
Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 08, 2026

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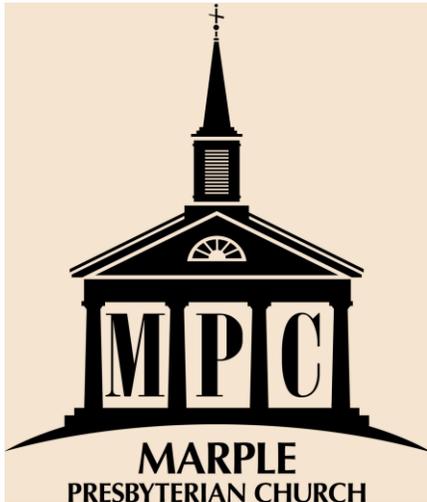
IN LENT

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

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Welcome

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Today – Third Sunday in Lent

LITURGIST: Douglas Ballard

HEAD USHER: Tom Trumbetas



THIRD SUNDAY
In Lent

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?

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Youth Group | *Ben Mitchell*

For more contact info, please contact the church office.

Service for the Lord's Day

10:30am

The season of Lent, structured as it is to remember the journey of Jesus to the cross, is also the perfect time for articulating the call of Jesus to discipleship. In these forty days we may contemplate not only the wonderful power of the cross of Christ, but the power inherent in taking up our own crosses too. Opportunities are daily before us, times when we may give our lives sacrificially to acts of love, compassion, justice, and peace. In this season we are wise to ponder not only the cross in our sanctuaries, but the picture of Jesus on the road to Jerusalem, calling all his disciples to take up our own crosses and to walk with him in paths of love and service.

Paul C. Shupe

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship | Psalm 139:23-24

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart;

People: **Try me and know my thoughts.**

Leader: And see if there is any hurtful way in me,

People: **And lead me in the way everlasting.**

*Opening Hymn | *When Morning Gilds the Skies* | #487

***Opening Prayer**

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem | *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* arr. Kathryn S. Bonner

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, love, mercy and peace, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength. We do not love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your ways, and bow down before the idols of our age.

Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name. Amen.

Moment for personal confession and reflection.

*** Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Hear the good news!

These are words you may trust, words that merit full acceptance:
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

**People: He personally bore our sins in his body on the cross,
that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.**

Leader: I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People: As God's own people, let us be merciful in action,
kindly in heart, humble in mind,
and always ready to forgive
as freely as God has forgiven us.**

**And, above everything else, let us be loving,
and never forget to be thankful
for what Christ has done for us. 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.*

*Please stand as you are able

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: We are a forgiven people. Let us then forgive one another. And in the spirit of 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

Psalm 130

1 Peter 4:1-8

Old Testament pg. 542

New Testament pg. 220

Sermon | Out of the Depth | Pastor Jim Reisner

*Hymn | We Come to You for Healing, Lord

LAMENT AND LONGING FOR HEALING

We Come to You for Healing, Lord 796

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
4 Through nights of pain and wake - ful - ness, through
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
reached toward those in pain, we know you come a -
nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
mong us still with power to heal a - gain.
faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Unlike many hymns on the theme of healing, this text appropriately includes the ministry of medical personnel as instruments of God's healing activity. It also acknowledges that illness is not limited to physical symptoms, but involves mental, emotional, and spiritual dimensions.

TEXT: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 2002
MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938
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LAND OF REST
CM
(alternate harmonization, 691)

*Please stand as you are able

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith | *A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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 Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Leader: Eternal God, creator of the world and giver of all good, we thank you for the earth, our home, and for the gift of life.

People: **We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ, who came to heal this broken world, who died rejected on the cross and rose triumphant from the dead. Because he lives, we live to praise you, our God forever.**

Leader: Gracious God, who called us from death to life, we give ourselves to you, and ask that you receive and bless these offerings and all the ways we seek to serve you.

People: **With the church through the ages, we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

***Closing Hymn | *What Wondrous Love Is This* | #85**

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

MARCH 18

Session Meeting 7:00 pm

MARCH 21

MPC Clean Up 9 am – 12 pm

MARCH 22

Calvary's Mountain (Cantata) 10:30 am

MARCH 29

Palm Sunday 10:30 am

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.



MPC Spring Clean Up – March 21 from 9 am to 12 pm

Rain Date March 28

**Special Meeting of the Congregation –
March 8, 2026**

A special meeting of the congregation will be held March 8, 2026, directly after worship, both in person and via the Church's Zoom Meeting Link, for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The Zoom link is available on the Church's website and the password is MPC.



Easter Flowers Order Form

Please fill out this form and return to the church office with your payment no later than Sunday, March 29th if you would like to place a flower in the sanctuary for Easter.

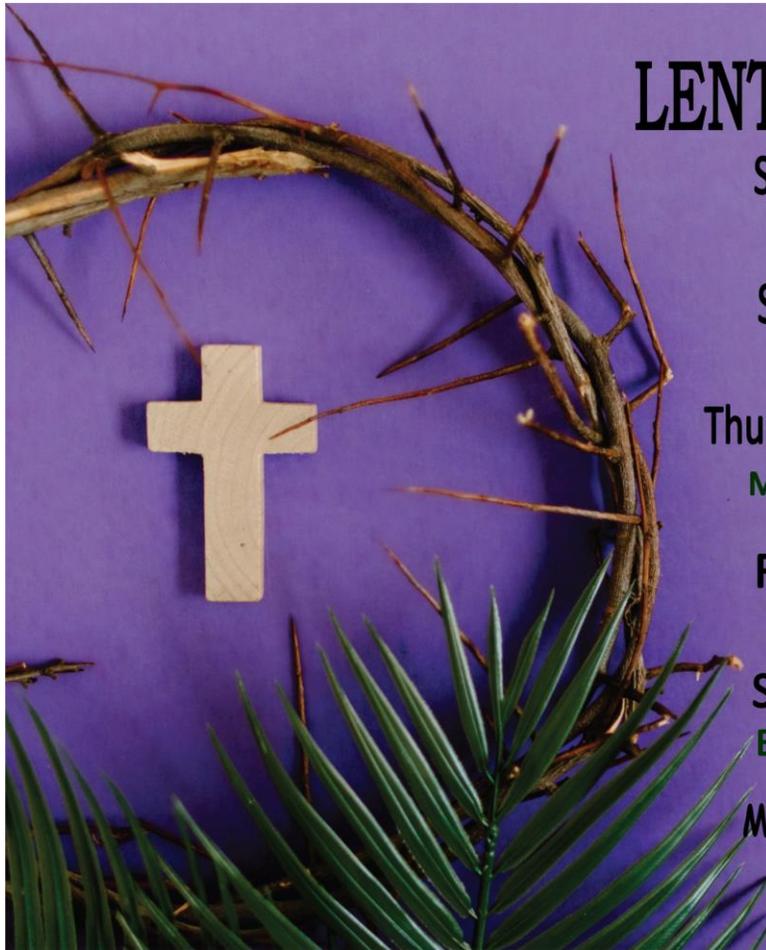
Given by: _____ Envelope No. _____

In honor memory of: _____

Please make checks payable to
Marple Presbyterian Church.

Paid via Cash
 Check # _____

Quantity	_____
\$9/each	_____
TOTAL	_____



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 22 - 10:30 am
Calvary's Mountain (Cantata)

Sunday, March 29 - 10:30 am
Palm Sunday Worship Service

Thursday, April 2 - 7:00 pm, Chapel
Maundy Thursday Worship Service
Communion

Friday, April 3 - 1:00 pm
Good Friday Interfaith Service

Sunday, April 5 - 10:30 am
Easter Sunday Worship Service

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EASTER EGG HUNT– Please join us after worship on Easter Sunday for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! We will be holding an Egg Hunt for children in the Courtyard immediately after worship on April 5th. There will be candy, games, and lots of fun for everyone. We hope to see you there!

We appreciate donations of individual miniature non-peanut Easter candy as well as small non-candy items. Donations may be placed in the basket in the narthex or dropped off at the church office for the next few weeks. Feel free to chat with Debbie Pettinelli for more information.



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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610-888-7458

OR

Linda Pursley

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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

<i>Paul Avazier '26</i>	<i>Faye Allison '28</i>
<i>Amy Eckels '28</i>	<i>Marion Brower '27</i>
<i>Patricia Gwartz '28</i>	<i>Bette Downs '27</i>
<i>Ben Mitchell '27</i>	<i>George Guyer '28</i>
<i>Kristen Mitchell, Clerk</i>	<i>Greg Hoffman '27</i>
<i>Debbie Pettinelli '27</i>	<i>Joyce Holmwood '26</i>
<i>Kerri Robinson '26</i>	<i>Linda Pursley '27</i>
<i>Lynn Smith '28</i>	<i>Carol Robinson '28</i>
<i>John Strain '27</i>	<i>Diane Valaitis '26</i>
<i>Kim Wertz '28</i>	<i>Shirley Wise '26</i>