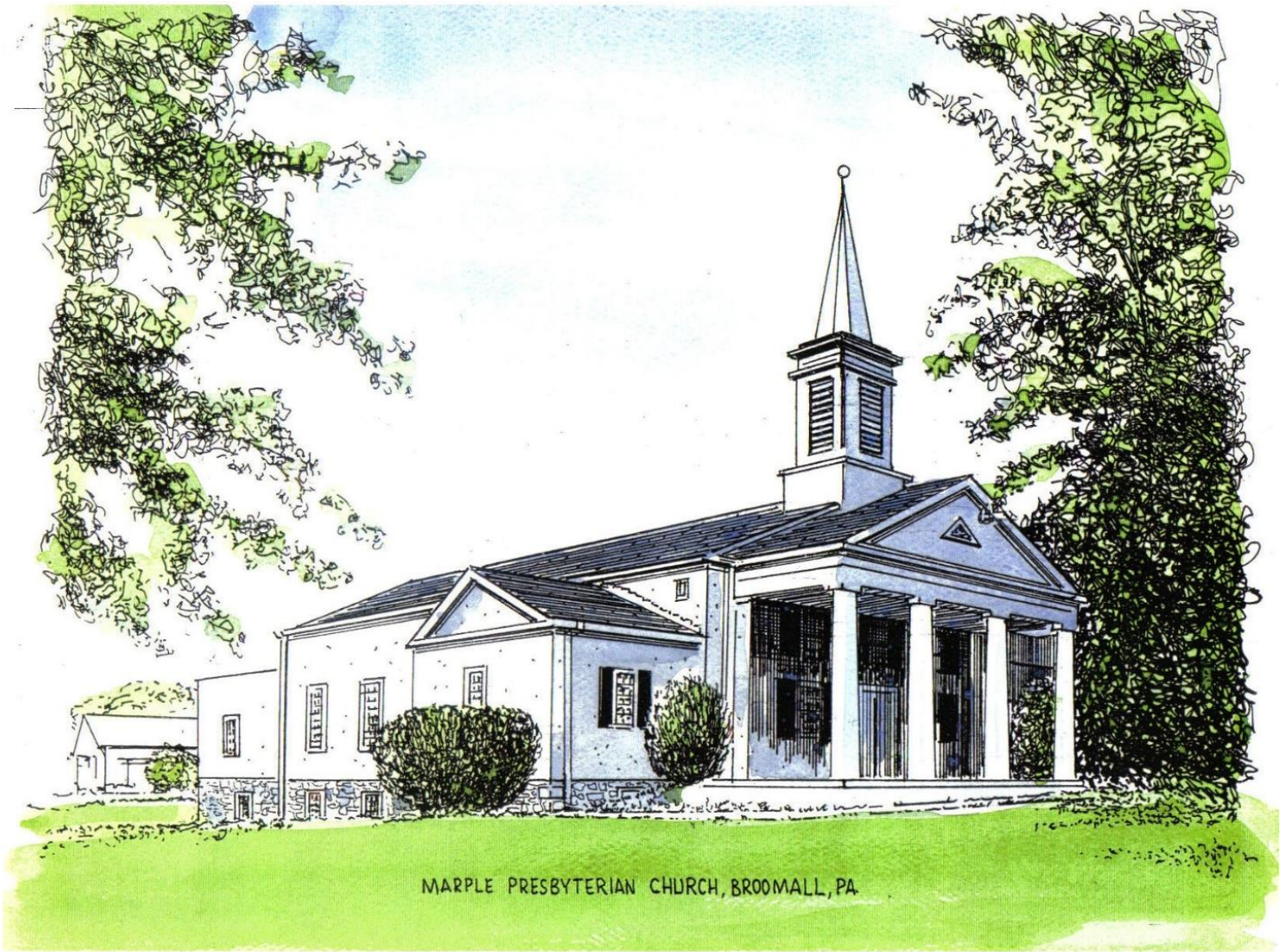

Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025



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 – Mission Study Sunday

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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"Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime; therefore we must be saved by hope. Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone; therefore we are saved by love."

--Reinhold Niebuhr

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude | Susan B. Greene

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** | Psalm 92

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: **The Lord is my stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

People: **"Come," my heart says, "seek the Lord's face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

Leader: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

People: **Be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

***Opening Hymn** | *Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun* | #456

***Opening Prayer**

God, make the door of the House wide enough to receive all who need human love, peace, and courage, and narrow enough to shut out envy, pride, and hate. Make its threshold smooth enough to be inviting to children or straying feet, but rugged enough to turn back the power of evil. Make the door of this House, we pray, the gateway to Your eternal kingdom. Amen.

Choir Anthem | *Salvation is Created* arr. Donald Moore

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Steadfast God, in love you spread good gifts before us, more than we need or deserve. You feed, heal, teach, and save us.

We confess that we always want more; that we never share as freely as you give.

We resent what we lack and are jealous of neighbors.

We misuse what you intend for joy.

God, forgive our stubborn greed, our hoarding, our ingratitude.

In mercy, help us to take such pleasure in your goodness that we will always be thanking you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Musical response for personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon | Psalm 103

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

People: God has not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

Leader: As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's mercy towards those who revere God.

People: As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News;

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***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 God has forgiven us, let us now forgive one another, and in the spirit of unity to which Christ call his church, let us greet one another with the Peace of Christ.

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Time with Children

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 61:1-3

Old Testament pg. 650

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

New Testament pg. 161

Sermon | Running the Race | Pastor Jim Reisner

***Hymn** | *Fight the Good Fight* | #307

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* 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

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.*

*Please stand as you are able

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Gracious God, by your providence we receive the things we need and more, gift upon gift. We thank you for the harvest of goodness you supply: for food and shelter, for loving words and gestures, for all our friendships. Above all, we praise you for your Incarnate Word, who came to show mercy and who names us his friends. We offer you our lives and our gifts in gratitude and devotion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

***Closing Hymn | *Come, Great God of All the Ages* | #132**

Charge and Benediction

Postlude | Susan B. Greene

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

FRIDAY

Church Office Closed

SATURDAY

Thrift Shop 10 am-4 pm

SUNDAY

AA Meeting | *Lower CE Bldg.* 8-9 am

Reformation Sunday 10:30 am

Trunk or Treat, Marple Township Lot 5-6:30 pm

Looking Ahead

NOVEMBER 2

All Saints' Day, Communion 10:30 am

NOVEMBER 25

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 7:00 pm
At Beth El-Ner Tamid

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.

All Saints' Day - 11/2

Every year at this time, we honor those we have loved and lost. Please consider bringing framed photos of your loved ones, whether they have been gone from us for a short time or a long one, so that we can honor and remember all the saints who have gone before us. Amy will be arranging photos and momentos at the front of the church on the morning of the Sunday service.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Our culture didn't invent materialism. 2,000 years ago, Jesus singled out money as the chief rival for our affection: *"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money"* (Matthew 6:24). When John the Baptist was questioned about how to respond to his message, his answer to both the tax collectors and the soldiers centered around money, and he encouraged all his hearers to generosity (Luke 3:11-14).

Jesus warns us about the deceitfulness of wealth, noting that it can choke out the Word in our lives and make us unfruitful (Matthew 13:22). Paul cautions that the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil (1 Timothy 6:10) and the writer to the Hebrews instructs us to keep our lives free from the love of money and be content with what we have (Hebrews 13:5).

Now as then, temptations surrounding money are great, and money continues to vie with God for our worship and loyalty. How we handle our money continues to both reflect and define our relationship with God.





Through the fall Pastor Reisner will host a gathering after worship to work on the Mission Study. A core group of church members will be working to complete a document that will be presented to the presbytery for approval sometime later this fall. The meeting is open to any and all who are interested. It will be composed of some mutual study, but also will involve some tasks needed to complete the study.



Trunk or Treat

MPC will be joining the community Trunk or Treat this year, rather than holding our own separate event, so please come out and support us. More information is available at Marple Township's Facebook page and at the event link:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1101930621828349/>



Candy donations are appreciated. Please leave Items in the narthex. Thank you in advance.



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.

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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 '27</i>
<i>Ben Mitchell '27</i>	<i>Bette Downs '27</i>
<i>Kristen Mitchell, Clerk</i>	<i>Virginia Geisbert '25</i>
<i>Debbie Pettinelli '27</i>	<i>Patricia Gwartz '26</i>
<i>Kerri Robinson '26</i>	<i>Greg Hoffman '27</i>
<i>John Strain '27</i>	<i>Joyce Holmwood '26</i>
<i>Joanne Trumbetas '25</i>	<i>Linda Pursley '27</i>
<i>Kim Wertz '25</i>	<i>Diane Valaitis '26</i>
<i>Alfie Wilkes '25</i>	<i>Shirley Wise '26</i>