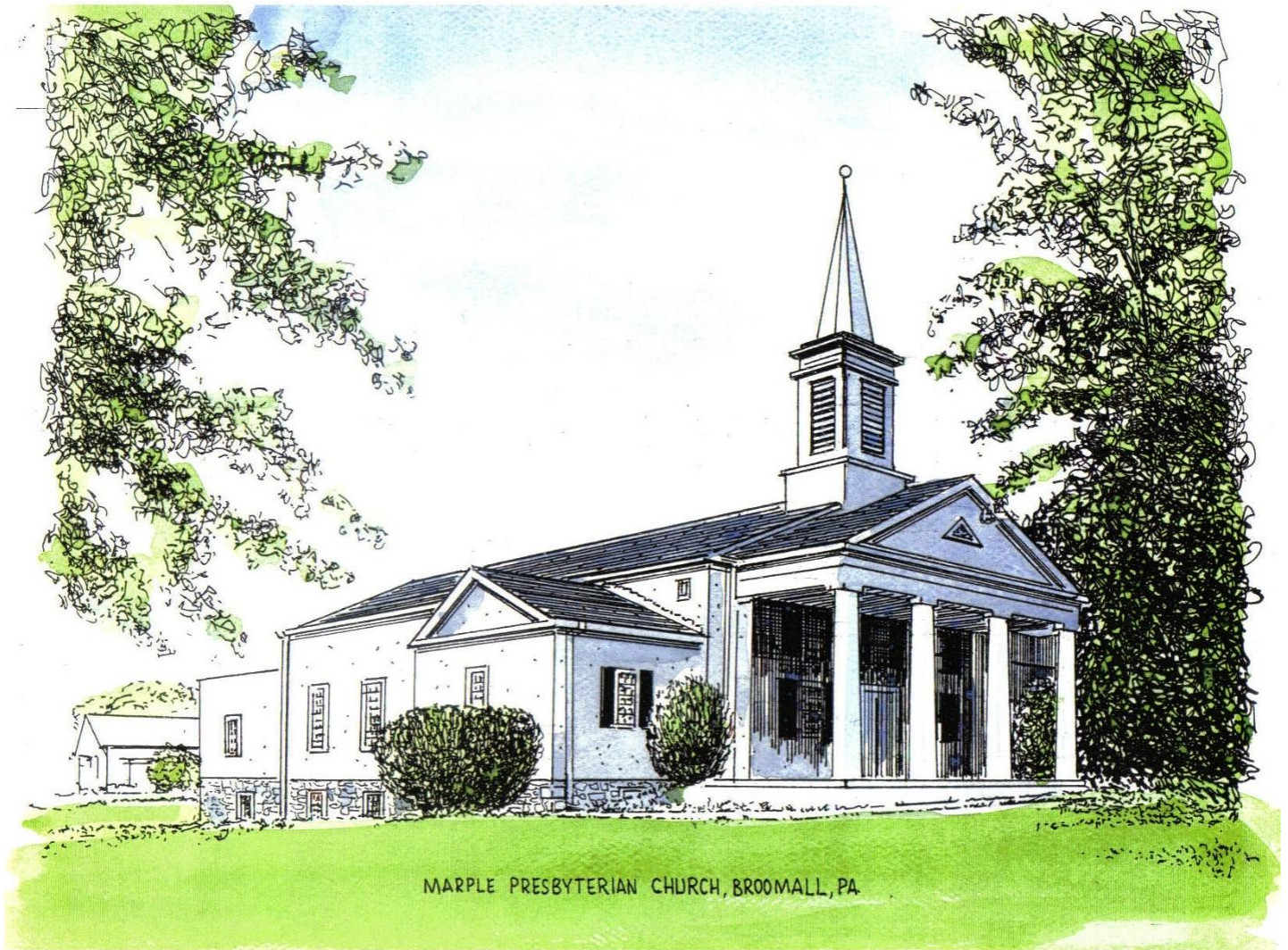

Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024



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

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Welcome

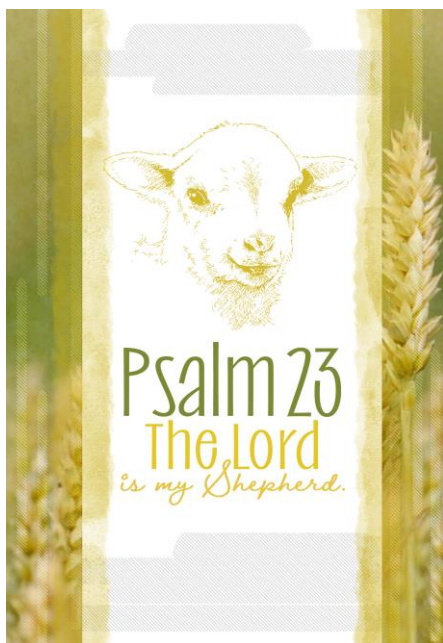
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Today

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

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Website | www.marplepres.org
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Service for the Lord's Day

10:30am

We welcome Rev. Pam McShane.

Prelude | Susan B. Greene

Welcome and Announcements | Rev. Pam McShane

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Jesus the Christ said, I am the Good Shepherd.

People: We have come to follow him.

Leader: We gather in the name of the One who leads us by still waters.

People: We have come to be restored in him.

Leader: We gather in the name of the One who prepares a banquet for us.

People: We have come to be fed by his love, so let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn** | *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* | *Insert*

Opening Prayer (unison)

Loving God, our shepherd, guide and giver of life.
You nourish our lives and lead us into green pastures.
You restore our souls with rest and peace.
You give us joy so our lives overflows with goodness and grace.
You walk with us through the darkest valleys,
offering us courage and compassion.
At all times and in all circumstances, you are with us,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
so we praise you, Holy One,
here and now, now and always. Amen.

Choir Anthem | *Good Shepherd* by Gwyneth Walker

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God our shepherd,
we have strayed like lost sheep.
We wander through life.
We find ourselves in places where we should not be.
We get trapped and are unable to find our way back to you.
Come rescue us, O God. Be our guide.

Other times, in fear,
we huddle in the safety of the sheepfold;
We don't dare to venture into new pastures
where we could discover your freedom and grace.
Come challenge us, O God.

Good shepherd, restore our souls
and lead us in the right paths for your name's sake.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Musical response for personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In the waters of our baptism, we are reminded of the good news.

People: Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me and Jesus is good to me.

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.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Time with the Children

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 (unison)

Giving God, you are our Shepherd, strong and wise. Bless the gifts we offer and multiply their impact in the world. Use them to spread your love and protect all that is vulnerable in your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

Preparation Hymn | *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need | Insert

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 23 |
John 10:11-18 |

Old Testament pgs. 474-475
Old Testament pgs. 97-98

Sermon |Shepherd Me, O God | Rev. Pam McShane

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.**

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Congregational Response **Shepherd Me, O God* |

PRAYER

Shepherd Me, O God (Psalm 23)

473

Capo 1: (Em) (C) (G) (D)
Refrain Fm D^b A^b E^b

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

(Bm7) (C) (Am7) (Bm7) (Em)
Cm7 D^b B^bm7 Cm7 Fm

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 | *God Be with You Til We Meet Again* | Insert

Benediction

Postlude | Susan B. Greene

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187

1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-prepare.
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803

(Psalm 23)

1 My shep-herd will sup-ply my need; Je-ho-vah is his name.
 2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;
 3 The sure pro-vi-sions of my God at-tend me all my days;

In pas-tures fresh he makes me feed, be-side the liv-ing stream.
 one word of your sup-port-ing breath drives all my fears a-way.
 O may your house be my a-bode, and all my work be praise.

He brings my wan-dering spir-it back when I for-sake his ways,
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta-ble spread;
 There would I find a set-tled rest, while oth-ers go and come;

and leads me, for his mer-cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 my cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows; your oil a-noints my head.
 no more a strang-er, or a guest, but like a child at home.

The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

MUSIC: U.S.A. folk melody; Lewis's *Beauties of Harmony*, 1828; harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986

Music Harm. © 1990 Dale Grotenhuis

RESIGNATION

CMD

(alternate harmonization, 74)

SENDING

542 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's
4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's

coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en -
wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro -
per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a -
ban - ner float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be -

fold you:
vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
round you:
fore you:

After writing the first stanza of his "Christian Good-bye," the author sent it to two composers, one celebrated and one unknown, to see how each would set it. This is the second person's tune, which the author found more effective and used for the hymn's first publication.

TEXT: Jeremiah Eames Rankin, 1880, alt.
MUSIC: William G. Tomer, 1880

GOD BE WITH YOU
9.8.8.9
(alternate tune: RANDOLPH, 541)

*Please stand as you are able

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

Administrative Professionals' Day

Joys & Concerns Chat | *Zoom* 3-4 pm

Boy Scout Troop 151 Meeting | *Hall* 7-9 pm

AA Meeting | *Lower CE Bldg.* 7-8 pm

Session Meeting 7:30 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

MAY 4

5k Run / Walk at Ridley Creek State Park 8 am

MAY 12

Mother's Day

Learn More



Sunday School - MPC Sunday
School is open to children ages 3 and up and runs weekly during the 10:30 am Sunday.

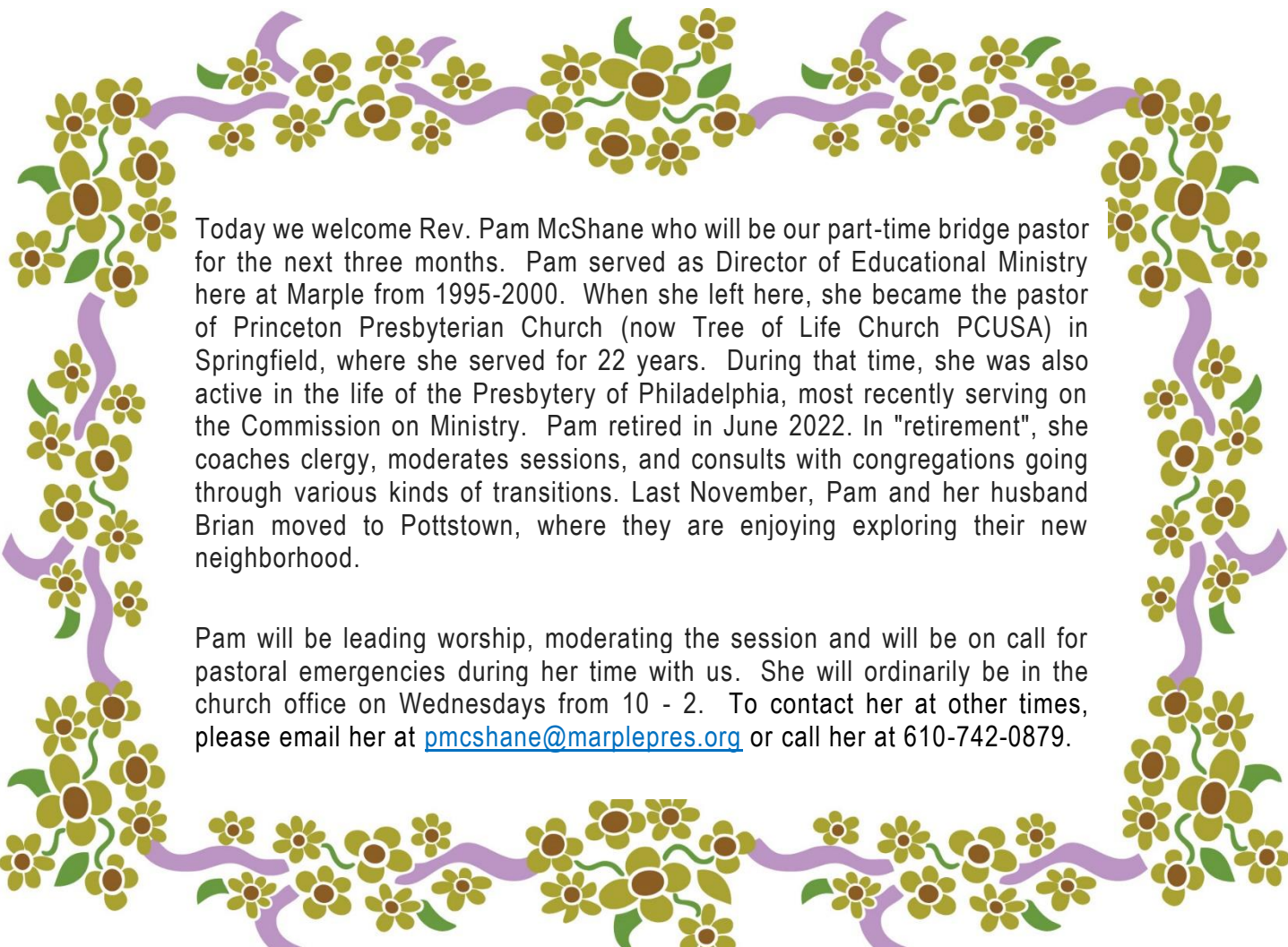


Join us as we participate in the 19th annual 5k run/walk at Ridley Creek State Park on Saturday, May 4, 2024. Registration begins at 8 am and the run/walk starts at 9:30 am.

Please register for our team named Marple Presbyterian.

The QR code below will take you to the registration page.





Today we welcome Rev. Pam McShane who will be our part-time bridge pastor for the next three months. Pam served as Director of Educational Ministry here at Marple from 1995-2000. When she left here, she became the pastor of Princeton Presbyterian Church (now Tree of Life Church PCUSA) in Springfield, where she served for 22 years. During that time, she was also active in the life of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, most recently serving on the Commission on Ministry. Pam retired in June 2022. In "retirement", she coaches clergy, moderates sessions, and consults with congregations going through various kinds of transitions. Last November, Pam and her husband Brian moved to Pottstown, where they are enjoying exploring their new neighborhood.

Pam will be leading worship, moderating the session and will be on call for pastoral emergencies during her time with us. She will ordinarily be in the church office on Wednesdays from 10 - 2. To contact her at other times, please email her at pmcshane@marplepres.org or call her at 610-742-0879.

Thrift Shop



Our Thrift Shop is open:

Tuesdays from 10 am – 3 pm

Saturdays from 10 am – 4 pm

The Thrift Store is bursting with lots of new inventory. 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.

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>Douglas Ballard '25</i>
<i>Amy Eckels '25</i>	<i>Marion Brower '24</i>
<i>Ben Mitchell '24</i>	<i>Bette Downs '24</i>
<i>Kristen Mitchell '26</i>	<i>Virginia Geisbert '25</i>
<i>Betty Rippel '26</i>	<i>Patricia Gwartz '26</i>
<i>Carol Robinson '24</i>	<i>Joyce Holmwood '26</i>
<i>Kerri Robinson '26</i>	<i>Greg Hoffman '24</i>
<i>Mack Smith '24</i>	<i>Eileen Matthews '24</i>
<i>Carol Valaitis '26</i>	<i>Linda Pursley '24</i>
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