

Pauline and Henry Hipple

The Deacons

In Honor of

Our Church Family

Bette and Gavin Downs

In Memory of

Pauline and Leonard Downs

Amy, Eric, Julia, & Colin Eckels	In Memory of In Honor of	Bill & Beverly Eckels (Mom-Mom & Poppy) Nana & Pop-Pop Brower Nanny & Pop-Pop Lewis Marion & Bill Brower (Nanny & Pop-Pop) The Deacons for all you do for those in need Youth Group Leaders for your time in mentoring our youth Charlie and Janie Fry
Charlie & Janie Fry	In Memory of	Dorothy Cannon Bill & Mary McCarthy Jim & Janie Simpson James R. Simpson Pamela Simpson Warren & Mary Young
The Holmwood Family	In Memory of	Tom Holmwood Helen & Tom Ankrum
The Pancoast Family	In Memory of	Irma Ungurean Joseph Ungurean Linda Husband Seth Pancoast
Debbie Pettinelli	In Memory of	Edward Lichtenhahn, Sr. Eddie John Lichtenhahn
Jim & Martha Reisner	In Memory of	John & Caroline Reisner Henry & Mary Holt Carol Sime Paul Armetta Betty Wiener
Betty A. Rippel	In Memory of	Her parents - George P. & Mary E. (Betty) Rippel Her brother, George J. Rippel Her partner, James M. Casey



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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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

<i>Paul Avazier '26</i>	<i>Faye Allison '28</i>
<i>Amy Eckels '28</i>	<i>Marion Brower '27</i>
<i>Patricia Gwartz '28</i>	<i>Bette Downs '27</i>
<i>Ben Mitchell '27</i>	<i>George Guyer '28</i>
<i>Kristen Mitchell, Clerk</i>	<i>Greg Hoffman '27</i>
<i>Debbie Pettinelli '27</i>	<i>Joyce Holmwood '26</i>
<i>Kerri Robinson '26</i>	<i>Linda Pursley '27</i>
<i>Lynn Smith '28</i>	<i>Carol Robinson '28</i>
<i>John Strain '27</i>	<i>Diane Valaitis '26</i>
<i>Kim Wertz '28</i>	<i>Shirley Wise '26</i>