

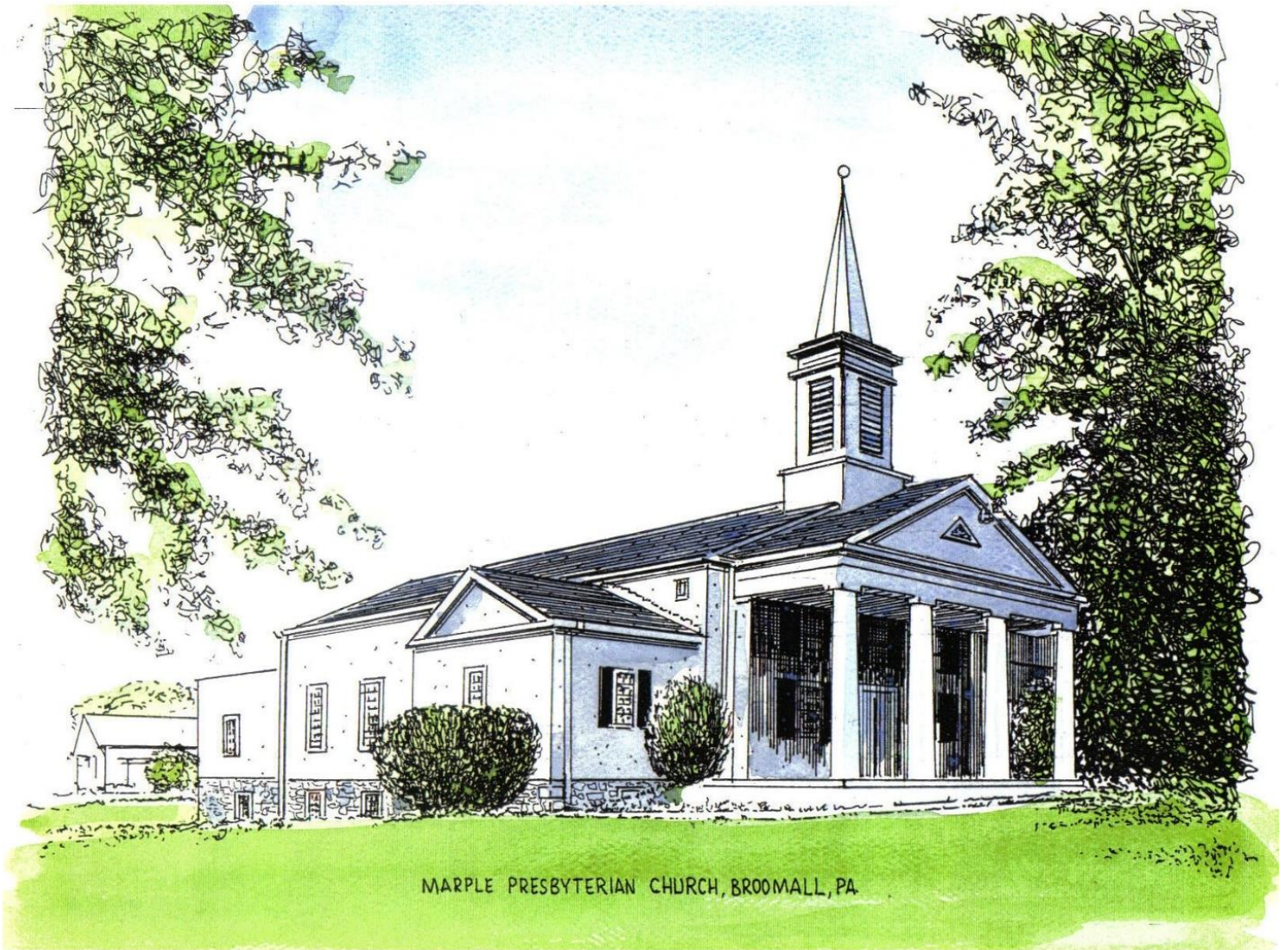
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# Marple Presbyterian Church

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 04, 2026

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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 – Epiphany Sunday

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LITURGIST: John Strain

HEAD USHER: Tom Trumbetas



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## New Here?

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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

[marplepc@gmail.com](mailto:marplepc@gmail.com)

**Website** | [www.marplepres.org](http://www.marplepres.org)

[facebook.com/MarplePresbyterian](https://facebook.com/MarplePresbyterian)

## HOW DO I CONNECT?

Clerk of Session | [Kristen Mitchell](#)

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*For more contact info, please contact the church office.*

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# Service for the Lord's Day

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10:30am

## Prayer Before Worship

Arise and shine, O God, and let your glory rise upon us. Draw us to the brightness of your dawn; call us together to proclaim your praise. Reveal yourself and your purposes for us in this Epiphany. Amen.

*Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
Vainly with gifts would his favor secure;  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.*

--Reginald Huber

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Prelude** | Susan B. Greene

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship | Isaiah 60:1-3

Leader: Arise, shine; for our light has come,

**People: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

Leader: Nations shall come to your light

**People: and rulers to the brightness of your rising.**

### \*Opening Hymn | *We Three Kings* | #66

## **\*Opening Prayer**

Lord God of the nations, we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendor. The radiance of your Incarnate Word pierces the night that covers the earth and signals the dawn of justice and peace. May his brightness illuminate our lives and beckon all nations to walk as one in your light. We ask this through Jesus Christ your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever. Amen.

## **Choir Anthem | *Mary on a Mountain* by John Carter**

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

God of Glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We often turn away from the poor, we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that Forgiven and renewed we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

*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:** Believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**People:** **Thanks be to God! 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 all one in Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word, who came down to Earth, and whose dwelling place is with God's people.

**People: Christ lives among us as our peace.**

Leader: 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**

Ephesians 3:1-6

New Testament pg. 181-182

Matthew 2:1-12

New Testament pg. 1-2

**Sermon** | Home By Another Way | Pastor Jim Reisner

**\*Hymn** | *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright* | #68

## 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 SERVICE OF THE UPPER ROOM

### 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.*

### The Invitation

**Leader:** Beloved, this is the joyful feast of the people of God. People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

**People:** Behold, how good and pleasant it is when people dwell in unity.



## **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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.**

Leader: With joy we give you thanks and praise Almighty God, source of all life and love...

...Therefore, with all the company of heaven, and with all your people,  
of all places and times, we proclaim your greatness and sing your praise.

**People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Holy Lord God, by what we do here in remembrance of Christ ...

... And to you, one holy and eternal God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
we give praise and glory now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **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.**

## **The Bread**

## **The Cup**

## **The Acclamation | Luke 2:28-30**

Leader: Let your servants now depart in peace.

**People: Our eyes have seen your salvation,**

Leader: a light to enlighten the nations,

**People: and the glory of your people Israel.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

## **WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Closing Hymn** | *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning* | #67

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** | Susan B. Greene



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## This Week

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### 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

Deacon's Meeting 7:30 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

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## Looking Ahead

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### JANUARY 10

Session Retreat

### JANUARY 19

MLK Holiday – Church Office Closed

### JANUARY 21

Session Meeting 7:00 pm

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## Learn More

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**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](mailto:youthgroup@marplepres.org) for additional information.



Thank you to Marion Brower for spearheading our Angel Tree Campaign. The above pictures show how many items were purchased this year. John Strain and Bill and Marion Brower delivered everything on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2025. Thank you to all who contributed to make this a success.



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:

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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.



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**SESSION****DEACONS**

Paul Avazier '26	Douglas Ballard '25
Amy Eckels '25	Marion Brower '27
Ben Mitchell '27	Bette Downs '27
Kristen Mitchell, Clerk	Virginia Geisbert '25
Debbie Pettinelli '27	Patricia Gwartz '26
Kerri Robinson '26	Joyce Holmwood '26
John Strain '27	Greg Hoffman '27
Joanne Trumbetas '25	Linda Pursley '27
Kim Wertz '27	Diane Valaitis '26
Alfie Wilkes '25	Shirley Wise '26