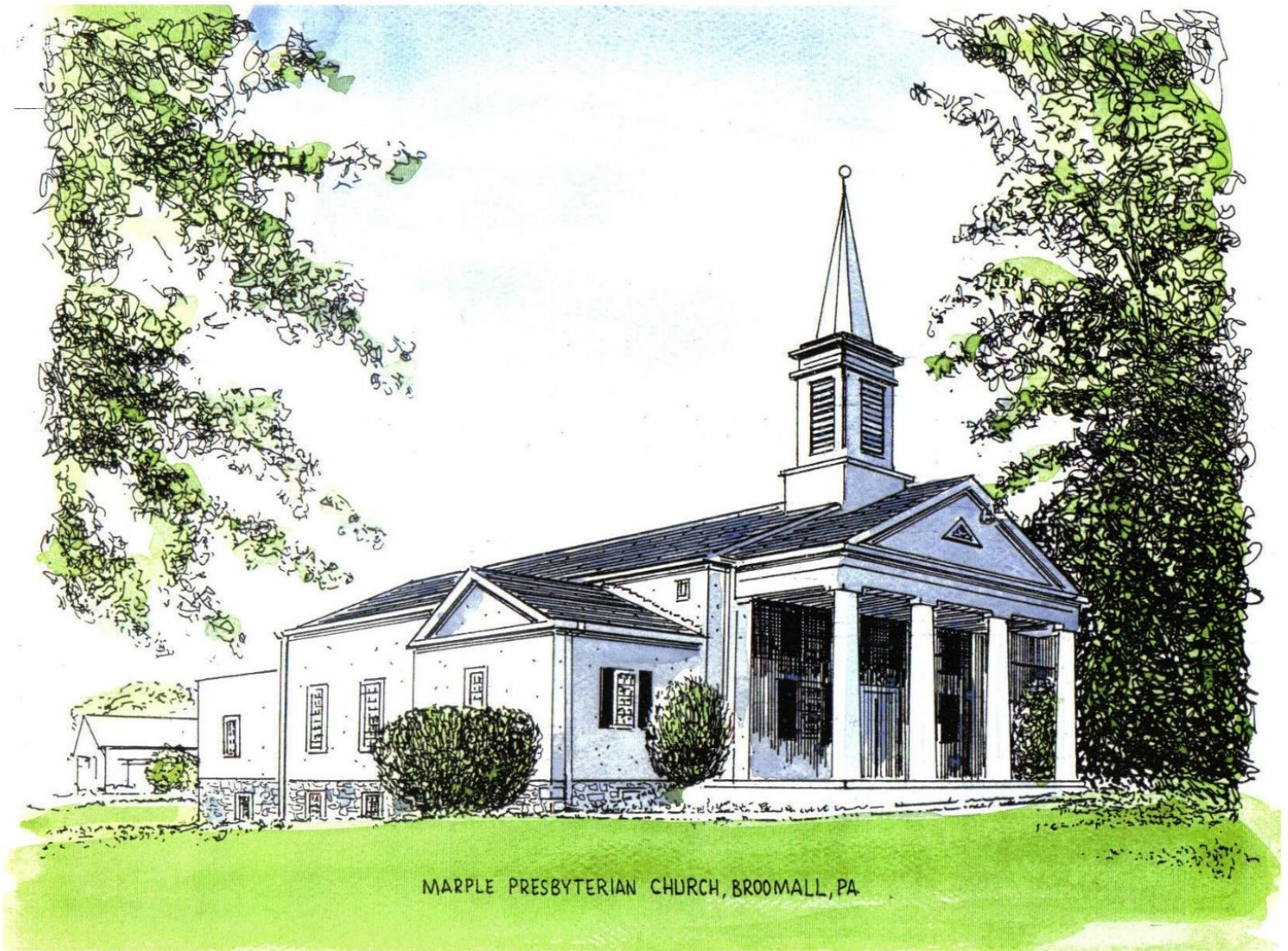

Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 04, 2026



MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROOMALL, PA

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

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Welcome

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 04, 2026



Today – World Communion Sunday

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

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Website | www.marplepres.org

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For more contact info, please contact the church office.

October 4, 2026

10:30am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship |**

Leader: What does God, the Holy One, require of us?

People: To do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with God.

Leader: Let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn | *Come, Great God of All the Ages* | #132**

***Opening Prayer**

Mighty and merciful God, lover of justice and equity, you call us to honor all people. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us advocates for your justice and instruments of your peace, so that all may be reconciled in your beloved community; through Jesus Christ Our Savior.

Choir Anthem | *Come Share the Lord*

Call to Confession

When we reflect on the goodness and wonder of God, we cannot help but recognize our own frailty and failing. In the midst of every circumstance, God cares for us. Emboldened by God's love, we can be honest in confession, assured already of God's grace. Let us confess together:

*Please stand as you are able

Prayer of Confession

God of the Covenant, long ago you gave us the law
to guide us in the ways of faithful living.
When we wandered, you called prophets
to beckon us toward faithfulness.
In the fullness of time, you sent your Son
to heal our brokenness and draw us close to you.
But, time and again, we reject your gift of grace.
We bow before the false gods of our world
and forget your command to honor one another.
We fill our days with distractions
and neglect to nurture our relationship with you.
Forgive us, Lord.
Come to us again, we pray, and set us on right paths.
Root out habits that separate us from you
and sow within us seeds of mercy and love
so that we might produce the fruits of your kingdom.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Take heart: God's Spirit empowers us to move from the ways of death to the ways of new life.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and hope is renewed.

*** Congregational Response *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* | #592**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*** Passing of the Peace**

Leader: We are to pursue peace with everyone – to see that everyone is offered the grace of God. We begin this ministry of grace in church – and then carry it beyond our doors. 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...

People: And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

1 John 4:7-9, 15-21

New Testament pgs. 226-227

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-20

Old Testament pgs. 63-64

Sermon | God of Life | Rev. Roberta Kearney, Transitional Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn** | *God of Our Life* | #275

***Affirmation of Faith** | Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and
was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

*Please stand as you are able

Invitation to the Offering

On World Communion Sunday, we are especially mindful of our connection to the global church, and our call to work for peace and justice. Our financial gifts add to our offerings of time, energy, and love as we seek to be people of peace and reconciliation. We have received in abundance from God. From that abundance, let us give, joyfully and generously.

Offertory

***Congregational Response | *Now Thank We All Our God* | #555 verse 3**

All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in highest heaven, To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given. The one eternal God, Whom heaven and earth adore, The God who was, and is, And shall be evermore.

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, we trust in the provision of your love and the abundance of your grace. May the gifts we offer sow seeds of peace and justice. Enable us to use them according to your will, until each person finds welcome, and all of creation is healed and reconciled to you.

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

***Hymn | *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation* | #516**

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

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: Hosanna in the highest!

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

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

Leader: Great is the mystery of our faith:

People: 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)

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe, for you have satisfied our souls with this feast of your grace. Majestic and eternal God, you have fed us with the bread of life and satisfied us with the cup of salvation. As we rise from this table, may we remember its expanse, and our connection to our siblings in Christ around the globe. Make us one with you and all of creation through the power of the Holy Spirit. Keep us faithful in your service until your realm of glory comes; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

***Closing Hymn | *Song of Hope* | #432**

The choir will sing one time and then the congregation will sing it three times.

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

OCTOBER 21

Session Meeting 7:00 pm

NOVEMBER 1

Communion, All Saints' Day 10:30 am

NOVEMBER 4

Deacon's Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm

NOVEMBER 18

Session Meeting 7:00 pm

NOVEMBER 22

Cantata 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.



Stewardship Message for October, 2026

Per Capita Giving Opportunity

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.

Touchpoint Church Growth Plan

Ministry Invitation

Anyone who regularly worships at Marple, online or in person whether or not a church member, is invited to be part of this team.

Marple has been invited to participate in a 12-month program to determine the best ways to reach and welcome people to join in ministry and life at Marple.

The goal is to develop a plan specific to Marple to grow membership by 10% within 12 months. Formation of the plan will occur over four to five months. The remaining months will be spent applying the plan and learning what uses of social media would be most beneficial in our area. The work begins in October and will be done on Zoom. It involves a monthly 2-hour commitment.

The plan includes 5 steps, the first three of which can begin in as soon as 2-3 people commit to being on the Growth Team. Participation on the team is open to all friends and members of Marple. Additional

Marple team meetings, on Zoom, and actions include a 4-8 hour/month commitment.

Broadly, Steps 1-3 are as follows:

1. Work with our church to learn what kind of fellowship events we would invite friends and family to attend at church. Pick the event, then invite family, friends, and former church members to attend.
2. In weekly worship celebrate a blessing in the church or community. Invite inactive or community people to attend.
3. Identify someone who needs a little help, or a celebration, or a bit of encouragement in the neighborhood or church. Meet the need and then celebrate in worship.

John Strain is the contact person to learn more.



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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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

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Faye Allison '28

Amy Eckels '28

Marion Brower '27

Patricia Gwartz '28

Bette Downs '27

Ben Mitchell '27

George Guyer '28

Kristen Mitchell, Clerk

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