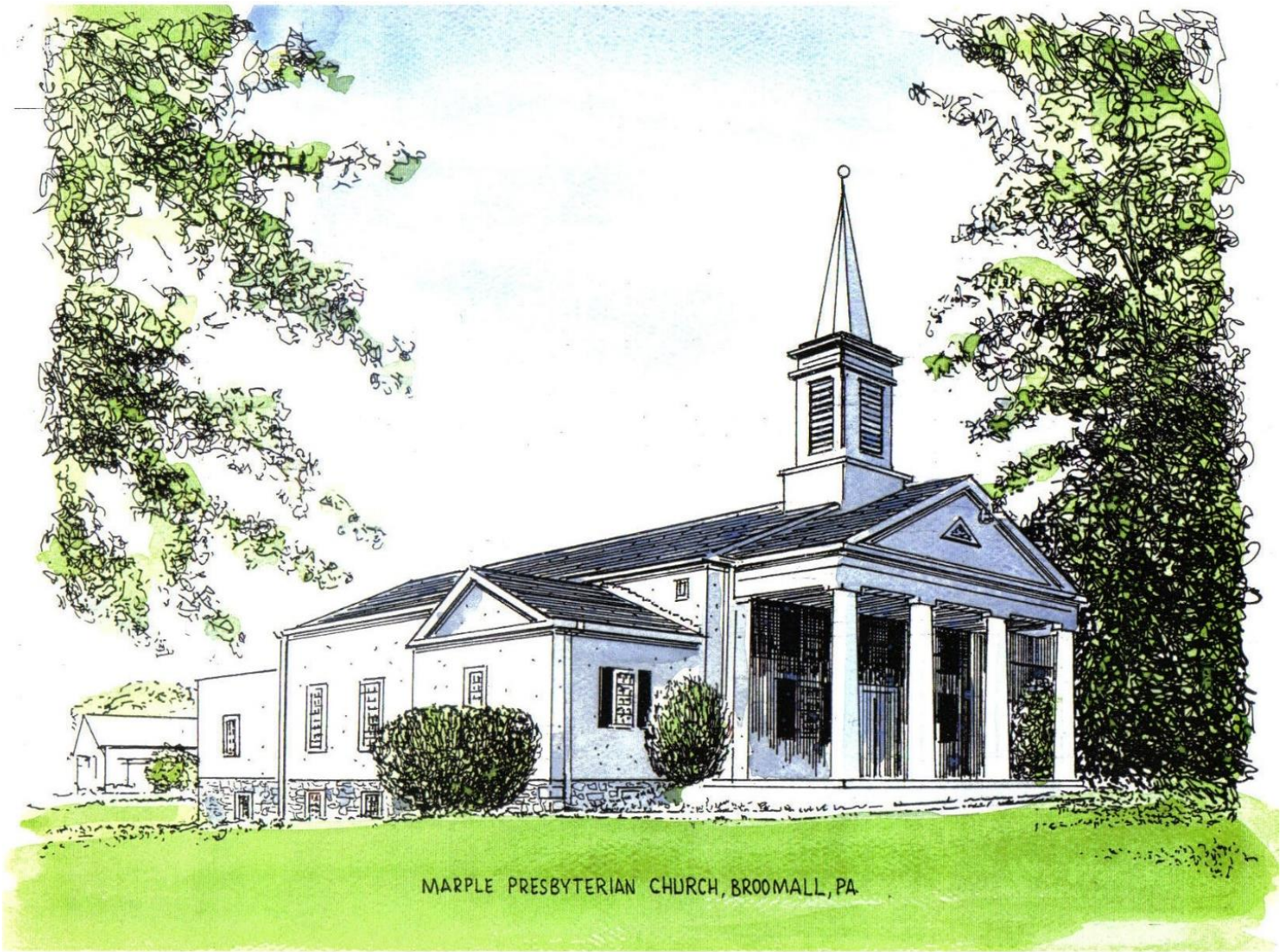

Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 01, 2026



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 – All Saints' Day

LITURGIST: Patricia Gwirtz

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

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Website | www.marplepres.org

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

One: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known God's deeds among the peoples.

All: Sing praises to God; tell of all God's wonderful works.

One: Seek the Lord; seek God's presence continually.

All: Remember the wonderful works God has done, the miracles, and the instruction God provides.

One: O offspring of those who wandered in the wilderness, God's chosen ones, when you asked,

All: God brought quails, gave you food from heaven, enough for each day.

One: For God is reforming our old ways of living, forming us in new ways to love.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Opening Hymn | *Come, Share the Lord* | #2269

*Opening Prayer

God of the ages, you have blessed us with what we need, even when we did not know what it would be. You created the world to provide for every living thing. You surround us with saints, even though we may not recognize or appreciate them. Open our hearts and our hands to trust you as the source of life and of our needs, so we may recognize your gift of enough. We give you thanks for the saints of every age, for manna from heaven, for multitudes fed, and for Jesus Christ, the bread of life.

Choir Anthem | *Hark I Hear the Harps Eternal* arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (aloud together in one voice)

Eternal God, in every age your will is for people of all ages to live and die in faith. Christ, our savior, calls us to his table of grace and reconciliation to be made one with people of every time and place. Have mercy on us, for we feel troubled and threatened in a troubling, threatening world. Forgive us and help us when we have taken, used and kept more than we need, creating harmful impacts on the well-being of other people. Help us to seek a world in which all have enough to be healthy and well. Help us become the people we might yet be in Christ. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, so we gladly celebrate your feast of love with the saints present here, the saints who have gone before us, and the saints who will follow us.

Moment for personal confession as we remember the places we need God's grace and love...

Assurance of Pardon

One: The blazing fire of God's presence refines us, but in mercy does not destroy us. God comes to restore us. Through Christ we receive the good news.

All: **In Christ we are forgiven and called to live as faithful people.**

*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

One: In prayer we open our hearts to God – thru prayer God changes us.
As a forgiven people – we are renewed by the Peace of Christ.
Nurtured by God as a growing – changing – forgiven people – you are
invited to share a sign of Christ's peace with one another by turning and
greeting each other saying the Peace of Christ be with you and
responding ...

All: **And also with you.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Matthew 20:1-16

New Testament pgs. 20-21

Exodus 16:1-5, 9-18

Old Testament pgs. 60-61

Sermon | Stewardship of Enough | Rev. Roberta Kearney, Transitional Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn** | *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* | #276

Remembering the Saints

Our life in Christ begins in the waters of baptism, is nurtured in discipleship, and sustained at the Lord's Table where Christ raises us to the heavenly banquet with people from every nation, tribe, language and time. On this day we remember them. Though we no longer see them at this table, we draw close to them as we draw close to Christ. Here we see dimly what they see face to face.
We remember them ...

John Hirt
Richard Lizzano

Cate Hoffman
Phillip McGee

Susan Keck
Daniel Winters

In silence we remember those whom we have loved who did not die in the faith, we trust them too to your gracious love and mercy....

One: As we remember them and miss them, together we say,

All: "Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever."

Special Music

***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.**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

***Congregational Response | *Go with Us, Lord* | #535**

***Go with us, Lord and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to you.***

Prayer of Dedication (aloud together in one voice)

Generous God, our lives are renewed as we remember the abundance of your provision and care. You have made us in your image and placed in our hearts, the gift of your love made flesh in Jesus Christ. Your presence calls us to give and to embrace your world as we offer these gifts. May our lives be invested through these offerings to create your new reality to extend your grace through Jesus, who says, Come, follow me.

Gathering of Joys and Concerns to be offered at the Lord's Table

***Hymn | *Let Us Break Bread Together* | #513**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by receiving the bread and cup in the pews.
Gluten-free bread is available.

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

All: Hosanna in the highest!

One: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord,

All: Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest! ...

One: Great is the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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 Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Please hold the bread when you receive it, so we may eat together.

Please hold the cup when you receive it, so we may drink together.

Prayer after Communion (*together in one voice*)

May we your saints, fed the bread of hope – delivered by God and blessed by Christ – share Christ's goodness with the world.

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

***Closing Hymn** | *For All the Saints – verses 1-3* | #526

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

Deacon's Meeting via Zoom 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

Worship 10:30 am

Looking Ahead

NOVEMBER 18

Session Meeting 7:00 pm

NOVEMBER 22

Cantata 10:30 am

Workday after worship

NOVEMBER 25-27

Church Office Closed

DECEMBER 2

Deacon's Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm

DECEMBER 6

Worship, Communion, Caroling Luncheon 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. For the full Youth Group calendar for meeting dates, special events, and retreats, please contact the Youth Group Leaders at youthgroup@marplepres.org for additional information.

**Marple Presbyterian Church will be
collecting donations for Chester Eastside
on Sunday, Nov. 22.**



The CEI Food Pantry Most Needed Items:

- beans, rice, and pasta
- soup, stew
- canned fruits and vegetables
- peanut butter and jelly
- tuna fish and canned fish/meat
- biscuit/pancake mix
- instant mashed potatoes
- cornbread mix



The CEI Clothes Closet Most Needed Items:

- socks, underwear, hats
- blankets
- toiletries



**Please mark your calendars for
Nov. 22 – we will have a
workday after Worship to sort items from the MPC Thrift
Shop for Chester Eastside. Lunch will be provided.**

Giving for PC(USA) Per Capita

We, as members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), are connected to a larger body of believers through our congregation, presbytery, synod, and General Assembly.

As a connectional church, we both benefit from and contribute to the ministries of the PC(USA).

One way we support our shared ministry is through our per capita allocation. Per capita is Latin meaning paying “for each head”.

Per Capita, is constitutionally required by our Book of Order. Per capita is the annual amount assessed for each member of the church to enable the work of the PC(USA) in governance, leadership, and mission work of the denomination.

These funds support the work of our councils, the preparation and training of church leaders, constitutional and judicial functions, and the ministries that connect and strengthen Presbyterian churches across the country.

Our congregation's Per Capita assessment is \$40 per member; a cost we ask each member to contribute to the church for this purpose.

If you have not already designated your contribution, we invite you to contribute your Per Capita share of \$40. By doing so, you help relieve this expense from our church's operating budget and enable more of our resources to support the local ministries of our congregation.

How your contribution is used:

- \$24.56 supports the Presbytery infrastructure which supports shared ministries in Philadelphia, Delaware, Bucks and Montgomery Counties
- \$2.40 goes to the Synod which consists of 16 Presbyteries across Pennsylvania and parts of West Virginia and Ohio
- \$12.04 goes to the Office of the General Assembly, which supports our Synods, Presbyteries, and over 10,000 congregations.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship and for helping us live out our connectional commitment as the body of Christ.

Stewardship

GROWING OUR FAITH

Stewardship of Enough

Without naming it as “God’s economy”, we have been reflecting on the core values of living in accord with God's economy and how God shows us these values in Exodus.

One of God’s values is that everyone has enough. So, what does it mean to have enough? How might our lives change if we trusted God to provide for us and we shared what God provides so others would also flourish? In Exodus 16:1–5, 13–18, the Israelites find themselves in the wilderness after escaping slavery in Egypt. Uncertain about the future, they begin to long for the familiar foods of their former lives. God responds by providing manna, daily bread to sustain them. Each person gathers what is needed, and everyone has enough. The story teaches: God's provision is not simply a gift to accumulate for ourselves, but is shared so that the whole community has enough.

From Scarcity to Abundance

We know how easy it is to worry about having enough—enough money, time, security, or resources. Our economy often encourages us to believe happiness comes from having more. Yet God's economy invites us to consider a different understanding of abundance: not how much we possess, but whether everyone has what they need. Generations later, in John 6:1–14, Jesus feeds a crowd of thousands with five barley loaves and two fish. What appears to be insufficient becomes enough to feed everyone, with food left over. These stories remind us that God can work through the gifts we offer. Stewardship is about more than money. It includes sharing our time, talents, resources, and compassion. It calls us to notice our neighbors' needs and ask how we can participate in God's economy of enough for all.

The Freedom to Rest

God also instructs the Israelites to gather extra manna on the sixth day so they can rest on the seventh. They are learning to trust they do not have to work constantly to secure their future. For people who experienced slavery, Sabbath was a gift of freedom. Now their worth was no longer defined by endless labor. They could rest, worship, nurture relationships, and enjoy God. We, too, need this reminder. Our value is not measured by how much we accomplish or acquire. Practicing Sabbath helps us trust God, renews our spirits, and makes room for people and relationships. Stewardship of enough invites us to examine our priorities. Are we holding on to things out of fear? Are we making room for rest? Are we sharing what God provides so others may thrive? God's abundance is not an invitation to endless accumulation. It is an invitation to receive gratefully, share generously, and build a community where everyone has the opportunity to flourish. May we learn to live with grateful hearts, open hands, and the faith that, together, we can help make God's promise of enough a reality for all.

Touchpoint Growing our Church

Thanks to the folks who stayed after church on October 11 and on October 28 to explore ideas on growing our church. I hope we can continue to meet after church to continue the dialogue and 'brainstorm' ideas on how to capitalize on the success and lessons learned from Touchpoint.

While it would be great to have a steady team working on this program, I know people's schedules may mean that people interested and able to help will change from week to week. The good news is that having new ideas will give the program energy and creativity.

We will not meet this Sunday November 1 but I would like to meet again after church on November 8. The emphasis will be on next steps toward relational connections and blessings. So, if you are still curious on what this entails, please plan to attend the next meeting. Even if you can't or won't attend, your prayers for our success are welcome.

John

Funerals at MPC

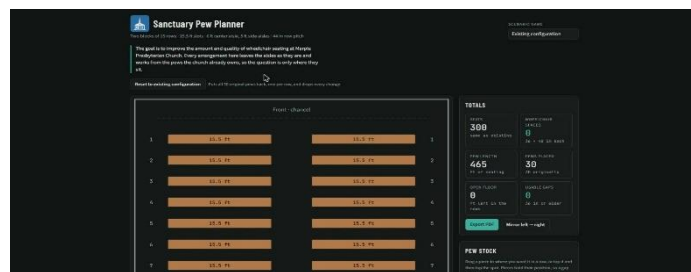
Please direct questions about holding a funeral or burial in the memorial garden at MPC to the Church Office via email - office@marplepres.org - or phone - [610-356-1098](tel:610-356-1098). This will ensure the inquiring person receives all the necessary information as we coordinate schedules and other needs.

Making Room for Everyone

Recently we said goodbye to Kristen's father Rich. Our friend Jen, who uses a wheelchair, came through the receiving line and asked where she should sit. The honest answer was the aisle or a few spaces at the very back of the sanctuary. When I shared this conversation, others from our church told me their own version of the same story. Raising questions about what could be done.

So I inventoried every pew and built the Pew Planner. It lets you test seating layouts on a computer screen before we ever finalize a plan to move a single pew. Changing the sanctuary is a big deal. The look and feel of our worship space matters deeply to many of us. But making room for everyone is important too, so these decisions should be made with input from you.

Detailed instructions on using the app are found in this week's eblast newsletter. Instructions are also on the site Ben has created, with the link listed below.



How to Use It

1. Go to www.1031f.com/pew-planner.html on a computer or tablet.
2. Click a pew and press Delete to remove it. Drag a pew from Pew Stock to place it.
3. Check the Totals panel, then name your layout.

Your Part

Please try the planner this week and email your plan to benmitchelliii@gmail.com. As you work, consider:

- A baptism or wedding with a family member in a wheelchair. How close would you want them to sit?
- Any of us may need mobility help someday. Where would you want to sit then?
- How close do you want to be to your usual seat, and what would you adjust so others can sit near their families?

Pray about it, then send us your plan.

Ben Mitchell III



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

jholmwood433@comcast.net

610-888-7458

OR

Linda Pursley

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631-942-5758

or any Deacon listed in the bulletin.

Please be sure to e-mail Pastor Roberta as well at rkearney@marplepres.org

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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Amy Eckels '28

Marion Brower '27

Patricia Gwirtz '28

Bette Downs '27

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