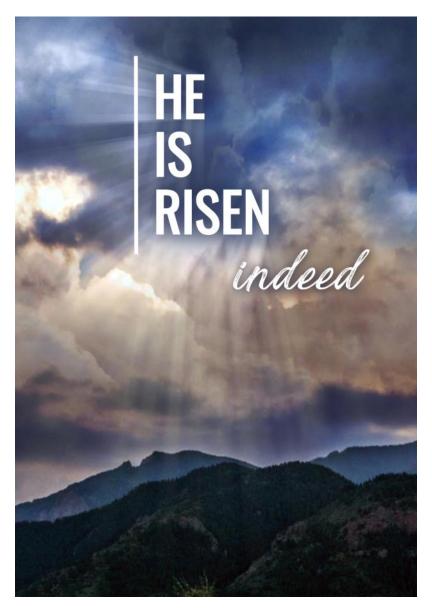


WORSHIP *for* EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 17, 2022 10:30 A.M.

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



Welcome to Morrisville Presbyterian Church

WE WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS to our service today. If you are not a member, we invite you to consider membership with us. If you would like more information about how we can serve you, please speak to a pastor.

FRIENDSHIP PAD: During the Words of Welcome, please pass the red Friendship Pad to the outside aisle and back again to the center. This allows worshipers to recognize people in their pew, and helps staff members identify those who may need attention.

HYMNALS, BIBLES, & BULLETINS WITH LARGE PRINT are available during worship each Sunday morning from a Deacon in the Narthex. Please return the Hymnal and/or Bible after the service.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available for use anywhere in the sanctuary during worship. These pocketsized receivers are available from Deacons in either Narthex and are to be returned after the service. CHILDCARE is provided in the Nursery/Pre-School room from 9:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. each Sunday. Children, aged 0-2, are welcome in the nursery during our Education Hour (9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.). Children, aged 0-4, are welcome in the nursery during worship. All children over the age of 2 must wear masks. All adults caring for children will be masked and vaccinated. Parents, please feel free to use our nursery, or keep your children with you in worship. If you need help locating the nursery, please don't hesitate to ask an usher.

WORSHIP NOTE

* The asterisk indicates that those who are able may please stand.

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EASTER SUNDAY

GATHERING

PRELUDE — Jesus Christ Is Risen Today - Phil Lehenbauer

WORDS of WELCOME

INTROIT — Crown Him the Lord of Life - G. Job-Elvey/arr. T. R. Carpenter

Crown him the Lord of Life who triumphed o'er the grave and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save. Who died and rose on high. Who died, eternal life to bring and lives that death may die. Sing Alleluia!

-- Matthew Bridges

*CALL to WORSHIP

- One: Rejoice and be glad:
- All: This is the day that the Lord has made!
- One: Rejoice and be glad:
- All: Heaven and earth will never be the same!
- One: Rejoice and be glad! Let us share the good news with all the world:
- All: Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

*HYMN 232 — Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

*PRAYER of CONFESSION

All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work in this world and our prayer for your world to come, will make whole what is broken, and restore us to the joy of your salvation.

*SILENT PRAYERS of CONFESSION

*PROMISE of FORGIVENESS

One: Listen, beloved church: By the grace of God and the witness of our ancestors, the good news of Jesus' resurrection is our rock and our salvation. God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death, but instead restored us to new life. 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.

Pastor Alex Lester-Abdalla

EASTER HYMN

Reverend Jack McAnlis

Pastor Rachel Rhodes

Chancel Choir Organ, & Brass

Yun Kang

Here each worshiper may offer silent prayers of confession.

*RESPONSE to GOD'S PARDON (back cover of hymnal) — Glory to the Father GLORIA PATRI

***THE PEACE**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another with the Peace of Christ. As a sign of their reconciliation in Christ, the people share the Peace of Christ, greeting one another with these or similar words: "The Peace of Christ be with you," "Peace be with you," or simply, "Peace."

LITURGY of the WORD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING — Isaiah 65:17-25 One: This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM — Now Glad of Heart - K. Lee Scott

Now glad of heart be every one! The fight is fought, the day is won, The Christ is set upon his throne. Alleluia!

Who on the rood was crucified, Who rose again, as at this tide, In glory to his Father's side. Alleluia!

Who baffled death and harrowed hell And led the souls that loved him well All in the light of lights to dwell. Alleluia!

To him we lift our heart and voice And in his Paradise rejoice With harp and pipe and happy noise. Alleluia!

Then rise, all Christian folk, with me And carol forth the One in Three Who was and is and is to be. Alleluia!!

--German carol

translated and adapted by A.H. Fox-Strangeways

(Old Testament, page 654)

GOSPEL READING — John 20:1-18

This is the Gospel of the Lord. One:

A11: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

When Easter Still Has Dirt On It...

(New Testament, page 108)

Pastor Rhodes

*HYMN 247 — Now the Green Blade Rises

*AFFIRMATION 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. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS of THANKSGIVING and SUPPLICATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (page 35 in the hymnal, debts and debtors)

OFFERING

Invitation to Give Presentation of Gifts Offertory Music - Because He Lives - Bill Gaither *Doxology 606 — Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow *Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*HYMN 248 — Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE & POSTLUDE — Thine Be the Glory - G. F. Händel/

arr. T. R. Carpenter

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

- What could resurrection look like in your life?
- Are you willing to let God into that space to make things new?

HYMN TO JOY

OLD HUNDREDTH

NOËL NOUVELET

Easter Memorial Contributions - Easter Plants

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

My parents, Douglas and Virginia Purdy My siblings, Garvin and Carol Purdy Our loving parents: J. Garry and J. Kay Beidler, Walter and Rita Knouse Pop-pop, Nugymama and Uncle Bryan Jose Melendez and Mary Greasley Our grandparents: Bessie and Raymond Bunting, Lucie and William Burgess Jr. Our parents William "My Bill" Detraz Nancy Dugan, mom and grammy Terry Sinclair, dad and pops Felicia F. Humer Philip W. Humer David Foulkes Our parents and siblings My husband, Charlies A. Hill Husband, Jim Laird Mother, Martha Rork Ray and Elaine Low Genevieve Wagner Our dear friend, Glenn Welker My husband, Theodore A. Marks My daughter, Caroline N. Marks My son, Theodore G. Marks Dad and Grandpop, Joseph Feraco Sr. "Grandma Judy" Cartlidge from the Smith family

IN CELEBRATION OF:

The Brunton/Krol Family The Gaitan/Speece Family My grandsons, Kai and Luke Mercer

TO GIVE THANKS FOR:

Family, the furbabies and a new home The person receiving this plant

BY:

Nancy Ackerman Nancy Ackerman The Beidler Family

Nicole Brice Alastair and Stella Brunton Bill Burgess and Betsy Jurey

Carol and Roberta Carroll Jane Detraz The Dugan Family The Dugan Family Alice Garcia Alice Garcia Alice Garcia Ross and Alice Gray Connie Hill Cynthia Laird Cynthia Laird Larry and Phyllis Low Larry and Phyllis Low Larry and Phyllis Low Joan G. Marks Joan G. Marks Joan G. Marks The Massey Family Geoff Smith

BY:

Alastair and Stella Brunton Alastair and Stella Brunton Kathleen Foster

BY:

Nicole Brice Dave Koch

Easter Memorial Contributions - Music

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Helen and William Borden, Burtis Anderson Rae Bennett Our parents Our parents Our parents: Ralph and Jean Nelson, Muriel and Don Curtiss Our parents: John and Edith Damiani, Charles and Inez Mitchell Our friend, Manja Kim My parents, Estelle and Charles Wagner My sister, Carole Eagar Richard H. Evans Family passed who loved music Raymond and Agnes Slover David Slover Our son, Timothy My long-time friend, Rae B. Bennett John C. Moyer Our parents Bruce E. Ranson Ruth and Clarence Krewson, Ray and Naomi Yantz, Bill Yantz, Rudy and Mary Chris Sosna, and Rudy Sosna

IN CELEBRATION OF:

All the MPC music makers

TO GIVE THANKS FOR:

My children Our grandchildren: Layla, Benjamin, James, Sloane, and Colin Health, healing and God's many blessings The commitment and dedication of the COVID 19 Task Force for keeping our church family safe during these past two plus years

BY:

Nancy and Roger Anderson Cheryl H Barron Carol and Tim Carpenter Carol and Roberta Carroll Randy and Beth Curtiss

John and Donna Damiani

John and Donna Damiani Jane Detraz Jane Detraz Carol Evans and Family The Jurey/Burgess Families Nancy and John Kernan Nancy and John Kernan Clark and Dee Ann Martin Mary M. Moyer The Moyer Family David and Nancy Powers Joanne Ranson David and Sandy Yantz

BY: Dave Koch

BY:

Nancy Ackerman Gail and Drew Hunger

The Levan Family A church family member

Easter Memorial Contributions - Food Basket

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Grandparents, William and Ethel Anderson Our parents Our parents Our parents: John and Edith Damiani, Charles and Inez Mitchell Our friend, Manja Kim Richard H. Evans My wife, Sandra My husband, Charlies A. Hill George A. Hunger Sr. Our parents: Grace and James Doster, George and Sally Hunger Parents, Edith and Charles Koch Our parents Rose and Dick Michael, Joan and Sandy Newman Stu and Dorothy Tomkins and our angel, Grant Michael Our parents My husband, Lester W. Wright "Grandma Judy" Cartlidge from the Smith family Our parents, Ott Ward, James and Marie Mallory Our family members: James and Hunter Mallory, Joyce Deem, and Gail Meinke

IN CELEBRATION OF:

My grandchildren, Ashlynn and Evangeline "Eva"

TO GIVE THANKS FOR:

Nancy C. Anderson

The Outreach Committee and all the ways in which they have shown love with their support of the IOC and their incredible generosity towards improving the lives of so many in our community All those in our congregation who, for two years, have been baking goodies, making soup, preparing PB&J sandwiches, and so, so much more for the IOC to distribute to those in need in our community Luke and Reese Reilly, Isla Aronson MPC family and friends

BY:

Bill Anderson Tim and Carol Carpenter Carol and Roberta Carroll John and Donna Damiani

John and Donna Damiani Carol Evans and Family Bob Foster Connie Hill Dorothy Hunger Gail and Drew Hunger

Dave Koch Jim Lytle and Christy Stephenson The Newman Family The Newman Family David and Nancy Powers Mary Ellen Scheppach Geoff Smith Gary and Susan Ward Gary and Susan Ward

BY:

Nancy Ackerman

BY:

Nancy and Roger Anderson Kathleen Foster

Kathleen Foster

Nancy and John Kernan The Sheffer Family

TODAY'S GUEST ARTISTS

We welcome the following musicians to our worship service this morning as we celebrate the festival of the Risen Lord:

Trumpets: Neal Kindig and Michael Stahdelmeier French Horn: Robert Fitzgerald Trombone: Patrick McIsaac Timpani: Ryan McHenry

COLLECTED TODAY! ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

• PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) - (32%)

Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees.

• PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP) - (36%)

Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and address the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.

• SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP) - (32%)

Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues.

This offering will be collected today. Please indicate your offering as "OGHS" whether you are using a check or online. As in the past, thank you for your generous support to this offering.

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NEXT SUNDAY! JOIN US FOR A FIVE-YEAR CELEBRATION

Pastor Rachel Rhodes has been with MPC for 5 years! Please join us in the Memorial Garden on Sunday, April 24 following worship to celebrate Rachel's leadership and the life of our church. A basket will be available to collect cards if you so choose to write a personal note of gratitude or memory. We look forward to this special fellowship hour celebrating Rachel!

SPRING HAS SPRUNG AT THE MPC CLOTHING CENTER

The MPC Clothing Center has many new spring and summer offerings ready for purchase every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.. Masks are optional. Also, as you are cleaning out your closets, we are accepting slightly worn clean spring and summer clothing as well as any household items. The donation bin is located on the basement level. As always, please do not leave donations outside when the church is locked. Hope to see you soon.

FLOWER MINISTRY IS BLOOMING AGAIN

Having been halted during the pandemic, our Flower Ministry, beginning May 1, will again provide flowers to grace our sanctuary and minister to our church family. If you would like to donate a flower arrangement for a Sunday in May, please contact DeeAnn Martin by phone at 215-493-3865 or via email to deemar918@aol.com. Flowers may be given in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special occasion (graduations, weddings, anniversaries, a new baby...), or in gratitude for a ministry or act of kindness. Each arrangement is \$30. The flowers you give not only add beauty to our Sunday services, but they also provide a caring ministry as we deliver them to members who are unable to attend worship or are experiencing difficult times.

BOOK DONATIONS

Book Distributions have reopened, weather permitting (i.e. no rain). We are well stocked with books, but need volunteers to help during distributions on Wednesdays from 9:00-11:30 a.m., by giving clients bags and creating a welcoming atmosphere, distributing Bibles and dictionaries to clients waiting in the car line, answering clients' questions, and keeping the books in good order. Spanish speakers are especially welcome. Please contact Susan Light at susanlight@gmail.com for more information on how you can help.

New Members Class ~ April 24, May 1, May 15 Believing—Belonging—Becoming

If you are not a member at MPC, we would love for you to consider joining us in ministry and mission. This three-week class, led by Pastor Rachel Rhodes and Pastor Alex Lester-Abdalla, will be an opportunity to explore church membership, whether you're ready to join or just curious about what that would mean.

We will explore topics like:

- What do we believe as Presbyterians?
- How are we called to be the church in the world?
- What does ministry and mission look like at MPC?
- Who is it that God is calling me to be and how can I seek to pursue God's call more fully through membership at MPC?

This class will gather at 9:00 a.m. for three Sundays and you'll be welcomed into membership during worship on Sunday, May 22.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the church office at 215-295-4191 or office@mpcusa.org by Wednesday, April 20.

MORRISVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Morrisville Presbyterian Church is offering six scholarships for the 2022-2023 School Year to graduating high school seniors and college students. Interested students may obtain a scholarship application at mpcusa.org under the "Quick Links". The six scholarships offered include:

Need-Based Scholarships require Government FAFSA Score (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as MPC will use the FAFSA Expected Family Contribution (EFC) data to determine relative need. The need-based scholarships are:

- Helen Nicholas Borden Scholarship up to \$1,000: Given to deserving High School Senior(s) or an undergraduate College student(s) who demonstrate the values of hard work and perseverance. Preference to an MPC member, but may be given to any student active in the life of MPC community.*
- C. Burgess Scholarship up to \$500: Available to an undergraduate student that are members of MPC.
- McClanen Scholarship up to \$1,500

Scholarships specifically for Morrisville Presbyterian Church Members:

• Patti Jane Reeves Scholarship – between \$500 - \$750: Scholarship is awarded to MPC members that are graduating high school seniors. The recipient is determined based on service to community, participation in the life of the church and academic excellence.

Medical or Ministry Scholarships available for the MPC community*. These scholarships are for undergraduate or graduate students following a course of study in medicine or ministry:

- Birks Scholarship vary from \$500 \$2,000
- Roberts Scholarship vary from \$500 \$2,000

* Those in the MPC community include students associated with the church that may not be members but participate in the mission and ministry of MPC (such examples might be a Youth Club member, an active Food Center volunteer, etc.).

The deadline to submit applications (completed application and one letter of reference) is Friday, May 6, 2022. Applications should be submitted to office@mpcusa.net and use "Scholarship Application" in the reference line. Applications can also be mailed or dropped off at the church office at 771 Pennsylvania Ave., Morrisville, PA 19067 by deadline. Please mark "Scholarship Application" on the envelope.

Scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, June 12 during worship service and attendance is encouraged. Recipients will be notified prior to the worship service.

THANK YOU! UKRAINE RELIEF FUND CONTINUES

MPC has always been a most generous church and it continues to be! A combination of your donations and \$875 from the recent College of New Jersey choir concert held at MPC have totaled \$10,000 in contributions to date being sent to The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (pda.pcusa.org) specifically to aid those impacted by the war in Ukraine. MPC has assisted the PDA for years, and now MPC (that's you!) continues to reach out to our brothers and sisters in Christ being affected by this awful war. Your contributions are still welcomed to add to this fund, using a check made out to MPC with "Ukraine Relief" placed on the comment line. There will also be baskets in the sanctuary labelled "Ukraine Relief". The MPC Outreach Committee continues to monitor the situation and continues to ask for your prayers.

MPC AT SNIPES FARM AND EDUCATION CENTER

MPC youth and volunteers are participating in Earth Day at the Snipes Farm and Education Center (SFEC) on Saturday, April 23 from 9:00 a.m. to noon to celebrate God's creation and bounty! There are a number of activities they may be involved with including: planting trees or potatoes, working on projects on the nature trail, preparing the herb or children's gardens for the upcoming season, taking a farm tour or learning about the life of bees, composting, and more. There promises to be more visits to the Snipes Farm and Education Center in the coming months. Please take a look at the SFEC website at www.snipesfarm.org to learn more about the farm and other activities they offer. For more information on the opportunity to join MPC for an exciting, faith-filled, family-oriented and educational trip to the SFEC, please contact Pastor Alex at alexlester-abdalla@mpcusa.net or Ray Hendrickson at 215 493-7812.

MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, April 17 - Easter Sunday			FRIDAY, April 22		
-	Worship Service Worship Service Worship Service Teen Choir	Memorial Garden Sanctuary Livestream Music Room	6:00 p.m. 6:30 7:00		Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall Room 220 & Lounge
Church Off	ice closed Mostly Motets Boy Scout Troop 3	Music Room Fellowship Hall	9:00 1:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 2384 Room 220 Badge Event	
6:00 p.m. 6:00 6:30	Cub Scout Pack 3 Pack 3 - Webelos Alcoholics Anonymous DAY, April 20	Fellowship Hall Room 104 Room 220	SUNDAY , 9:00 a.m. 9:00 9:30	Confirmation Class New Member Class Pre-K - High School	Room 200 Lounge
9:00 a.m. Noon 7:00 p.m. 7:00 7:30	Food Center Brown Bag & Bible Study God's Thunder Rehears: Girl Scout Troop 2888 Chancel Chimes	Parking Lot Conference Room al Chapel Fellowship Hall Chapel	10:30 10:30 11:30 11:30	Sunday School Worship Service Worship Service Teen Choir Pastor Rhodes' Anniversary Celebrat	Sanctuary Livestream Music Room Memorial Garden ion
THURSD	AY, April 21	-			

10:00 a.m.Clothing CenterRoom 4NoonAlcoholics AnonymousRoom 2206:30 p.m.Oakville Girl ScoutsRoom 2207:30Chancel Choir RehearsalSanctuary

To view upcoming events and meetings, please visit www.mpcusa.org and click on "Calendar" from the home page.

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