MORRISVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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.
MPC Mission Statement adopted by the Session March 31, 2008

WORSHIP *for*
NINETEENTH SUNDAY
after PENTECOST
OCTOBER 4, 2026 ~ 10:30 A.M.

G A T H E R I N G

PRELUDE — *Ach Gott, com Himmel sieh' darein* – Johann Pachelbel — Yun Kang

WORDS *of* WELCOME — Rev. Kyle Anderson

MINUTE *for* MINISTRY — *Stewardship Story* — Michael & Caroline Thompson

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 o our days.
God's banners are o'er us: pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

CALL *to* WORSHIP — Mark Marseglia, Liturgist

One: Come, for we are not strangers here.
All: We are the people of God, gathered as one body.
One: Come with your joys and your sorrows, your gifts and your needs.
All: We come, for there is a place for each of us in the body of Christ.
One: Come from near and far, from many places and many traditions.
All: We come to worship the one God who calls us together.
One: There are many gifts, many ways of serving, many ways of working—
All: But the same Spirit, the same Lord, the same God is at work among us. Let us worship God, who gathers us together and makes us one.

HYMN — *Gather Us In* — GATHER US IN

Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn fro your face.
We have been sung through-out all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

PRAYER *of* CONFESSION Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla

Gracious God, you have called us into one body, yet we so often live as though we belong only to ourselves. We build walls where you have made room. We notice our differences before we notice our belonging. We compare our gifts instead of giving thanks for them. We imagine that we can do everything ourselves, or that what we have to offer is too small to matter. Forgive us. Gather us more deeply into the life of Christ, until our lives become a living witness that we do not walk through this world alone. For the same God who is at work in all of us, makes us one body in Christ.

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

PROMISE *of* FORGIVENESS

One: In Jesus Christ, God meets us in our difference, binds us together in love, and gives us a place among the people of God. Therefore, friends, hear and believe the good news:

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

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

PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING — *1 Corinthians 12:4-6*

One: There are different kinds of gifts,
All: But the same Spirit.
One: There are different kinds of service,
All: But the same Lord.
One: There are different kinds of working,
All: But the same God is at work in all of them.
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM — *Be Thou My Vision* - arr. Alice Parker

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Irish hymn translated by Mary Byrne and versified by Eleanor Hull

TIME *for* YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE READING — *1 Corinthians 12:12-27*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *One Body; We Belong to One Another* Rev. Kyle Anderson

HYMN — *One Bread, One Body* ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throuout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

Refrain

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

Refrain

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

Refrain

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.

OFFERING

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music — *Like a Shepherd Lead Us* – arr. James Stevens

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.

SACRAMENT *of the* LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYER *of* GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS *of* INSTITUTION

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.

COMMUNION *of the* PEOPLE

MUSIC *during* COMMUNION — *I Am the Bread of Life* – Suzanne Toolan

PRAYER *after* COMMUNION

S E N D I N G

HYMN — *We Are Marching in the Light of God* SIYAHAMBA

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching we are marching in the light of, the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching, we are marching in the light of God.

We are dancing in the light of God; we are dancing in the light of God.
We are dancing in the light of God; we are dancing in the light of God.
We are dancing, dancing, we are dancing, dancing we are dancing in the light of, the light of God.
We are dancing, dancing, we are dancing, dancing, we are dancing in the light of God.

We are praying in the light of God; we are praying in the light of God.
We are praying in the light of God; we are praying in the light of God.
We are praying, praying, we are praying, praying we are praying in the light of, the light of God.
We are praying, praying, we are praying, praying, we are praying in the light of God.

We are singing in the light of God; we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing in the light of God; we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing, singing, we are singing, singing we are singing in the light of, the light of God.
We are singing, singing, we are singing, singing, we are singing in the light of God.

CHARGE *and* BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE — *Amen*

POSTLUDE — *Postlude in C* – Caleb Simper

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.org.

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given by Lisa, Dave and Vincent Kutch, and Lynne and Jeff Faridy in loving memory of Jim Faridy: "Deep in our hearts you will always stay, loved and missed every day." The second arrangement is given by Lynn Lang in loving memory of her son, Tom.

TODAY, OCTOBER 4 - WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING

The World Communion Offering is a way for Presbyterians to "love kindness" expressed in action, often involving mercy, faithfulness and steadfast commitment. Racial justice, gender justice, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith engagement are the important causes supported by this offering. The offering will be collected today during worship. You are welcome to use the special offering envelopes provided, writing "World Communion Offering" in the memo line of your check or give online at mpcusa.org/give. Thank you for participating in this global effort.

HELP DONATE A CARE PACKAGE TO YOUTH CLUB ALUMNI

Every year our youth put together care packages for recent high school graduates. These items are shipped out to young adults with the love and support of our congregation. If you would like to donate a care package this year, you can leave any or all of these items in the bag outside of Alex's office: small pack of pens, protein/granola bar, gum, individual bag of chips, candy bar. **Donations will be accepted by Monday, October 5.** Also if you have a young adult in your family who graduated within the last four years, please send their updated address to Alex at alexlester-abdalla@mpcusa.org.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION - ALEX'S SABBATICAL ON OCTOBER 11

All are welcome to join in the conference room after worship on October 11 for an interactive discussion about what Alex learned on his sabbatical. Topics include PCUSA Offerings, his pilgrimage to Iona, and other key take aways. Hope to see you there!

WONDERING WHAT YOUR NEXT STEP AT MPC MIGHT BE?

Come to our Exploring Membership gathering on Saturday, October 17, from 9–11:30 a.m. in the lounge for light breakfast, conversation, questions, and connection with others who are exploring what it means to make MPC their church home. No class, no commitment—just a welcoming space to explore your faith and your next steps together. Kids are welcome! RSVP to Pastor Kyle at kyleanderson@mpcusa.org by October 15, including any dietary restrictions. Hope to see you there!

USHERS NEEDED

We need you for a new opportunity. Come join our Volunteer Ushering Team! Ushering at church is a simple, fun and meaningful way to serve. It's about showing up on a Sunday with a welcoming spirit, and lending a hand wherever needed. Would you like to try it out at MPC? No pressure, no long-term commitment -- just volunteers willing to give a little of their time, working side-by-side with deacons, to help create a warm and inviting experience for everyone who walks through our doors. Please see Robin Evans after the service, or contact her at robinevans310@gmail.com for more information. You must be at least twelve years of age and a church member.

COMING SOON TO A PEW POCKET NEAR YOU!

The Worship Committee will be preparing prayer request cards to be placed in the pew pockets in the sanctuary. Persons who wish to share a concern or joy may fill out the card and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. In the interest of privacy, these cards will replace the open notebook in the Welcome Center. The pastors will follow up on prayer requests and share them with the congregation if permission is granted.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS STARTS AGAIN

MPC's Monday evening Book/Study Group will start up again on Monday, October 19. Join us at 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the conference room and via Zoom. Our first read this year will be *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi--perhaps you've already read it? The book is hard to find in the library, but the best seller is out in paperback now. Please purchase wherever you buy books/ebooks/audio. Used books are available online at thriftbooks.com and searching for the title. Contact Shellie Stoddard at stoddard.shellie@gmail.com or at 215-510-5717 with questions. You are welcome whether you have read it or not! Please RSVP if you would like to join remotely.

DIAPER & WIPES DONATION DRIVE

Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership (BCHIP) is hosting a "Beyond the Baby Event" on Tuesday, October 20. As a way of supporting the cause, the Ivins Outreach Center (IOC) is hosting a diaper and wipes donation drive. All donated items may be brought to the Ivins Outreach Center (right next door to MPC!) during office hours, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on or before Thursday, October 15. You can park in the rear parking lot of the IOC and enter through the back door. Thank you for supporting this event through MPC's outreach partner.

UPCOMING WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Women's Retreat will be held November 6-8 at the Sisters of St. Joseph Center for Spirituality in Ocean Grove, NJ. MPC women are blessed to have retreats subsidized by a fund established in memory of Dorothea Scheidemantel, by her daughter Sally. Not only does this fund greatly reduce the cost to attend the retreat, but it also offers two scholarships that can be used to offset expenses related to retreat participation, such as child care, registration fee, or transportation. Brochures with retreat details and registration forms are available in the Welcome Center. We are limited to twenty-five attendees. If you have any questions, or would like to submit your name to hold a place, please contact Nancy Kernan at nankernan@gmail.com.

COFFEE AND CONNECTION

Do you enjoy drinking coffee on a Sunday morning with casual conversation? Are you looking to connect with other folks in the church? The Faith Formation committee would like to invite you to a new offering for adults during the Sunday School Hour. Each Sunday, at 9:30 a.m., we will gather in the lounge for coffee and casual conversation. Due to this change, Adult Sunday School will not take place in the morning, but instead more information will be provided about classes that will be offered after future worship services. We hope you will join us for coffee and connection on Sunday mornings.

MPC CLOTHING CENTER - NEW SEASON, NEW NAME, MORE HOURS

The MPC Clothing Center will now be known as the MPC Thrift Store. Why change the name? Changing the name better depicts who we are, a store which sells all sorts of merchandise at reduced prices.

We will be opening the Thrift Store the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to noon beginning Saturday, November 7. We would love to have volunteers who would be willing to work at the Thrift Store on a Saturday morning. This would be a great opportunity for students who need community service hours. Ideally, three volunteers are needed to assist shoppers, take payments and bag purchases, and put away merchandise at closing. If we have enough volunteers that could be rotated, it would be quite feasible for everyone to work only one to two Saturdays a year. A volunteer or two to have on the Thursday roster would also be great. If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please contact Kathy Foster at kathleenf949@gmail.com.

We are now accepting clean, fall/winter clothing & shoes, seasonal home décor (fall/autumn, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas). **Please do not leave off-season clothing and items, we do not have the space to store them.**

Come and see us on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on Saturday, November 7 from 9:00 a.m. to noon! All profits are donated to other community non-profit agencies and organizations through the MPC Outreach Committee



Rescheduled to today.

We hope to see you there!

MPC *Weekly Calendar*

SUNDAY, October 4

8:30 a.m.	God's Thunder Rehearsal	Room 121
9:30	Sunday School for Children & Youth	
9:30	Coffee & Connection	Lounge
10:30	**Worship Service**	**Sanctuary & Livestream**
11:30	Fellowship Time Host: Faith Formation	Lounge
Noon	Deacon Meeting	Conference Room
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Chapel
3:00 p.m.	Apple Picking Festival	Styer Orchard

MONDAY, October 5

6:30 p.m.	Faith Formation Committee	Zoom
6:30	Mostly Motets	Music Room
6:30	Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall
6:45	Cub Scout Pack 3	Rooms 122 & 220
7:00	Food Center Food Packing	Room 4
7:30	Personnel Committee	Zoom

TUESDAY, October 6

9:00 a.m.	Food Center Produce Prep	Room 4
10:00`	Welcoming the Stranger	Room 208
7:00 p.m.	Food Center Distribution	Parking Lot

WEDNESDAY, October 7

9:00 a.m.	Food Center Distribution	Parking Lot
Noon	Brown Bag Bible Study	Conference Room & Zoom
6:30 p.m.	Youth Club	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Girl Scout Troop 2888	Room 220
7:15	Chancel Chimes Rehearsal	Room 121

THURSDAY, October 8

9:00 a.m.	Weekday Nursery School	Room 220
10:00	Thrift Store Open	Room 4
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Room

FRIDAY, October 9

SATURDAY, October 10

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 to see when events take place and room availability.

SUNDAY, October 11

8:30 a.m.	God's Thunder Rehearsal	Room 121
9:30	Sunday School for Children & Youth	
9:30	Coffee & Connection	Lounge
10:30	**Worship Service**	**Sanctuary & Livestream**
11:30	Fellowship Time Host: Brown Bag Bible Study	Lounge
11:30	Adult Faith Formation	Conference Room
11:45	Prayer Shawl Group	Room 220
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Chapel

Contact Us
Morrisville Presbyterian Church Staff

771 North Pennsylvania Ave. | Morrisville, PA 19067 | 215.295.4191 | Office@MPCusa.org | www.MPCusa.org

Kyle Anderson, *Senior Pastor & Head of Staff* ..... KyleAnderson@MPCusa.org
Alexander Lester-Abdalla, *Associate Pastor (ext. 225)* ..... AlexLester-Abdalla@MPCusa.org
Jack McAnlis, *Interim Pastor of Visitation* ..... revjsm@comcast.net
Timothy Carpenter, *Director of Music* ..... TimCarpenter@MPCusa.org
Yun Kang, *Principal Organist* ..... YunKang@MPCusa.org
Kevin Subers, *Coordinator of Christian Education* ..... KevinSubers@MPCusa.org
David Sterling, *Property Manager (ext. 231)* ..... DavidSterling@MPCusa.org
Amanda White, *Financial Support Administrator* ..... AmandaWhite@MPCusa.org
Damon Miller, *Communication Coordinator* ..... DamonMiller@MPCusa.org
Kimberly Turner, *Administrative Assistant (ext. 0)* ..... Office@MPCusa.org