
MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022



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

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WELCOME

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TODAY

LITURGIST: Kim Wooden

HEAD USHER: Tom Trumbetas

MESSAGE FROM

THE MPC COVID-19 TASK FORCE

*Thank you for joining us in worship today. In accordance with new CDC guidelines (February 25, 2022) and determination by CDC that Delaware County community COVID level is **Medium**.*

According to CDC guidance adopted by Session on April 27, 2022, the following prevention steps should be taken based on the COVID-19 Community Level -

- *Wear a mask indoors in public*
- *Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines*
- *Get tested if you have symptoms*
- *Additional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness*

People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask. Masks are recommended in indoor public transportation settings and may be required in other places by local or state authorities.

We also ask that everyone resume social distancing indoors and respect the placement of the red ropes at the ends of every other pew. Thank you again for joining us in worship.

NEW HERE?

Welcome to Marple Presbyterian Church!
We're so glad to have you as our guest.

CONNECT WITH US

All visitors are encouraged to visit either our website (www.marplepres.org) or find us on Facebook to explore the life of our church.

Upcoming events can be found in the back of the bulletin. For more information, please contact us at:
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Youth Group | *Kristen Mitchell*

Worship elements adapted from

 **The Presbyterian Church in Canada**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | REV. KAREN NELSON

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, our Shepherd,

People: Gather us together and lead us like a flock.

Leader: O God, our Gardener,

People: Plant us like a vineyard so that we produce good fruit.

Leader: O God, our Merciful Judge,

People: We call upon your name in prayer and praise.

Leader: We bow before you, O God,

People: And offer our worship with glad and humble hearts.

Leader: Come let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN – INSERT | *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

God of majesty and mystery,
we gather today in the presence of that great cloud of witnesses
who have worshiped you in song and service for centuries.
Our praise joins theirs as we fix our eyes on Jesus
and wait for your Spirit to guide us.
We praise you for your great love and mercy,
revealed in Christ, at work in us through the Spirit.
Holy One, we offer you all glory and honor in our worship,
seeking to renew our faith and commitment
to serve you in the world that belongs to you. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC – *It Is Well With My Soul* Arr. Craig Courtney | feat. Douglas Ballard, Bass

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Attentive God,
you care for us like a gardener tending a beautiful vineyard,
blessing us with what we need to be fruitful.
Yet we confess we often fail to live up to your hopes for us.
Too often, instead of love and kindness, we produce anger and resentment.

Instead of generosity, we produce greed and jealousy.
Forgive us, O God.
In your mercy, renew in us the fruit of the Spirit
through the grace of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Musical response for personal confession and reflection.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Although we have not always been faithful to God, God remains faithful to us. In Jesus Christ, God offers us forgiveness. Through the gift of the Spirit, God renews us to live faithfully in Jesus' name.

People: Thanks be to God.

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.*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Leader: Thankful for the good gifts God gives us in Christ and in creation, let us present to God the fruit of our labor for God's work in the church and the world.

OFFERTORY

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – #592 | Doxology

*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

People: Faithful God, bless the gifts we offer to you today. Use them to plant seeds of faith, hope and love in the world, so that your goodness will grow among your people, and your name be honoured for Christ's sake. Amen.

PREPARATION HYMN – INSERT | Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 82

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

PEW BIBLE PAGE #

Old Testament, pg. 512

New Testament, pg. 212

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) | 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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 – INSERT | *Guide My Feet*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more*.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimaged filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said 718

1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill
 3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and
 4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and

you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
 your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your
 let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -
 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -

will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

Written by a nineteen-year-old in Connecticut, this challenging text has been widely printed on both sides of the Atlantic. It is strengthened by its resolute repetition of the same four words at the beginning of each stanza and by the appropriately stark shape note tune.

Guide My Feet

741

1 Guide my feet while I run this race;

(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race;

(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race, for I

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

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| 2 Hold my hand ... | 5 Search my heart ... |
| 3 Stand by me ... | 6 Guide my feet ... |
| 4 I'm your child ... | |

This African American spiritual is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1–2. Its call-and-response structure allows for the improvisation and addition of stanzas related to an athletic metaphor that is as vivid today as it was centuries ago.



Marple Presbyterian Church

Upcoming Events

Unless otherwise indicated,
the church's main Zoom link is:
<http://zoom.us/j/6103561098>

Please feel free to join us every
Tuesday, Wednesday, and
Thursday at 3pm on Zoom for
our regular Joys & Concerns Chats

AUGUST 14 | After Service
Decorating for VBS | Sanctuary

AUGUST 15 | 9am – 1pm (Drop Off)
Last day for School Supplies | Church Office

AUGUST 15 | 2:00pm
Cooking for the Homeless | Fellowship Hall Kitchen

AUGUST 15-19 | 6:30 – 8:30pm
Vacation Bible School – Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God

AUGUST 25 | 7pm
First Adult Choir Rehearsal | Chapel

AUGUST 25 | 6:30pm
Kids Against Hunger Promotional Video Filming

SEPTEMBER 24 |
Suicide Prevention & Awareness 5K | Ridley Creek
State Park



Scan here to
learn more
and sign up
for VBS
through our
Facebook!

SAVE THE DATE:

Vacation Bible School is an event we offer to the congregation and community free of charge. It is open to all children ages 3 and up through rising 6th graders. Registration details will be coming soon.

Volunteers and monetary donations help to make this ministry possible. We greatly appreciate your support and if you're interested in learning more about how to lend a hand, please contact the church office.



VBS Build:

Thanks to all who helped during the last 2 build days. Our next need is for help with decorating and converting the sanctuary into a FOOD TRUCK PARTY!

We will be decorating the sanctuary after service on August 14th after the service. Hope to see you there!



Church News & Notes

Thrift Sale



ADULT CHOIR

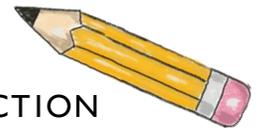
We are excited to announce that the Adult Choir will be starting again very soon! Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM. The first rehearsal will be August 25th, and we will begin singing during Worship on Sunday, September 11th. If you have not already, please contact Susan Greene to let her know that you are interested so that she can plan the Fall's music schedule accordingly.



POP UP THIFT SHOP

Date TBD

We are gratefully accepting donations of clothing, shoes, and gently used household items. We are also currently looking for adult sized hangers! Your generosity is helping launch this outreach to our neighbors. Please drop donations off at the church office or contact Amy.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION

We are once again collecting school supplies/back packs for the coming school year. The needs are many with approx. 6 high schooler, 3 middle schooler and 11 elementary aged kids evenly mixed boys and girls. All supplies must be dropped off at MPC by Monday (8/15), in time for their fun back to school festival they are planning! There is also a desperate need for Diapers and Wipes!

BROOMALL FIRE COMPANY CARNIVAL

On the weeks of Aug. 21st, Aug, 28th, Sept. 4th, and Sept. 11th, the Broomall fire company will be holding their fall carnival. It will be held on 6pm-10pm Fridays, 3pm-10pm Saturdays, and Sundays 1pm-6pm. Sundays will also include family day from 1-5:30pm, where all rides are one price per person. Come out and support the firehouse!



DELAWARE COUNTY SUICIDE PREVENTION & AWARENESS 5K RUN & WALK

Sat, September 24 at Ridley Creek State Park (moved from Rose Tree Park)

Check in 8 AM, Race 9AM

To register visit or scan the QR code:

<https://www.runtheday.com/register/detail/delaware-county-suicide-prevention-awareness-task-force1>



When you register, choose "Team Registration," which is a lower cost, and then sign up for team "Marple Presbyterian Church." Last year we were by far the biggest team in attendance. Let's make that happen again. It is a wonderful witness to our community.

Participants are welcome to sign up as runners or walkers. Walkers can complete all, some, or none of the course. We will also have a table to represent the church and will be grateful for volunteers to staff the table. Individually wrapped snacks to hand out are also greatly appreciated.

The Task Force sponsoring the event shares this message: "There is an average of 74 completed suicides every year here in Delaware County. In 2020 that rose to 75 completed suicides. Studies indicate that between six and eight individuals are left seriously bereaved by each of these deaths. While those who die by suicide are less stigmatized than in the past, they nevertheless leave family and friends behind to face a long and painful grieving process. The mission of the Delaware County Suicide Prevention & Awareness Task Force is to organize and participate in events that raise awareness of the symptoms of suicide, available resources, and ways suicide can be prevented."



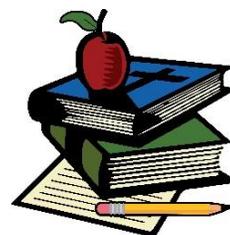
If you have questions or suggestions about any of our programming, please get in touch with Kristen Mitchell, Chair, C.E. Committee

klizzano@gmail.com | 302-494-1146 (cell)

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION: Sunday School is currently running a Summer Program based upon the Trinity. Children aged 3 through 6th grade are welcome to join us in the updated Sunday School room during the service. Regular Sunday School will kick off again in the Fall and return to the Whirl curriculum.

ADULT EDUCATION: Adult education is on summer hiatus and will return with the continuation of The Great Course – Tours of Medieval Europe in the Fall. If you would like more information about or have suggestions for our next Adult Education Series, please email Kristen Mitchell at klizzano@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP: Youth Group is on summer hiatus and will return on the first Sunday in October. Further details to be announced in September - stay tuned!!



Hello dear friends,

I know I've spent many weeks over the summer asking you all to consider how you could continue to be good stewards of your time, talents, and money here at Marple.

It can seem overwhelming to be a part of church with large building expenses, but over the past few years we have always achieved our fundraising targets. Just in the past decade, we replaced the church organ and even installed a new boiler. These projects seemed like quite lofty goals at the time, but with God's grace and the faithful giving of church members and friends, we got there.

\$17	Monthly Contribution
100	People
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\$ 1,700	Monthly Fundraising Amount
x12	
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\$20,400	Per Year
x3	
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\$61,200	Exceed our \$60k goal!

As we look toward replacing our roof, we can reasonably reach our \$60,000 goal within just a few years. Let's say we just have 100 people donating toward our new roof. It would only take a donation of \$17/month from each person to reach our goal in three years. As I looked at my own budget and began to consider how I could give differently to better support Marple as we fundraise, I realized quickly that I could find \$17/month.



Here's how... I treat myself to a fancy Starbucks coffee drink at least once a week, usually before Sunday Worship, and giving up that one \$5 coffee drink each week in favor of a new church roof seemed like a good idea.

All of this has led me to wonder if anyone else might relate to this example and if we could commit to giving up a small indulgence, like a cup of coffee, may it could help add up to something big, like a church roof! What indulgence could you commit to giving up in order to help Raise the Roof?

Is it a cup of coffee? Maybe that pint of Ben & Jerrys you sneak into the cart each week?

Possibly it's ordering take-out several nights a month?

I encourage you all to think on it and I challenge you to GIVE IT UP to help RAISE THE ROOF!

Lesa Tanner

Stewardship Chair





MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE

July 2022

Total Income:.....\$15,875

Total Expenses:.....\$13,022

Net:.....\$2,853

Thanks to our members and friends for supporting the financial needs of our church! We're back in the 'black' for July which is normally a difficult month financially. Besides regular offering income you have also supported our donation of school supplies, are helping to build 'inventory' for our Thrift Shop and are building our Roof Fund needed to replace our aging Roofs. **THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU!**

John Strain, Finance Chair

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

Charles Fry '23	Sean Greene '22
Scott Hessen '22	Kelley Kuyat '24
Kristen Mitchell '22	Carol Robinson '24
Kerri Robinson '23	Mack Smith '24
John Strain '23	Lesa Tanner '24
Ruth Anne Yakscoe '23	Alfie Wilkes '22

DEACONS

Douglas Ballard '22	Marion Brower '24
Barb Capuzzi '22	Cerrie Cox '23
Bette Downs '24	Virginia Geisbert '22
Joyce Holmwood '23	Greg Hoffman '24
Eileen Matthews '24	Linda Pursley '24
Diane Valaitis '23	Shirley Wise '23