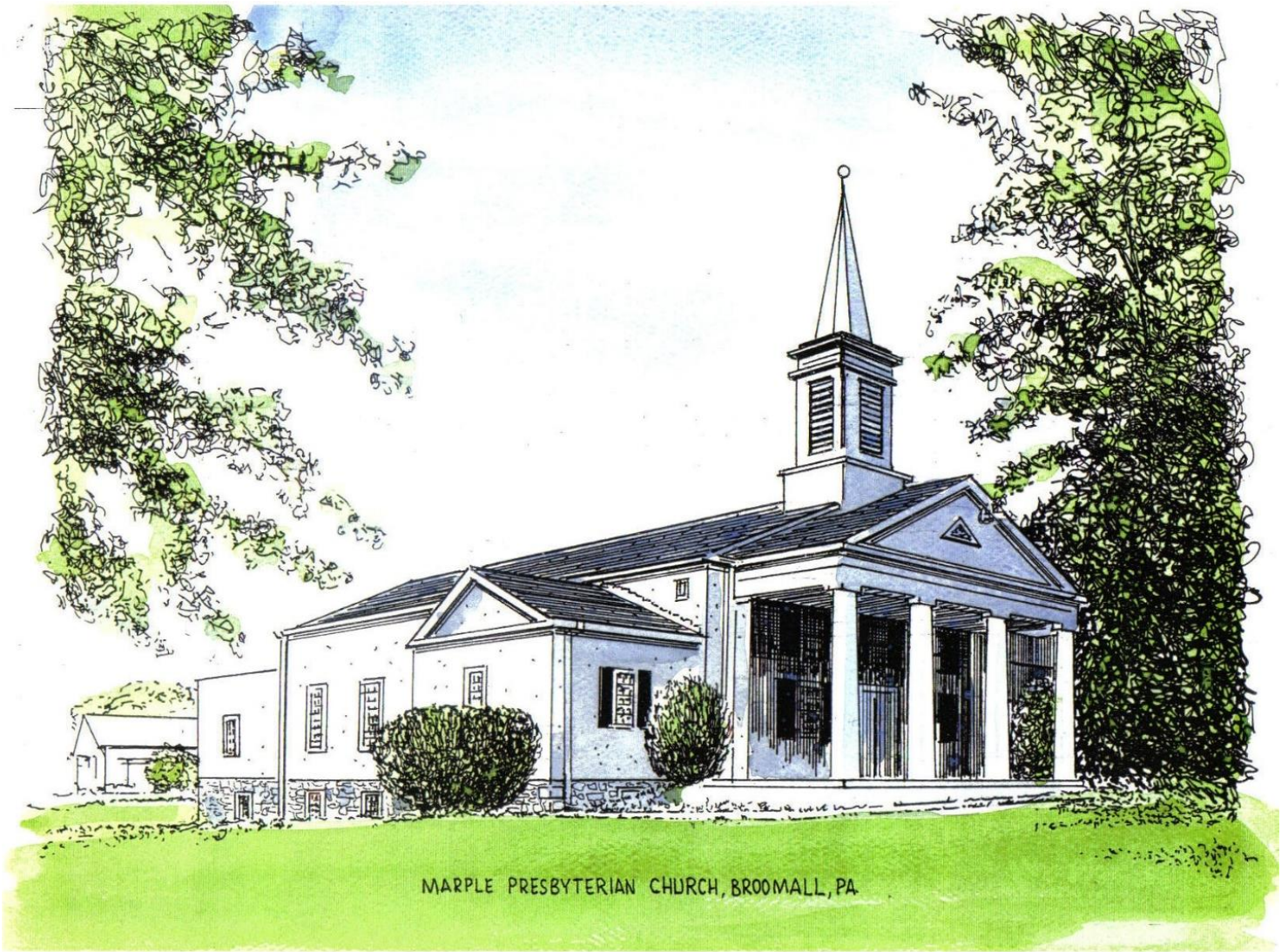

Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026



MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROOMALL, PA

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

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Welcome

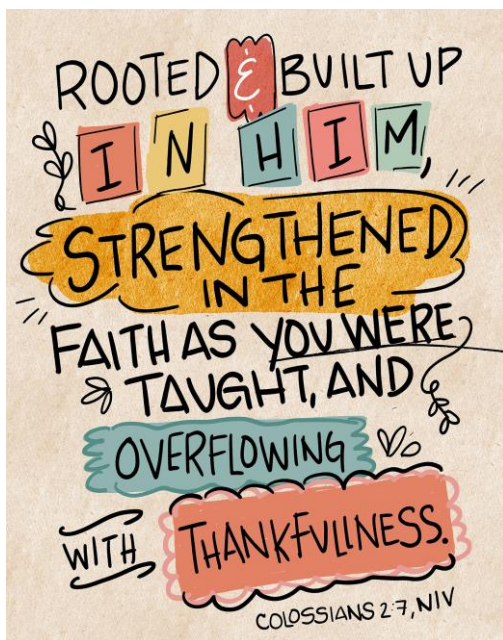
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Today – September 13, 2026

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.

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
marplepresdeacons@gmail.com

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Finance | [Kerri Robinson](#)

Mission | Session Members

Music | [Susan Greene](#)

Nursery | [Amy Eckels](#)

Personnel | [Ben Mitchell](#)

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Rentals | Church Office

Stewardship | Session Members

Treasurer | [Bill Brower](#)

marplepctreasurer@gmail.com

Worship | [Amy Eckels](#)

Youth Group | [Ben Mitchell](#)

For more contact info, please contact the church office.

September 13, 2026

10:30am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me;

People: **Bless God's holy name.**

Leader: Let everything we do or say, be done in the name of the Lord Jesus.

People: **Giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.**

***Opening Hymn | *Gather Us In* | #2236**

***Opening Prayer**

Most merciful God, we call upon your gracious favor to awaken in all of us, the will to learn Christ's way and the courage to embody Christ's example. Keep us from judging others, and from believing our "way" is the best or only way to faithfully follow you. Grant us humility of heart to see your constant welcome for people from all ways of life. Christ calls all, with many different worship practices, he calls us all to be one body.

Choir Anthem | *Make Me an Instrument* by Craig Courtney

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we are quick to ask for grace when we have fallen short,
for patience when we have stubbornly turned away from you.
We confess we can be too quick to say you are our God, and too slow to live
as followers of Jesus.
We have been quick to judge others, and slow to see our own limitations and
shortcomings.
Instead of seeking to be a people of wide welcome and hospitality, we have
often been exclusive in our own family of faith.
Forgive us Christ, when we are slow to show the same mercy to others you
grant to us. Forgive us, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, enable us to mend
our ways and open ourselves to the fullness of who you are.

Moment for personal confession as we remember the places we need for God's grace and love...

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear this good news: Christ came that we might have new life in him.
When we honestly confess our sins, we are freed from their burden as Christ helps
us to become a new creation.

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. 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, amen.*

* Passing of the Peace

Leader: Since Christ has opened his hearts to us – let us open our hearts to one
another – so we may be people of peace in Christ.
You are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.
Saying: the peace of Christ be with you and responding...

People: **And also with you.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Matthew 7:1-5

New Testament pg. 6

Romans 14:1-12

New Testament pgs. 152-153

Sermon | Measure of Our Faith | Rev. Roberta Kearney, Transitional Pastor

***Hymn** | *When We Are Living* | #400

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** | based on Romans 8:38-39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

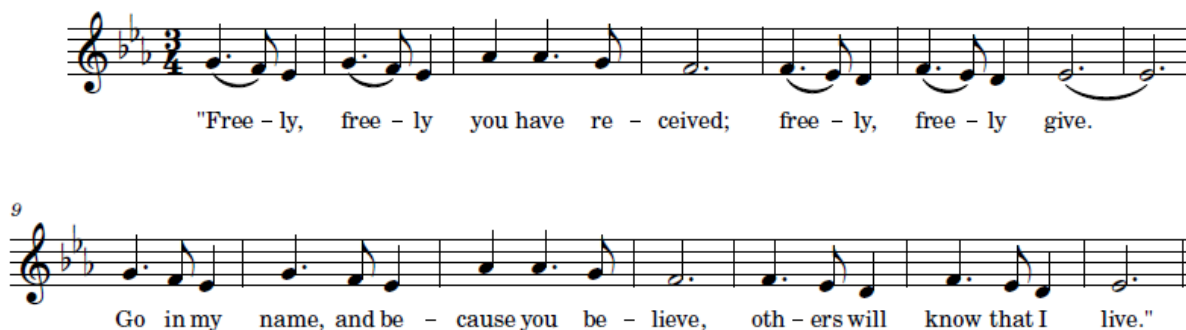
The Lord's Prayer

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** *Freely, Freely* written and composed by Carol Owens



*Offering Prayer

We seek to honor you, O God, as we give ourselves for your purposes. We know we do not live or die to ourselves, but are part of Christ's body. We are linked in ways beyond our knowing with you and all generations of your people. We dedicate our resources and our lives to you for the work of your realm. Receive our gifts and draw us ever closer to you.

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

***Closing Hymn | *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer* | #223**

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 7:00 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

Worship 10:30 am

Looking Ahead

SEPTEMBER 27

Worship, Recognition of 50+ members 10:30 am

OCTOBER 4

Worship, Communion 10:30 am

OCTOBER 7

Deacon's Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm

OCTOBER 21

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.



Information needed for Anniversary Sunday – September 27.

Anniversary Sunday is a great time to celebrate 50 years of faithful church membership.

This year – Roberta would like to add an additional piece to the Anniversary celebration, in order to recognize folks who have been church members for 50 years, whether or not those years were all at Marple.

The idea of celebrating 50 years of membership comes from the Freemasons. The celebration serves as a reminder that long term faithfulness blesses our church. It dates from an era when most folks lived in the same place their entire lives.

Now, as people are much more mobile, they may have joined Marple 20 or 30 years ago,

but may not ever attain 50 years at Marple, even as they have been faithful to God and the church for five or more decades.

If you have been a church member anywhere, for 50 plus years, are close to being a 50-year member of Christ's church please let us know.

At the same time, we would like to gather important information you wish to share, from all our members:

Please feel free to call the church office with this information (610-356-1098) or send an email to marplepc@gmail.com

Name

- Birthday – Month and Day
- Wedding Anniversary, if applicable
- Year you joined Marple Presbyterian Church
- How long you have been a church member elsewhere, before coming to Marple.

Touchpoint Church Growth Plan

Ministry Invitation

Anyone who regularly worships at Marple, online or in person whether or not a church member, is invited to be part of this team.

Marple has been invited to participate in a 12-month program to determine the best ways to reach and welcome people to join in ministry and life at Marple.

The goal is to develop a plan specific to Marple to grow membership by 10% within 12 months. Formation of the plan will occur over four to five months. The remaining months will be spent applying the plan and learning what uses of social media would be most beneficial in our area. The work begins in October and will be done on Zoom. It involves a monthly 2-hour commitment.

The plan includes 5 steps, the first three of which can begin in as soon as 2-3 people commit to being on the Growth Team. Participation on the team is open to all friends and members of Marple. Additional

Marple team meetings, on Zoom, and actions include a 4-8 hour/month commitment.

Broadly, Steps 1-3 are as follows:

1. Work with our church to learn what kind of fellowship events we would invite friends and family to attend at church. Pick the event, then invite family, friends, and former church members to attend.
2. In weekly worship celebrate a blessing in the church or community. Invite inactive or community people to attend.
3. Identify someone who needs a little help, or a celebration, or a bit of encouragement in the neighborhood or church. Meet the need and then celebrate in worship.

John Strain is the contact person to learn more.



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
