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# Marple Presbyterian Church

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SUNDAY, MARCH 09, 2025

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**"We love because He first loved us."** 1 John 4:19

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# Welcome

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## Today – First Sunday in Lent

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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

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

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

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For more contact info, please contact the church office.

*We come to Lent, again, good and gracious God.  
We come to acknowledge the distance between  
who you created us to be and who we are.  
We come to acknowledge our limits, our mortality.  
We come to acknowledge that sometimes life is wilderness.  
Come to us, be with us, speak a word of truth to us.  
Amen.*

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Prelude** | Susan B. Greene

**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: See if there is any wicked way in me,

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

**\*Opening Hymn** | *I Will Call Upon the Lord* | #2002

## \*Opening Prayer

Holy God,  
your Word, Jesus Christ, spoke peace to a sinful world  
and brought humanity the gift of reconciliation  
by the suffering and death he endured.  
Teach those who bear his name  
to follow the example he gave us.  
May our faith, hope, and charity  
Turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, and death to eternal life;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Choir Anthem | *Come Home* arr. Craig Courtney**

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,  
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.  
We confess that we have strayed from you  
and turned aside from your way.  
We are misled by pride,  
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,  
and great when we are small.  
We have failed in love,  
neglected justice,  
and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.  
Return us to paths of righteousness  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

*Moment for personal confession and reflection.*

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ,

**People: And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

**People: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

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

**People: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.**

**\*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. 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.**

**Time with Children**

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Lessons**

Romans 10:8b-13

New Testament pg. 150

Mark 1:9-15

New Testament pg. 33

**Sermon | Driven | Pastor Jim Reisner**

\*Hymn | You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

# 43 You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

## On Eagle's Wings (Psalm 91)

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life, say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

*Refrain*  
All And he will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: under his wings, your

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the main body of the hymn, starting with a 'Leader or All' instruction. The second system contains the 'Refrain', marked 'All'. The score includes various musical notations such as treble clef, notes, rests, and bar lines. Chord symbols are provided above the notes: G, D/F#, F, Dm, Gm, A, D, Em, A7, D7/F#, G, A, Bm, F#m, Em7, A, Dsus, D, and G. The piece concludes with a 'Fine' marking and a double bar line.

Although the body of this text is a paraphrase of Psalm 91, the refrain combines allusions to Exodus 19:4, Psalm 139:9, and Isaiah 40:31; 49:16. Written in response to the death of a friend's father, this piece has been a source of consolation to many people.

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MUSIC: Michael Joncas, 1978  
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ON EAGLE'S WINGS  
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CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

Dm F Gm Asus A  
to Refrain

ref - uge, his faith - ful - ness your shield.

G D/F#  
Leader or All

3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the

G D/F# F

ar - row that flies by day; though thou - sands fall a -

Dm F Gm Asus A  
to Refrain

bout you, near you it shall not come.

G D/F#  
Leader or All

4 For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com - mand to

G D/F# F

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

Gm7 Am Gm7 Asus A  
to Refrain

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

## **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 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.*

\*Please stand as you are able



## Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

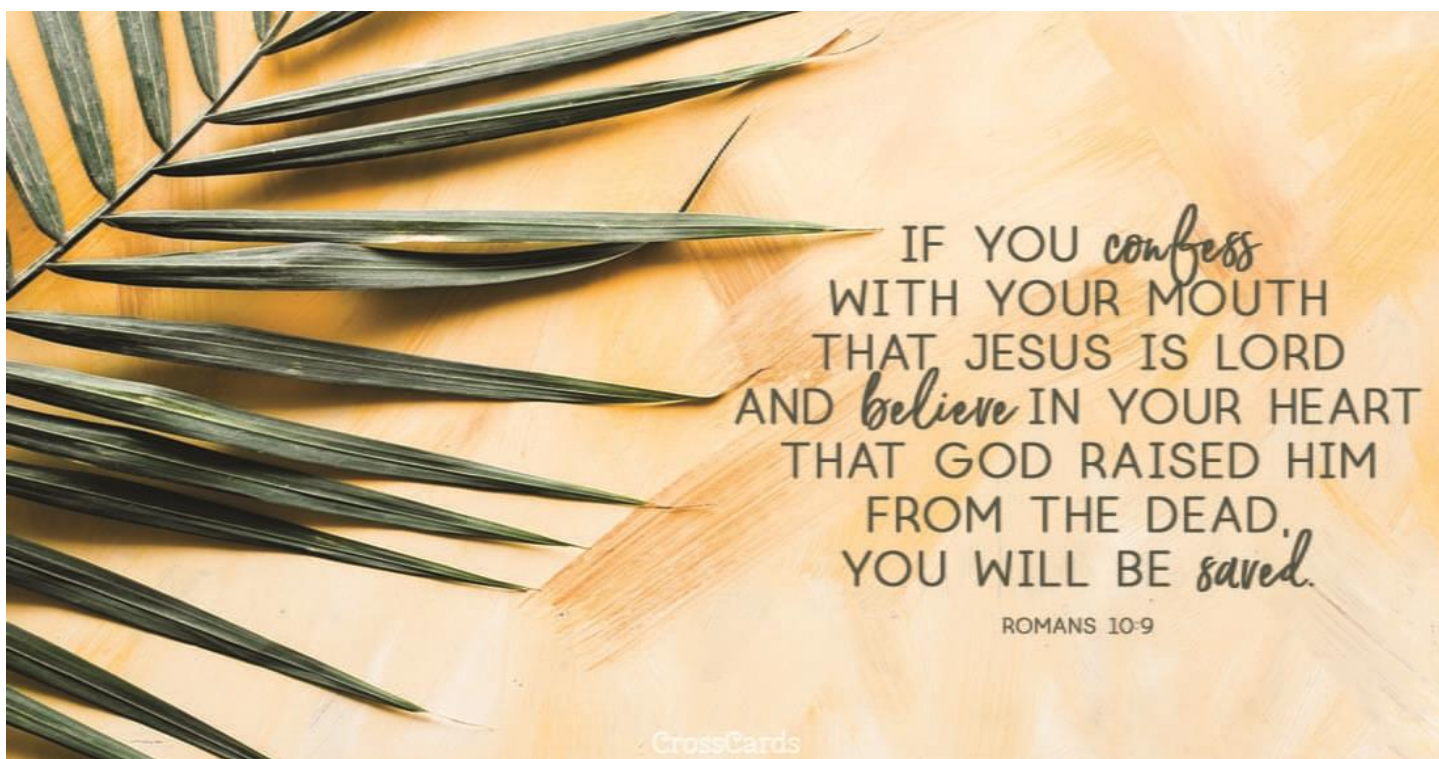
God of mercy, we praise you that in love you have reached across the abyss of our sin and brought us into your embrace. By your Spirit, give us the grace of your repentance and guide us in the ways of righteousness. Take our humble offerings, and all the ways we seek to serve you, as tokens of our commitment to follow Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

## WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

\*Closing Hymn | *Forty Days and Forty Nights* | #77

## Charge and Benediction

Postlude | Susan B. Greene



\*Please stand as you are able

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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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Adult Choir Practice | *Chapel* 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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### MARCH 19

Session Meeting 7:00 pm

### APRIL 5

Church Clean Up Day 10 am – 1 pm

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## Learn More

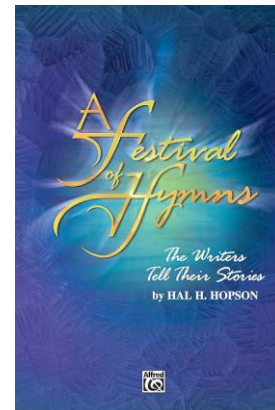
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**Sunday School** - MPC Sunday School is open to children ages 3 and up and runs weekly during the 10:30 am Sunday Worship Service.



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.



Be a part of the choir for this spring's Cantata.

Adults and students grade 8 and older are welcome to participate! Choir participants will rehearse on a weekly basis starting February 13th from 7:15-8:15pm in the Chapel. Those interested in participating in the Cantata, please email [music@marplepres.org](mailto:music@marplepres.org) to sign up, making sure to specify your voice part (if known). The Cantata will be presented on Sunday, April 27, 2025.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The Lenten Season has started and serves as a time of reflection, repentance, and preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ at Easter. A deeply meaningful approach to enhancing one's Lenten spiritual journey is to embrace the stewardship way of life. Stewardship extends to our spiritual lives as well. A key aspect of stewardship is recognizing the importance of prayer and deepening our relationship with God. Use Lent as an opportunity to focus on prayer, both in personal reflection and communal worship. Pray for guidance in stewarding your time, talents, and treasure in a way that honors God and serves his people.

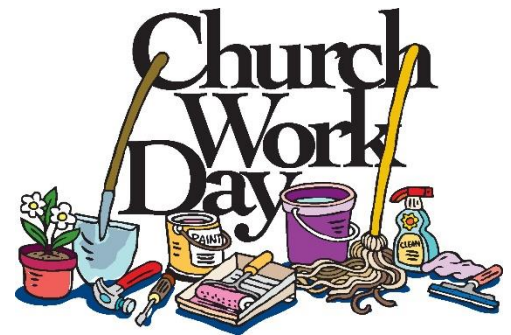
**Psalm 25: "Your ways O Lord make known to me, teach me Your paths. Set me in the way of Your truth, and teach me."**



**SPRING CLEANUP DAY** – Please join us for our annual Spring Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1 pm. As they say, *many hands make light work!* There are multiple ways for anyone who comes by to help. Please bring a rake (grass rake or hard rake) as our main task will be to rake out the gardens, spread mulch and repair lawn areas dug up by the snow plowing.

We have plenty of tasks to do inside the buildings for those of you who prefer to be inside. It is a great way to get to spend time serving the church together, so mark the date on your calendar and we'll see you there.

The rain date is April 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12 pm.



# LENTEN *Schedule*

**Sunday, April 13th • 10:30 am**

Palm Sunday Worship Service  
Sermon: The Two Parades

**Thursday, April 17th • 7:00 pm, Chapel**

Maundy Thursday Worship Service  
Communion  
Sermon: Commanded to Love

**Sunday, April 20th • 10:30 am**

Easter Sunday Worship Service  
Sermon: Like Him We Rise

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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

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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.



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**SESSION**

**DEACONS**

<i>Paul Avazier '26</i>	<i>Douglas Ballard '25</i>
<i>Amy Eckels '25</i>	<i>Marion Brower '27</i>
<i>Ben Mitchell '27</i>	<i>Bette Downs '27</i>
<i>Kristen Mitchell, Clerk</i>	<i>Virginia Geisbert '25</i>
<i>Debbie Pettinelli '27</i>	<i>Patricia Gwartz '26</i>
<i>Kerri Robinson '26</i>	<i>Greg Hoffman '27</i>
<i>John Strain '27</i>	<i>Joyce Holmwood '26</i>
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<i>Alfie Wilkes '25</i>	<i>Shirley Wise '26</i>