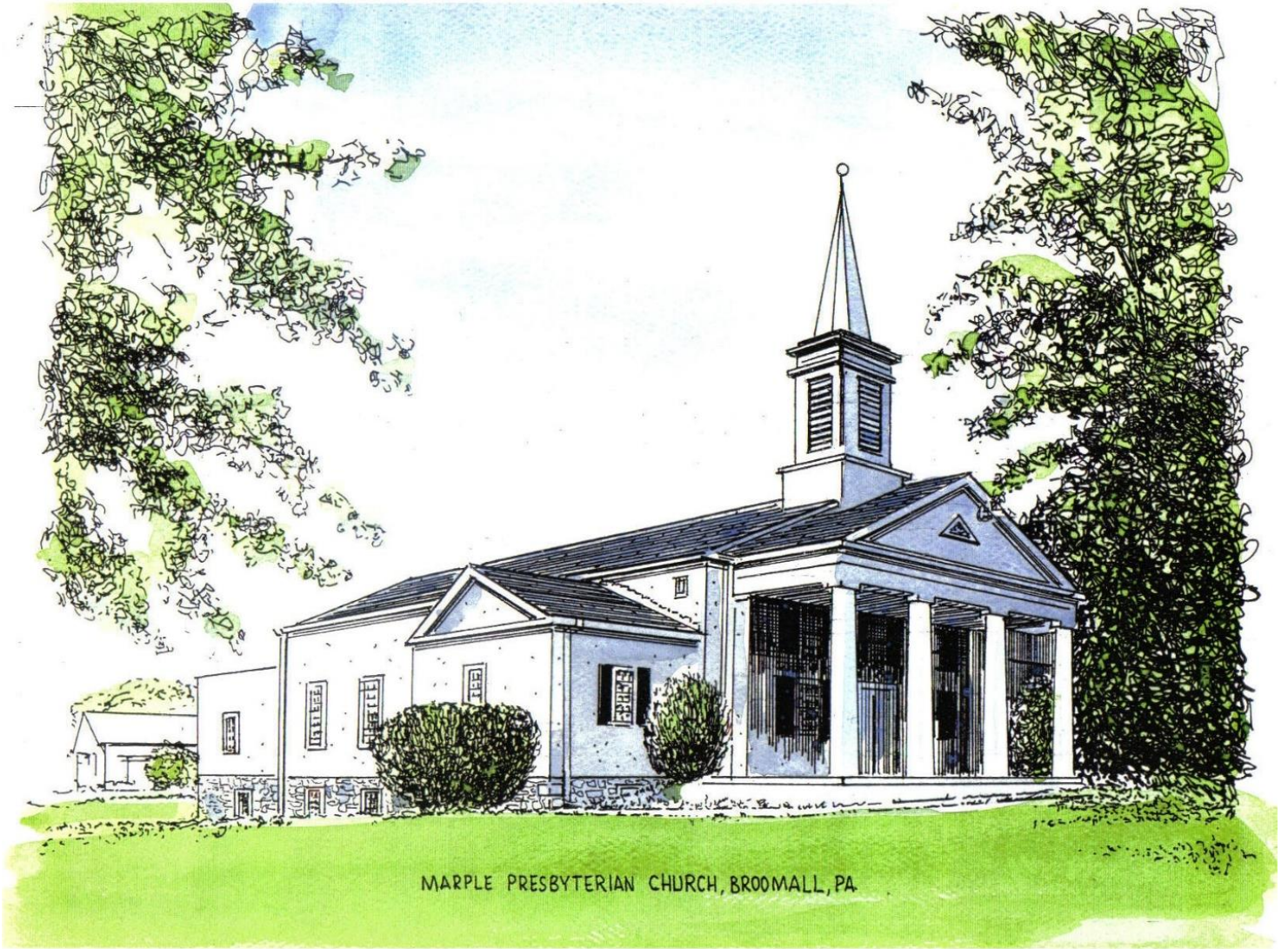

Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026



MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROOMALL, PA

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

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Welcome

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026



Today – April 12, 2026

LITURGIST: John Strain

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

marplepc@gmail.com

Website | www.marplepres.org

facebook.com/MarplePresbyterian

HOW DO I CONNECT?

Clerk of Session | *Kristen Mitchell*

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Mission | *Session Members*

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Nursery | *Amy Eckels*

Personnel | *Ben Mitchell*

Property Management | *Paul Avazier*

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Stewardship |

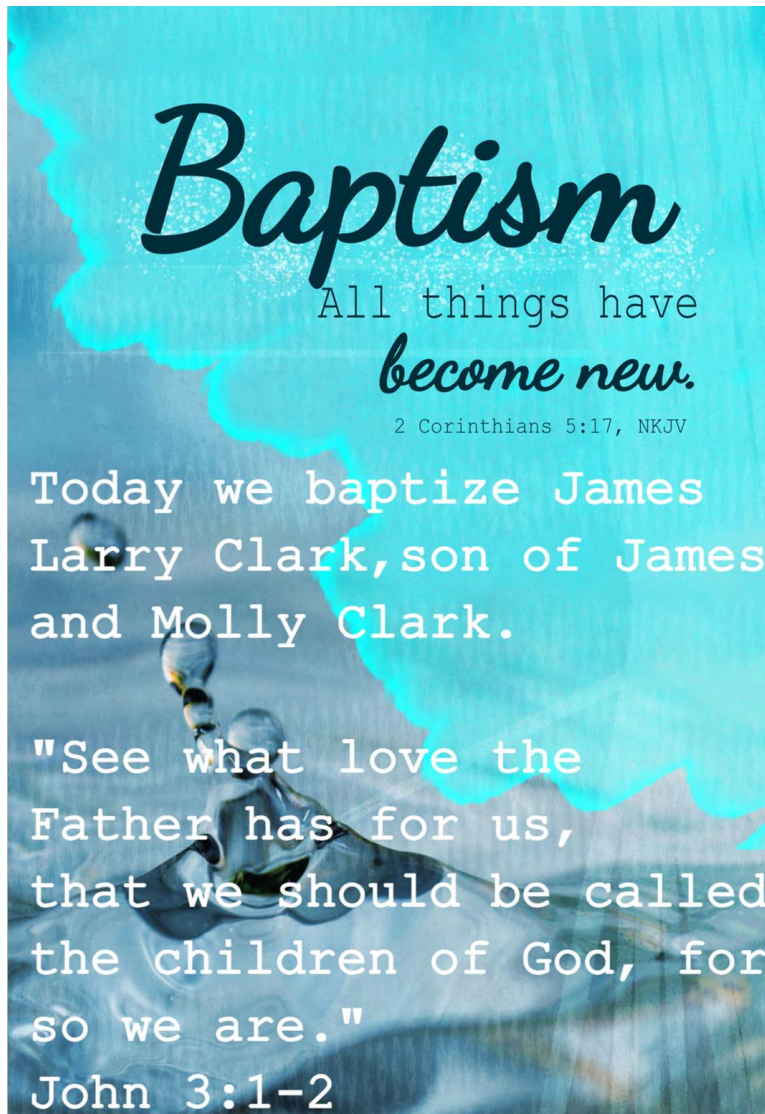
Treasurer | *Bill Brower*

marlepctreasurer@gmail.com

Worship | *Amy Eckels*

Youth Group | *Ben Mitchell*

For more contact info, please contact the church office.



*The Road goes ever on and on
Down from the door where it began.
Now far ahead the Road has gone,
And I must follow, if I can,
Pursuing it with weary feet,
Until it joins some larger way,
Where many paths and errands meet.
And whither then? I cannot say.*

J.R.R. Tolkien

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship | I Peter 1:3

Leader: By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

People: **Alleluia!**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

*Opening Hymn | *I Danced in the Morning* | #302

*Opening Prayer

God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, now that Christ is raised help us not to return to our old routines and ways. May your Spirit inspire us to rejoice in the good news of the resurrection, and embolden us to live courageous and vibrant lives dedicated to His service, through the same Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

Choir Anthem | *Because He Lives* arr. Jack Schrader

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

New life stirs and springs up all around us, Lord, while we are earthbound still. Although we are often held down by doubts, kept back by fears, ashamed of what we fail to do, appalled at what we've done, forgive us, Lord. Renew us in the resurrection light as it shone for Peter, John and Mary Magdalene. Transform our weakness by your strength that we may be alive in Christ and to the live of those you have given us to serve. Amen.

Moment 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 a forgiven people; now let us turn to each other, greeting each other in the name of Christ, the Prince of Peace. The Peace of Christ be with you all!

People: **And also with you.**

Sacrament of Baptism – James Larry Clark

Introduction

Presentation

Thanksgiving Over the Water

*The 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.

The Act of Baptism
Welcome

Special Music | *I Am Not My Own* by Craig Courtney

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Hebrews 13:1-3

New Testament pgs. 213-214

Luke 24:13-35

New Testament pgs. 84-85

Sermon | The Road Goes Ever On and On | Pastor Jim Reisner

*Hymn | Day of Arising

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

252 Day of Arising

Capo 1: (Esus) (E) (B) (E)
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1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way, un - known com -
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing, blind - ed by
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken. This is Christ's
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney, bread of com -

(Amaj7) (F#m7) (B7) (Esus) (E)
Bbmaj7 Gm7 C7 Fsus F



pan - ion walks with his own. When they in - vite him,
sad - ness, slow - ness of heart, yet Christ walks with us,
prom - ise, this is Christ's sign: when the church gath - ers,
pas - sion, o - pen our eyes. Grant us your vi - sion,

(B) (E) (Amaj7) (B7) (E)
C F Bbmaj7 C7 F



as fades the first day, and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
ev - er a - wait - ing our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
when bread is bro - ken, there Christ is with us, in bread and wine.
set all hearts burn - ing that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Based on Luke 24:13–35, this text tells how Christ walked with two dejected believers on the way to Emmaus. This journey reminds us of our own spiritual wanderings, and the revelation of the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread gives us hope for such an encounter in worship.

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MUSIC: Carl F. Schalk, 1996
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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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 Thanksgiving and Dedication**

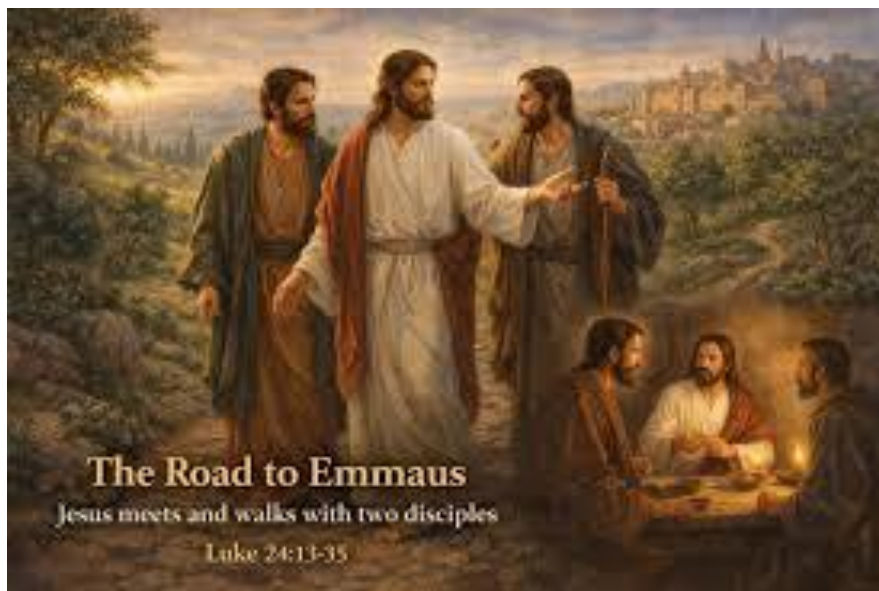
God of extravagant mercy, with hands outstretched you have poured out wonder and pleasure and delight, goodness and beauty and bounty. So, take these offerings, and all the ways we seek to serve you, we pray, as our protest against all that is evil and ugly and impoverished, trivial and wretched and tyrannical, in our world and in ourselves— and thus may we and others know ourselves to be blessed. Amen.

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Hymn | *Thine Is the Glory* | #122

Charge and Benediction

Postlude



*Please stand as you are able

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

Session Meeting 7 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

MAY 6

Deacon's Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm

MAY 10

Worship, Mother's Day 10:30 am

MAY 17

Worship, Congregation Meal 10:30 am

MAY 20

Session Meeting 7:00 pm

MAY 24

Worship, Guest Pastor 10:30 am

MAY 25

Memorial Day Holiday

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.



Sunday, May 17 – There will be a congregational meal after worship. Please contact Debbie Pettinelli if you would be willing to make a dish or help serve.

Friday, June 5 – **Strawberry Fest** Please contact Debbie Pettinelli if you would be willing to help. This is a big event and many hands are needed. Please bring in any jewelry that may be collecting dust as well as any jewelry boxes.

Stewardship Reflection

As we enter the season after Easter, we are reminded that resurrection is not only something we celebrate—it is something we live. The new life we rejoice in calls us to renewed purpose, renewed gratitude, and renewed generosity.

Stewardship is our response to God's abundant grace. Just as the earth awakens in this season, we too are invited to grow—sharing our time, our gifts, and our resources so that hope continues to flourish in our community and beyond.

May we live as Easter people, caring faithfully for all that has been entrusted to us, and reflecting God's love in all we do.



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

Paul Avazier '26

Faye Allison '28

Amy Eckels '28

Marion Brower '27

Patricia Gwartz '28

Bette Downs '27

Ben Mitchell '27

George Guyer '28

Kristen Mitchell, Clerk

Greg Hoffman '27

Debbie Pettinelli '27

Joyce Holmwood '26

Kerri Robinson '26

Linda Pursley '27

Lynn Smith '28

Carol Robinson '28

John Strain '27

Diane Valaitis '26

Kim Wertz '28

Shirley Wise '26
