Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026



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

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Welcome

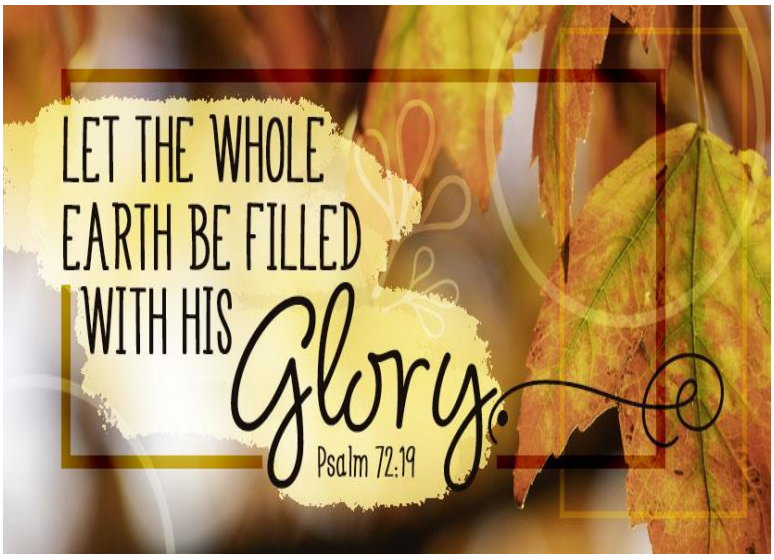
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Today – November 22, 2026

LITURGIST: Marion Brower

READERS: Marion Brower, Terry Canny, John Strain and Kimberly Wertz

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 under the sanctuary.*
- ***Assistive Listening Devices*** *are also available – please see any usher.*

RESOURCES

Contact Us **|** *610-356-1098*
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Website **|** *www.marplepres.org*
facebook.com/MarplePresbyterian

HOW DO I CONNECT?

Clerk of Session | *Kristen Mitchell*
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Nursery | *Amy Eckels*
Personnel | *Ben Mitchell*
Property Management | *Paul Avazier*
Rentals | *Church Office*
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Worship | *Amy Eckels*
Youth Group | *Ben Mitchell*

For more contact info, please contact the church office.

November 22, 2026 10:30am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** Marion Brower

One: The voice of the Lord is powerful, the voice of the Lord is full of majesty, the voice of the God of glory thunders over the mighty waters and shakes the wilderness.

All: The voice of the Lord has entered into a covenant with all generations.

One: May we who are blessed by God's gifts of creation, revelation, love, faith, life, and redemption, forever lift our voices in words and songs of thanks.

All: With praise and thanksgiving, we lift our voices in word and song, celebrating the blessings and great gifts God bestows on us.

***Opening Hymn |** #559 *We Gather Together*

Opening Prayer Marion Brower

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God,
we confess 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;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name.

Time for personal confession as we remember the places we need God's grace and love …

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Please stand as you are able

***Congregational Response |** #579 *Gloria Patri*

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.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

***All Good Gifts: A Ceremony of Song* by John Leavitt**

First Reading	**The Gift of Creation** Psalm 95:1-7a Anthem: *This Is My Father's World*	Terry Canny
Second Reading	**The Gift of Revelation** 1 Samuel 3:10; John 1:1-5, 10-14 Anthem: *Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens*	John Strain
Third Reading	**The Gift of Love** Psalm 23 1 John 4:7-12 Anthem: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*	Marion Brower Kimberly Wertz

***Passing of the Peace**

One: Christ comes to announce peace – to those who are near – and to those who are far off – so that we might no longer be strangers and aliens – but members of the family of God. You are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace with one another by turning and greeting each other saying the Peace of Christ be with you and responding…

All: And also with you.

Fourth Reading	**The Gift of Faith** Hebrews 12:1-3 Anthem: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*	Terry Canny
Fifth Reading	**The Gift of Life** Romans 6;22-23; Hebrews 1:1-3 Anthem: *Beautiful Savior*	John Strain
Sixth Reading	**The Gift of Redemption** Ephesians 2:4-10 Anthem: *When Peace Like a River*	Kimberly Wertz
Meditation	Stewardship of Legacy Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Rev. Roberta Kearney Old Testament pg. 184

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering

You are invited to write a word of gratitude on your leaf.
Please come forward as you are able and put your word of gratitude in the basket on the table and place your food offering around the communion table.
After worship join us in gathering clothing from the Thrift Store, which will go to Chester Eastside.

Doxology | #592 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

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.

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

***Closing Hymn |** #554 *Let All Things Now Living*

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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MN Clergy Assoc. Interfaith Service 7 pm
Wesley Enhanced Living Main Line,
100 Halcyon Dr, Media, PA

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

Worship 10:30 am

Looking Ahead

DECEMBER 2

Deacon's Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm

DECEMBER 6

Worship, Communion, Luncheon 10:30 am

DECEMBER 13

Worship, Deadline to order poinsettias 10:30 am

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. For the full Youth Group calendar for meeting dates, special events, and retreats, please contact the Youth Group Leaders at youthgroup@marplepres.org for additional information.

Touchpoint Church Growth Project

A small group of us that are interested in working on ways to build our church attendance and hopefully membership, met again after church this past week. We are developing some interesting ideas. Thanks to those that have stayed and contributed. This is not a 'closed' group of people so if you are curious or interested in sharing ideas please join us for our next short meeting on November 29. The group changes week to week due to personal schedules so this is not a 'must attend every week' situation. We will NOT meet this coming Sunday so that we can join in the effort to help with the Chester Eastside project. Doing more for others (including those outside our building) is one of the keys to growth. So, if you can stay and help organize the food donations and / or the clothing needs PLEASE help!

Our Touchpoint group is adopting the theme: Help Us to Help Others.

The Chester Eastside project maps perfectly to this theme.

See you in church!

John Strain

Marple Presbyterian Church will be collecting donations for Chester Eastside on Sunday, Nov. 22.

CHESTER EASTSIDE
Est. 1985

The CEI Food Pantry Most Needed Items:

- beans, rice, and pasta
- soup, stew
- canned fruits and vegetables
- peanut butter and jelly
- tuna fish and canned fish/meat
- biscuit/pancake mix
- instant mashed potatoes
- cornbread mix



The CEI Clothes Closet Most Needed Items:

- socks, underwear, hats
- blankets
- toiletries



Please mark your calendars for Nov. 22 – we will have a workday after Worship to sort items from the MPC Thrift Shop for Chester Eastside. Any time you can give to help is appreciated.

Stewardship

GROWING OUR FAITH

Stewardship of Legacy

What does it mean to leave a legacy? We often think of accomplishments, milestones, or the lasting marks we leave behind. But the story of Moses invites us to consider a different understanding of faithfulness.

After leading the Israelites through the wilderness, Moses stands on a mountain and sees the Promised Land. He knows he will not enter it. His journey is ending, and Joshua will lead the people forward. Moses does not see the final outcome of his life's work, but he has helped prepare a people to continue their journey with God.

In God's economy, success is not measured only by what we accomplish, but also by what we nurture in others and entrust to the future.

Moses was a remarkable leader, yet his story was not without struggle or disappointment. He could not guarantee the Israelites' future or know how Joshua's leadership would unfold. Instead, he had to trust God's promises and the community's ability to move forward.

This is the stewardship of legacy: investing in people, sharing responsibility, and preparing others to carry on the work. Rather than relying on one person's strength, God's economy invites us into connection and shared calling. We are blessed not simply to receive God's gifts, but to become a blessing to others.

Psalm 90 reminds us that our lives are finite and asks God to teach us to number our days so that we may gain a wise heart (Psalm 90:12). Our time is precious. How we use it matters—not because we can control the results, but because we can faithfully plant seeds whose fruit we may never see.

Churches, too, experience seasons of change, loss, and uncertainty. We may remember earlier days with gratitude and grieve what has changed. Honoring our past is important, but our legacy is not simply preserving what once was. It is carrying forward the faith, wisdom, love, and service that will help future generations grow.

We cannot know exactly what lies ahead. We can, however, trust that God's work is larger than any one person or generation. Our calling is to serve faithfully, encourage one another, and make room for those who will follow.

As Psalm 90:17 prays, may God establish the work of our hands. May we leave behind not merely a record of what we accomplished, but a community strengthened by our love and prepared to continue God's work.

Reflection Questions to Consider:

1. What gifts of faith, wisdom, or service have others passed on to you?
2. What might our congregation need to celebrate, grieve, or release as it prepares for the future?
3. How can we invest in younger generations and emerging leaders without needing to control the outcome?
4. What does it mean for us to be a blessing to those who will come after us?

Prayer: Faithful God, thank you for those who have led us and prepared the way. Help us honor our past, trust you with our future, and faithfully nurture the gifts of others. May the work of our hands bless generations we may never know. Amen.



Angel Tree 2026

Marion Brower is again leading our Angel Tree Campaign.
Details are expected around Thanksgiving.

Poinsettia Orders

Please fill out the order form in the narthex and return to the church office with your payment, no later than Sunday, December 13th, if you would like to place a poinsettia in the Church Sanctuary for Christmas. Poinsettias may be taken home at the conclusion of the Candlelight Service on December 24th.

A Feast of Carols: Nourishment for Body and Soul

Sunday, December 6, 2026

Following Worship

We will be having a Caroling Luncheon after worship on Sunday, December 6, 2026. We will have a time of fellowship and singing to welcome in this season of Advent.

Please RSVP by Nov. 29 if you plan to attend. Please let Debbie or Lori know if you will attend.

We would ask that each of you brings a potluck dish to share.

Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you plan to bring a potluck dish or dessert.

Please contact Debbie if you have any questions or would like more information.

Please take one of the *Carols for the Coming Christ* favorite carol questionnaires and fill it out. The questionnaires are available in the Narthex.





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.

Please be sure to e-mail Pastor Roberta as well at rkearney@marplepres.org

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*