



*Grounded in the grace of God,  
we are a vibrant Christian community,  
disciples of all ages, gathered for worship and nurture,  
scattered to serve and to love.*  
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WORSHIP for  
CHRIST the KING/  
REIGN of CHRIST SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 23, 2025 ~ 10:30 A.M.

## GATHERING

### WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

### PRELUDE — *Let All Together Praise Our God* - J. S. Bach

Yun Kang

### INTROIT — *Let All Things Now Living* - ASH GROVE

Chancel Choir

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing:  
With glad adoration, a song let us raise,  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!*

--Kathryn K. Davis

### CALL to WORSHIP

DeeAnn Martin, Liturgist

One: Return to the Lord with all your heart,

**All: For God is gracious and merciful.**

One: Through Christ, we are reconciled to God.

**All: This is not our own doing, but a gift from God.**

One: Come, let us worship and praise God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

### HYMN — *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.  
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.  
All the world is God's own field, fruit in thankful praise to yield,  
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.  
For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;  
from each field shall in that day all offenses purge away;  
give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store in God's garner evermore.  
Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.  
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there forever purified, in thy presence to abide:  
come, with all thine angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home!*

### PRAYER of CONFESSION

God our Redeemer, we confess that we want you to show us your mercy, but we fail to show mercy to others. Forgive us, God of grace. Cleanse our hearts and renew our spirits so that we may know once again the joy of your saving love. Hear us as we silently confess our sin.

**SILENT PRAYERS of CONFESSION**    *Here each worshiper may offer silent prayers of confession.*

**PROMISE of FORGIVENESS**

One: Who is in a position to condemn us, only Christ. Christ lived for us, Christ died for us,  
Christ was raised to new life for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

**RESPONSE to GOD'S GRACE** — *Glory to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.*

**L I T U R G Y   o f   t h e   W O R D**

**PRAYER for ILLUMINATION**

**RESPONSIVE READING** — *Psalm 28:6-9*

One: Blessed be the Lord, for he has heard the sound of my pleadings.

**All: The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.**

One: The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

**All: O save your people, and bless your heritage; be their shepherd, and carry them forever.**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** — *All Things New* - Elaine Hagenberg

*Light after darkness, gain after loss  
Strength after weakness, crown after cross;  
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears  
Home after wandering, praise after tears*

*Alpha and Omega  
Beginning and the end, he is making all things new  
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear  
He is making all things new*

*Sight after mystery, sun after rain  
Joy after sorrow, peace after pain;  
Near after distant, gleam after gloom,  
Love after wandering, life after tomb.*

*Alpha and Omega  
Beginning and the end, he is making all things new.*

Frances Havergal, adapted from Rev. 21:5-6

**TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**SCRIPTURE READING** — *Deuteronomy 8:11-18a*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*A Day of Complaint*

Rev. Dr. Kort

**HYMN —** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

BEACH SPRING

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door;  
gifted by you, we turn to you offering up ourselves in praise,  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

*Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son;  
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.*

*Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.  
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.*

*Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:  
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.*

*Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.*

**AFFIRMATION of FAITH —** from the *Scots Confession, 1560*

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust.**

**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.**

**OFFERING**

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music — *Give Thanks* - Henry Smith

Doxology — *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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

**S E N D I N G**

**HYMN —** *Come, Labor On*

ORA LABORA

*Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain  
while all around us waves the golden grain?  
And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work today."*

*Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share;  
to young and old the gospel gladness bear.*

*Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly. The night draws nigh.*

*Come, labor on. Cast off all gloomy doubt and faithless fear!  
No arm so weak but may do service here.*

*Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill God's righteous will.*

*Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky,  
till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,  
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun, "Well done, well done!"*

## CHARGE *and* BLESSING

## BENEDICTION RESPONSE — *Dresden Amen*

## POSTLUDE — *Festive March in D* - arr. David Paxton

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*\*Please note all announcements for Sunday bulletins are due by noon the Tuesday before they are to be published. Please email announcements to [Bulletin@MPCusa.org](mailto:Bulletin@MPCusa.org).*

#### TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given by Harry Morris in loving memory of his wife, Barbara. The second arrangement is given in celebration of “the birth of our granddaughter Lyra Ann Barnett; parents, Kaitlyn and Ben Barnett.” The joyful grandparents are Rich and LuAnn Drabb and Ellen and Andy Barnett.

#### STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

Thank you to all members who have made a pledge for 2026. As of November 10, 104 members have completed their Estimate of Giving (EOG) cards, totaling \$409,000. With a “grateful heart”, your support and generosity are appreciated. Of those received:

- 14 are new pledges
- 46 have increased their pledges
- 38 are the same as last year
- 6 are lower

If you have not pledged, you can do so by completing an EOG card using either the one mailed to you or one available in the Welcome Center. Please place the EOG card in an envelope and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. You may also [give online](#). Thank you again.



Today - November 23

After Worship in Fellowship Hall

Kick off the Advent Season together as we create crafts that will serve as centerpieces for our journey towards Christmas.

A light lunch will be provided.

All ages are welcome!

#### OLDER ADULT MINISTRY IS NOW “EVERGREEN”

Great news! Our Older Adult Ministry programs will now be called "Evergreen" programs. We celebrate all of you Evergreens who would like to be involved in social activities to connect with friends old and new and invite you to join us in upcoming activities including a Christmas Tea on December 2 and our always popular Valentines Day Party. If you are interested in attending the Evergreen Christmas Tea, please call Nancy McHenry at 215-514-9685.

#### DECEMBER: A TIME TO GIVE...CHANCEL FLOWERS NEEDED

If you would like to give flowers on a Sunday in December, please contact DeeAnn Martin at 215-493-3865 or email [deemar918@aol.com](mailto:deemar918@aol.com). The cost of an arrangement is \$37 and may be given in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special event or in gratitude for a person, act of kindness or ministry. These flowers not only add Advent beauty to our worship service, but will also go forward to bring the light of Christmas to members of our church family.



## MPC Clothing Center Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 13, 2025

9:00 a.m. to Noon

Room 4, near Fellowship Hall

*We're more than just clothes!*

### **COMING SOON!**

### **JOIN THE (CHURCH) FAMILY CHOIR FOR THE LATE SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS EVE!**

The, now traditional, Family Choir will begin to rehearse on December 7, immediately after worship for the 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service. We will also rehearse on December 14 and 21 immediately after worship and again before the service on Christmas Eve.

All adults and teens are welcome to be part of this. You do not need to bring a family member with you - but please know that they are invited and we will be delighted to welcome them into the group. It is not necessary to attend all rehearsals, but all singers are encouraged to attend as many of these short rehearsals as possible.

If you have questions or would like more information, please see Tim Carpenter or email him at [timcarpenter@mpcusa.org](mailto:timcarpenter@mpcusa.org).

### **MPC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP'S NEXT READING**

The MPC Book Discussion Group will meet Monday evenings, in the conference room, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. You can also attend by Zoom. Contact the church office at [office@mpcusa.org](mailto:office@mpcusa.org) or Shellie Stoddard at [stoddard.shellie@gmail.com](mailto:stoddard.shellie@gmail.com) for link and more information.

The next meeting will be on December 1 to discuss *Man's Search for Meaning* by Viktor E. Frankl. Psychiatrist Viktor Frankl's memoir has riveted generations of readers with its descriptions of life in Nazi death camps and its lessons for spiritual survival. Based on the author's own experience and the experiences of others he treated later in his practice, Frankl argues that we cannot avoid suffering but we can choose how to cope with it, find meaning in it, and move forward with renewed purpose.

### **NOVEMBER FOOD CENTER REQUEST**

Shelf stable milk or canned evaporated milk is the requested item for the month of November. Donated items may be placed in the shopping cart located in the Welcome Center. As always, thank you for your generosity and continued support!

### **REBECCA CIRCLE**

Looking for a way to share faith, fun and fellowship? Come give Rebecca Circle a try! We meet in the lounge, September through May, on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Experience different programs each month ranging from spiritual, informative, hands on to just plain fun. All women of MPC are welcome. For information call or text Jen Jones at 215-962-3655.

**SCOUTS BSA TROOP 3**  
**Christmas**  
**TREE SALE**

A Morrisville tradition  
for over 85 years!

Scouts BSA Troop 3 will be selling  
Christmas Trees and Wreaths from  
November 29<sup>th</sup> through December 21<sup>st</sup>  
(or when they sell out).

**FRIDAYS 6-9**  
**SATURDAYS 12-8**  
**SUNDAYS 11-7**  
**MONDAYS 6-9**

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**Scouts BSA Troop 3**

## MPC Weekly Calendar

### SUNDAY, November 23

|                                   |                                   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| High School Retreat ends          | Offsite                           |
| 8:30 a.m. God's Thunder Rehearsal | Room 121                          |
| 9:30 Sunday School for all ages   |                                   |
| <b>10:30 Worship Service</b>      | <b>Sanctuary &amp; Livestream</b> |
| 11:30 Advent Festival             | Fellowship Hall                   |
| 11:45 Youth Choir                 | Music Room                        |
| Noon Adonai Tabernacle            | Room 220                          |

### MONDAY, November 24

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 6:15 p.m. PNC Meeting     | Room 200        |
| 6:30 Cub Scout Pack 3     | Rooms 122 & 220 |
| 6:30 Mostly Motets        | Music Room      |
| 6:30 Scout Troop 3        | Fellowship Hall |
| 7:00 Food Packing         | Room 4          |
| 7:00 Scout Parent Meeting | Lounge          |
| 7:30 Session Meeting      | Conference Room |

### TUESDAY, November 25

|                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 8:00 a.m. Weekday Nursery School | Fellowship Hall |
| Thanksgiving Gathering           |                 |
| 9:00 Produce Prep                | Room 4          |
| 10:00 Weekday Nursery            | Room 220        |
| School Projects                  |                 |

### WEDNESDAY, November 26

|                                    |                        |
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| 9:00 a.m. Food Center Distribution | Parking Lot            |
| Noon Brown Bag Bible Study         | Conference Room & Zoom |
| 7:15 p.m. Chancel Chimes Rehearsal | Room 121               |

### THURSDAY, November 27 - Thanksgiving

Church offices closed

### FRIDAY, November 28

Church offices closed

### SATURDAY, November 29

|                                      |             |
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| 8:00 a.m. Scout Christmas Tree Setup |             |
| Noon Scout Christmas Tree Sale       | Parking Lot |

### SUNDAY, November 30

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 8:30 a.m. God's Thunder Rehearsal | Room 121                          |
| <b>10:30 Worship Service</b>      | <b>Sanctuary &amp; Livestream</b> |
| 11:00 Scout Christmas Tree Sale   | Parking Lot                       |
| 11:45 Youth Choir                 | Music Room                        |
| Noon Adonai Tabernacle            | Room 220                          |

Want to know when a future event is taking place or want to book a room for your committee or group? Check out the MPC calendar at [mpcusa.org/calendar](http://mpcusa.org/calendar) to see when events takes place and room availability.

### Mobile Giving

iPhone



Scan the appropriate QR code with your phone and find MPC by searching code 'FEDN99' or 'Morrisville Presbyterian Church'  
Once set up, you can schedule recurring gifts or make one-time offerings with one click!

Android



Need help? Email [Office@mpcusa.org](mailto:Office@mpcusa.org) and ask that your questions be forwarded to the Stewardship Committee.

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