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MPC Mission Statement adopted by the Session March 31, 2008

WORSHIP for OCTOBER 9, 2022
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
after PENTECOST

GATHERING

PRELUDE — *Forest Green* - Ralph Williams

Yun Kang

CHORAL INTROIT — *Glory and Worship are Before Him* - Henry Purcell

Chancel Choir

CALL to WORSHIP

Pastor Alex Lester-Abdalla

One: Grounded in the grace of God,

All: We are a vibrant Christian community, disciples of all ages,

One: Gathered for worship and nurture,

All: Scattered to serve and to love!

One: May our life together be a reflection of God's love and grace!

All: May our worship be pleasing to God alone! Let us worship God together!

HYMN — *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

LYONS

*O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.*

*O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form;
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.*

*The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power has founded of old;
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast like a mantle, the sea.*

*Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.*

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.*

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Tori Paquette

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. You call for faithfulness and love; we respond with half-hearted praise. You call for righteousness and peace; we respond with empty promises. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us how to worship you with the sacrifice you desire: loving you and loving one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT PRAYERS of CONFESSION

Here each worshiper may offer silent prayers of confession.

PROMISE *of* FORGIVENESS

One: People of God, hear the good news concerning the love and forgiveness of God: "*As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.*" And so, together let us proclaim the good news of the gospel:

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

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.*

LITURGY *of* the WORD

PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION

PSALTER READING — *Psalms 119:1-8*

One: Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

All: Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.

One: You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

All: Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

One: I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.

All: I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM — *With a Voice of Singing* - Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands.

O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

-text by composer

TIME *for* YOUNG DISCIPLES

OLD TESTAMENT READING — *Deuteronomy 6:1-9*

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Why We Gather

Pastor Rachel Rhodes

HYMN — *Come Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

*Come, thou almighty king,
help us thy name to sing: help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.*

*Come, thou incarnate Word,
merciful, mighty Lord, our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.*

*Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.*

*To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be, hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.*

PROFESSION of FAITH — from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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 — *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* - William M. Runyan

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 — *The Lord Is God*

AZMON

*The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise
to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.*

*With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,
O people, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.*

*At night or day, at home, away, together and apart,
O children, take these holy words and keep them in your heart.*

*The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thank, and praise
to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.*

POSTLUDE — *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* - Douglas Wagner

QUESTION *for* REFLECTION

- How has the worship life of this congregation been meaningful for you?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****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.net.***

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given by Carol Hernandez in gratitude for all the love and support from my family and from my MPC church family. The second arrangement is given by Blythe Kropf in memory of Paul and Anne Sterling.

NEW SERMON SERIES, WHO IS MPC? CONTINUES TODAY!

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Did you know our church has a mission statement?! You may have been attending here for years and have no idea what our mission statement says or what it calls forth from us as we imagine our impact in the world and in our church family and community. Over the course of the next weeks, we're going to explore who we are (or who we claim to be), and how God might be challenging us to look at that call more deeply and more creatively than we ever have before! And keep an eye out for this mission statement—it's in more places than you might realize!

SUBMISSIONS FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

During the morning worship service on Sunday, October 30, we will observe All Saints' Day at Morrisville Presbyterian Church. The service will include a Litany of Remembrance and a Prayer of Thanksgiving, enabling us to give thanks to God for members and family members who have died in the previous year. Please notify the church office at 215-295-4191 or office@mpcusa.org by Monday, October 24, if you would like a family member's name to be included in the prayer.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR IS BACK!

Please join us for a time of fellowship and light refreshments, with an extra element, following Sunday services. Each host committee will have an educational table to share information about its mission and activities. Today's host for Fellowship Hour will be the Presbyterian Women group. Next week's host will be the MPC Food Center. Please come, visit, enjoy a light snack, and stop by to hear and learn more about our host group.

PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE....

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with our sisters and brothers of Christ in Ukraine. The baskets labelled "Ukraine Relief Fund" are no longer being placed in the sanctuary, but your monetary support through the online portal or Sunday offering plate is so very welcome. Gifts received are given to the Presbytery Disaster Assistance (PDA), designated for Ukraine.

To learn more about how Presbyterian Mission is helping those in Ukraine and around the world, please visit presbyterianmission.org.

CPR CLASS OFFERED

A CPR and First Aid certification class will be sponsored by the Board of Deacons and offered to anyone interested on Saturday November 5 at 9:30 a.m. It will run approximately three hours and the cost is \$65.00, payable by cash or check on the day of class. Preregistration is required by October 30. Please contact Joy Rees at reesfam5@yahoo.com or 215-280-4999, or Ruth Levan at jlevan4@verizon.net or 267-808-0945 if interested.

JOIN REBECCA CIRCLE - NEXT MEETING, TOMORROW, OCTOBER 10

All women of MPC are invited to become part of Rebecca Circle. Gather with friends, new and old, once each month for fellowship and a program. Topics include religion, spirituality, self-help, information, local trips and fun. Join this active, supportive and joyous group of sisters in Christ on the second Mondays of the month now through May, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge. For information, contact Jen Jones 215 962-3655.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

The Morrisville Presbyterian Towers, a low cost housing facility in Morrisville for qualified seniors and handicapped persons that MPC supports in various ways, needs a volunteer to assist in their commissary for a few hours each month. Located within walking distance of MPC, this facility has long been supported by many members and pastors of MPC. The commissary is located within its facilities, and has become an invaluable source for groceries and apartment necessities. If interested, please contact Ray Hendrickson at 215-495-3114 or Carol Hernandez at 215-518-3487.

FREE MEDICARE COUNSELING

The Medicare Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) is October 15 through December 7. You may join, switch, or drop a Medicare Advantage plan or a drug plan during the AEP each year. As licensed, appointed, and certified health insurance counselors, John and Donna Damiani can utilize analytical tools to assist you in the comparison of plan choices, thereby allowing you to make an informed decision for your 2023 healthcare coverage. Plan types, such as Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplement insurance (also called Medigap), and prescription drug plans are reviewed. Our services - from enrollment facilitation through discount program utilization - are free to you, and are available now, as well as throughout the year. Call John Damiani for an appointment at 215-359-7858 or email at jdamiiani3rd@gmail.com.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF BUCKS COUNTY HAS AND INVITES MPC VOLUNTEERS!

MPC volunteers (Bill M., Rev. McAnlis, and Ray H.) are joining Habitat for Humanity on October 14, 2022 but more dates are becoming available. Do you want to volunteer? Habitat is a global nonprofit housing organization working in local communities across all fifty states and in approximately seventy countries. *Faith Build 2022* is their project of building homes (one is in Bristol!) where faith groups and congregations have come together to put their faith into action. Last month they held the dedication of the 124th Habitat Home. And, the 125th Habitat Bucks home has begun in Bristol. MPC has long been a supporter of Habitat in many ways – assisting at a work site, assisting at a Restore location and making substantial donations. If you want to volunteer, please contact Ray Hendrickson at 215 495-3114, or at hrh1453@gmail.com, to be a part of *Faith Build 2022*! Grab a friend and "Habitat" for a fun day! You may also go to their website, habitatbucks.org/volunteer, to sign up.

MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, October 9

8:30 a.m.	God's Thunder Rehearsal	Chapel
9:00	New Member Class	Lounge
9:00	Girl Scout Badge Event	Fellowship Hall
9:30	Sunday School for all ages	
10:30	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30	Worship Service	Livestream
11:30	Fellowship Hour	Lounge
	Host: Presbyterian Women	
11:45	Teen Choir	Music Room
Noon	Youth Club	Offsite

MONDAY, October 10

10:00 a.m.	Calling Hours - R. Neelan	Lounge
11:00	Memorial Service - R. Neelan	Chapel
Noon	Deborah Circle	Lounge
6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 3	Room 220
6:30	Mostly Motets	Music Room
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Lounge
	Parent & Board Meetings	
7:00	Rebecca Circle	Lounge

TUESDAY, October 11

12:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
6:00	Cub Scout Pack 3	Fellowship Hall
6:30	Butterfly Essential	Room 220
	Wellness Class	
7:00	Food Center	Conference Room
	Executive Committee	

WEDNESDAY, October 12

9:00 a.m.	Food Center	Parking Lot
Noon	Brown Bag & Bible Study	Zoom
1:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting	Zoom
6:00	Cub Scout Pack 3	Room 220
7:00	Finance Meeting	Zoom
7:00	Girl Scout Troop 2888	Room 220
7:15	Chancel Chimes	Chapel

THURSDAY, October 13

10:00 a.m.	Clothing Center	Room 4
6:00 p.m.	Oakville Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Chancel Choir	Music Room

FRIDAY, October 14

7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Lounge
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SATURDAY, October 15

SUNDAY, October 16


8:30 a.m.	God's Thunder Rehearsal	Chapel
9:00	New Member Class w/ Session	Lounge
9:30	Sunday School for all ages	
10:30	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30	Worship Service	Livestream
11:30	Fellowship Hour	Lounge
	Host: MPC Food Center	
11:45	Teen Choir	Music Room

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Once set up, you can schedule recurring gifts or make one-time offerings with one click.

Need Help? email Office@mpcusa.org and ask that your questions be forwarded to the stewardship committee.

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