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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 NOVEMBER 13, 2022  
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE** — *The Lord is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)* - Robert Lau

Yun Kang

**CHORAL INTROIT** — *I Was Glad* - composer unknown

Agape Choir

*I was glad when they said to me:  
let us go to the house of the Lord — Psalm 122:1*

## TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

### CALL to WORSHIP

Pulpit Side: Let us never forget that this world and everything in it belongs to God.  
Lectern Side: But not all of this world's citizens recognize or give allegiance to their Creator.  
Pulpit Side: Let us look up and live!  
Lectern Side: God is present in glory and majesty. May we let go and celebrate!  
Pulpit Side: Our loving Lord is here with us and will be manifested through us.  
Lectern Side: We are God's vehicles and vessels.  
All: **We are God's beloved and empowered servants in this world. Let us worship our Creator!**

**HYMN** — *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

OLD HUNDRETH

*All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell.  
Come ye before him and rejoice.*  
*Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk; he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.*  
*O enter then his gates with praise;  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.*  
*For why? The Lord our God is good;  
his mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.*

**ANTHEM** — *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven* - R. Christopher Teichler

*Praise my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*  
*Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress.  
Praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness!*  
*Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows!*

*Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face.  
Saints, triumphant, bow before him, gathered in from every place.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!*

— *Psalm 103*, adapted by Henry F. Lyte

**PRAYER of CONFESSION** - Adapted from *Psalm 33* and *Psalm 51*

One: The one who knows the meaning of forgiveness, whose past failures are no longer a plague, who stands blameless and guilt-free before God - that person is rich indeed. Let us confess our estrangement from God and one another.

All: **We have failed, O Lord, and our failures weigh heavily on our hearts. We cannot share them all with our brothers and sisters in Christ, lest they weigh too heavily on them and may even threaten our relationships with them. But you know what they are, O God, and how far we have fallen short of Your standards and expectations. We know that nothing can be hidden from You. Purge us of our guilt, O Lord; heal the hurts of those who have been afflicted by our failures.**

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

**PROMISE of FORGIVENESS**

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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.*

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

**ANTHEM** — *Psalm 139* - Michael Burkhardt

Chancel Choir

*O Lord, my God, you have searched me and know my heart and everything about me.  
You know when I sit or stand. You know where I am and what I'll say before I say it.  
You place your hand of blessing on my head.  
This is too glorious, too wonderful to believe:  
I can never be lost from the Spirit nor escape my God.  
If I go up to the heavens, you are there!  
If I go down to the place of the dead, you are there!  
If I take the wings of the morning or dwell in the uttermost depths of the sea,  
even there your hand will hold me, your strength will guide and support me.  
If I try to hide in the darkness, the night becomes light all around me,  
for even darkness cannot hide from God.  
To you, the night shines bright as day.  
When I waken in the morning, I know you still are with me.  
How precious you are, Lord!  
You continue to place your hand of blessing on my head.  
With all my heart I praise and thank you.*

— *Psalm 139*, adapted by Michael Burkhardt

**PRAYER for ILLUMINATION**

**PSALTER READING** — *Psalm 8: 1, 5-9* (paraphrase by Leslie Brandt)

Pulpit Side: O God, how full of wonder and splendor You are!  
Lectern Side: *And yet You have made me in Your image*  
Pulpit Side: You have called me Your child.  
Lectern Side: *You have ordained me Your priest*  
Pulpit Side: And chosen me as Your servant.  
Lectern Side: *You have assigned to me the fantastic responsibility of carrying on Your creative activity.*  
All: **O God, how full of wonder and splendor You are!**

**ANTHEM** — *Adonai, Adonenu* (*Psalm 8*) - Dan Forrest

Women of the Chancel Choir

*Adonai, Adonenu.*  
*O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!*  
*When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,*  
*the moon and the stars, that you have set in place.*  
*What are mortals that you care for them, O Lord?*  
*O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!*  
— *Psalm 8:1, 3&4*

**PSALTER READING** — *Psalm 71:15-18*

Pulpit Side: My mouth will declare Your righteousness  
Lectern Side: *And Your salvation all the day.*  
Pulpit Side: I will go in the strength of the Lord God;  
Lectern Side: *I will make mention of Your righteousness, of Yours only.*  
Pulpit Side: O God, You have taught me from my youth; and still I have proclaimed Your wondrous works.  
Lectern Side: *So also when I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me,*  
All: **Keep hold of me until I have proclaimed Your strength to this generation, and Your power to everyone who is to come.**  
  
One: This is the Word of the Lord.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** — *I Will Extol Thee* - Wilbur Held

Chancel Choir, Teen Choir, & Chancel Chimes

*I will extol thee, my God and King and bless thy name forever and ever.*  
*Every day I will bless thee and praise thy name forever and evermore*  
*Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.*  
*One generation shall laud thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.*  
*I will extoll thee, my God and King and bless thy name forever and ever.*  
*Every day I will bless thee and praise thy name forever and evermore.*  
*Great is the Lord forevermore.*  
— *Psalm 145:1-4*

**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.**

**ANTHEM** — *Psalm 121* - Zoltán Kodály

Chancel Choir

*I will lift mine eyes unto the hills, whence cometh my help?*  
*My help cometh from the Lord who made the Heaven and the Earth.*  
*He will protect thy footsteps, and He that keeps thee will not sleep.*  
*He that keepers Israel shall not slumber nor shall he sleep.*

*He is thy guard and thy shade on thy righthand.  
 Burning sun shall harm thee not, nor shall the moon by night.  
 He shall preserve thee safe from harm.  
 The Lord of hosts shall preserve thee from all ill.  
 Lo, He shall preserve thy soul.  
 He shall preserve thy going out and coming in from this day forth forevermore.  
 — Psalm 121*

**PRAYERS of THANKSGIVING and SUPPLICATION** — *Psalm 69: 13-17, 34-36*, adapted by Leslie Brandt

You know me, O God and You reach forth in mercy to rescue and deliver me. You sometimes permit failure and defeat in my life, only to revive and renew my relationship to You. Thus I will again sing the praises of God and make thank-offerings to the Almighty. May all those who are distressed see anew Your love, experience Your deliverance and be restored once more to joy and purpose.

**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 — *As the Deer* - Marty Nystrom

*As the deer longs for running streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.  
 My soul thirsts for God, the living God.*

—Psalm 42:1

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 Sing to God*

ELLACOMBE

*Come sing to God, O living saints; sing praises to God's name.  
 God's anger is not permanent; God's love will never wane.  
 Though tears may tarry for the night with sighs of deepest pain,  
 yet joy comes with the morning sun, a peace that is not vain.  
 In my success I felt secure, how good you've been to me.  
 I said that this is my own work, ascribing all to me.  
 But when you turned aside your face, my life was filled with fears.  
 I begged for help; to you I cried with loud and bitter tears.  
 What good is gained by my disgrace, what profit in defeat?  
 My grave cannot confess your name, nor praise for you repeat.  
 Now hear, O Lord, my plaintive cry; be merciful to me.  
 Accept my longing heart's request and from death set me free.  
 You change my grief to joy-filled dance; my sorrows you destroy.  
 In faithfulness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy.  
 And so to you my heart shall sing; my voice your goodness raise.  
 You are my God, forevermore. My life shall sing your praise.*

**CHARGE and BLESSING**

## CHORAL BENEDICTION — *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* - Peter Lutkin

*The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.  
Amen.*

— Numbers 6: 24&25

## POSTLUDE — *Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord (Psalm 95)* - Robert Lau

### QUESTIONS *for* REFLECTION

- What Psalm has particular meaning for you?
- What kind of feeling or message does that Psalm hold for you?

### TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE: A CELEBRATION OF PSALMS IN WORSHIP

The Psalms have long had a significant place in Reformed Protestant and, especially, Presbyterian worship. Martin Luther called the Psalms “a Little Bible, wherein everything contained in the entire Bible is beautifully and briefly comprehended.” [Preface to the Revised Edition of the *German Psalter* (1531)] The Psalter is “a common treasury of good doctrine” [Basil of Caesarea] and therefore divine instruction for training the soul.

In this spirit, the choirs and congregation will be using the Psalms throughout the worship service.

## 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.net](mailto:Bulletin@MPCusa.net).***

### TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given by Jeffrey Moruzzi and Wendy Yazujian in loving memory of Delores Moruzzi on what would have been her 93rd birthday. The second arrangement is given by Bob and Debbie Ryan, "We celebrate the birth of our grandson, Casey Reed Ryan, son of Tim and Alex Ryan, U.S.C.G. station Oxnard CA, and the third birthday of our granddaughter, Dylann Sage Ryan."

### TODAY IS BLUE JEAN SUNDAY, NO FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY

Blue Jean Sunday is today from noon to 3:00 p.m. with a pizza lunch served in Fellowship Hall for all participants. Due to Blue Jean Sunday, Fellowship Hour will not take place today in the Lounge. Next week's host will be the Trustees. Please come, visit, enjoy a light snack, and stop by to hear and learn more about our host group next week.

### ONLINE FELLOWSHIP

Did you know that each Sunday afternoon starting at 12:30 p.m., several church members meet via Zoom to check in, share ideas and have a few laughs? We meet for about forty minutes, and you can log on when you are available. If you attend church remotely, are a snowbird and go to a warmer climate during the winter season, or want to share some fellowship time with welcoming and caring church members, please email Karla Jones at [kmdjones@verizon.net](mailto:kmdjones@verizon.net) of your interest. She will add you to the email listing to receive the Zoom link.

### JOIN REBECCA CIRCLE - NEXT MEETING, TOMORROW, 11/14

Rebecca Circle will meet tomorrow, November 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room to hear a presentation titled *An Overview of Japanese Religion* given by Dr. Frank Clements.

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. For information, contact Jen Jones 215 962-3655.

### **MEN'S MINISTRY**

It has taken us a couple of years, but we're happy to say that the men of MPC are getting back together for fellowship and community. Travis Keys has graciously offered to host our first Thursday Night Football gathering on November 17. This is a casual gathering to watch a game, share in conversation, and at halftime Pastor Alex will bring a question for people to discuss. The Keys address is 495 Keating Dr. Yardley, PA. If you are able, you are invited to bring a beverage and a small appetizer so we can all share the burden of food and fellowship. Festivities begin at 8:00 p.m., and feel free to come whenever works for you since the choir contingent will be arriving after practice. Please RSVP to Pastor Alex at [alexlester-abdalla@mpcusa.net](mailto:alexlester-abdalla@mpcusa.net) and please also cc Travis at [tkeys9690@aol.com](mailto:tkeys9690@aol.com) so that plans can be made for the number of people coming.

### **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - NEXT BOOK**

Our next selection will be *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel. We will meet for a discussion on Tuesday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge. All are welcome! Contact Shellie Stoddard at [stoddard.shellie@gmail.com](mailto:stoddard.shellie@gmail.com) or 215-510-5717 with questions or to confirm your attendance.

### **COLOR OF LAW DISCUSSION**

We will be having a discussion at MPC on the book *Color of Law*, by Richard Rothstein, on Sunday November 20 from noon to 1:30 p.m. following worship. This is a chance for us to explore questions and issues of identity and race as we strive each day to become better Christians and members of our community. This book was selected by folks in the church who participated in a community building and constructive conversation around Debbie Irving's book *Waking Up White*.

We hope all will feel free to join this discussion, whether these are issues you have been exploring for a long time or whether you are looking for a place to start. The only prerequisites are reading the book (or as much as you can) and an interest in conversation with fellow members of your church family!

Email Pastor Alex at [alexlester-abdalla@mpcusa.net](mailto:alexlester-abdalla@mpcusa.net) if you are interested in joining and **if you would like the church to order a copy of the book for you.**

### **HURRICANE IAN RELIEF FUND**

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is working to aid those impacted by the hurricane in Florida and elsewhere, and is so grateful for the outpouring of prayers and calls from congregations (MPC!) and individuals (You!) asking how they can help! MPC has assisted the PDA for years, and now is a most important time to reach out to our brothers and sisters in Christ being affected by this awful disaster. The MPC Outreach Committee has already made the commitment to assist the PDA, so might you also help? You may use a check made out to MPC and place "Hurricane Relief" on the comment line. There will also be baskets in the sanctuary labelled "Hurricane Relief". To find out more about the PDA, visit [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org).

### **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](http://presbyterianmission.org).

### **THE IVINS OUTREACH CENTER & "STAYING PUT IN LOWER BUCKS" NEEDS YOU!**

By providing many needed services, our "Staying Put in Lower Bucks" program enables older adults to remain in their homes and actively engage in their community. We are solely dependent on volunteers, for without our volunteers, we would not be able to sustain this program. If you would like to set your own schedule and are willing to: Provide transportation to area doctors, hospitals, grocery shopping and pharmacy pick-up OR make friendly telephone calls or visits to check on a person's well-being OR provide minor assistance in a home such as changing light bulbs and fire detection batteries, then we need you. One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time! For volunteer opportunities and how you can help, call the Ivins Outreach Center at 215-428-0500 ext. 103 or visit our website at [ivinsoutreach.org](http://ivinsoutreach.org). Ask a friend to join you!

## MPC Weekly Calendar

### SUNDAY, November 13

8:30 a.m.	<i>God's Thunder</i> Rehearsal	Chapel
9:30	Sunday School for all ages	
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>Livestream</b>
11:45	Teen Choir	Music Room
Noon	Blue Jean Sunday	

### MONDAY, November 14

Noon	Deborah Circle	Lounge
Noon	Boy Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall
	Holiday Meal Prep	
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	Conference Room
7:00	Trustees Meeting	Room 208

### TUESDAY, November 15

6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 3	Fellowship Hall
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### WEDNESDAY, November 16

9:00 a.m.	Food Center	Parking Lot
Noon	Brown Bag & Bible Study	Zoom
1:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting	Zoom
2:00	Older Adult Gathering	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Cub Scout Pack 3	Room 220
7:00	Girl Scout Troop 2888	Room 220
7:00	Ivins Outreach Center	Lounge
	Board Meeting	
7:15	Chancel Chimes	Chapel

### THURSDAY, November 17

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

### FRIDAY, November 18

7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Lounge
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### SATURDAY, November 19

8:00 a.m.	Deacons Food Basket Distribution	Fellowship Hall
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### SUNDAY, November 20

8:30 a.m.	<i>God's Thunder</i> Rehearsal	Chapel
9:30	Sunday School for all ages	
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>Livestream</b>
11:30	Fellowship Hour	Lounge
	Host: Trustees	
11:45	Teen Choir	Music Room
Noon	<i>Color of Law</i>	Conference Room
	Book Discussion	

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