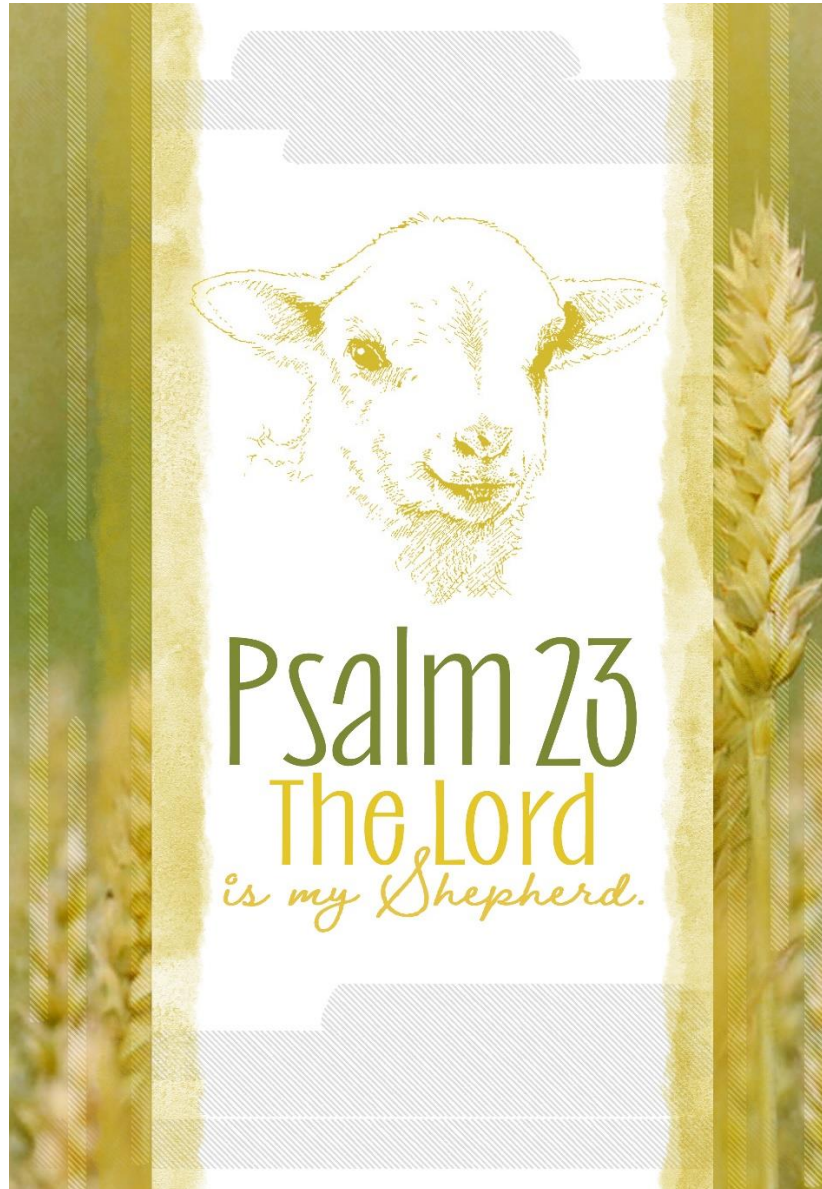

Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026



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

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Welcome

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Today – 4th Sunday in Eastertide

LITURGIST: Marion Brower

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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Youth Group | [Ben Mitchell](#)

For more contact info, please contact the church office.

My friends, amidst all the voices, there is a Voice—
making us to lie down by still waters,
leading us with vision on paths of righteousness,
walking with us in the darkest valley of our living.
But we must listen and we must learn
and we must follow.
That is our hope—
and that is our calling.

Susan Andrews
"Recognizing the Voices"

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship | Psalm 95:1-2,6,7

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**People: Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving,
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**

Leader: Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

**People: For the Lord is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture
and the sheep of God's hand.**

***Opening Hymn | Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us | #387**

***Opening Prayer**

Jesus, Good Shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold: Feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Choir Anthem | Good Shepherd arr. Gwyneth Walker

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Moment for personal confession and reflection.

***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 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: 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

23 Psalm (in unison)

King James Version

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

1 Peter 2:19-25

New Testament pg. 219

John 10:1-10

New Testament pg. 97

Sermon | Sheepish Christians | Pastor Jim Reisner

***Hymn | *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* | #170**

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 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, O God, for the wonder of your works and the riches of your grace; for the risen Christ who came to his friends then and who comes to his friends today. Jesus Christ, in our weakness and fear, you have loved us and wanted us; called us and sent us. Thanks be to God for the gospel of grace.
And now we dedicate ourselves, our time, talents, and money to do your work in the world. In the name of him who was once dead and is now alive. Amen.**

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

***Closing Hymn | *God Be with You Til We Meet Again* | #540**

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

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.

Diane Valaitis • 609-922-0042 • mardy1107@me.com



Join MPC's Team for this important community event! The 5k will be held Saturday, May 2, 2026 beginning at 9:30 am (registration opens at 8:30 am) at Ridley Creek State Park. Ben Mitchell will be leading the team on the day of the event and Kim Wertz is helping to organize MPC's presence. Please contact Kim or Ben if you are planning to join or with any questions.

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

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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

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Lynn Smith '28

Carol Robinson '28

John Strain '27

Diane Valaitis '26

Kim Wertz '28

Shirley Wise '26
