



*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*
SIXTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST
YOUTH IN MISSION SUNDAY
JULY 20, 2025

GATHERING

WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla

PRELUDE — *I Will Lift Up My Eyes to the Hills* - Robert Lau

Yun Kang

CALL to WORSHIP

James Gaston, Liturgist

One: We are called by the Holy Spirit,

All: To do God's work.

One: We are called to love ourselves and our neighbor,

All: In West Virginia and at Home.

One: Let us rejoice and be glad!

All: For God's love is always with us! Let us worship God together!

HYMN — *Let Us Build a House*

TWO OAKS

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions: all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Merciful Savior, you stand beside us, yet we prefer to stand on our own. You choose us, yet we choose to worry. You attend to us, yet we attend to our toil. Forgive us, gentle Spirit. Call us by name and visit us once more that we might find at your feet our joy, our purpose, and our hope.

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

PROMISE of FORGIVENESS

One: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven. Be glad and rejoice, for we all are invited to the table of God's grace. Together let us proclaim this 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — *Isaiah 61*

One: The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me;

All: God has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted,

One: To proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners,

All: To proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,

One: To comfort all who mourn, to provide for those who mourn in Zion.

All: They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display God's glory.

One: For as the earth brings forth its shoots and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

All: So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM — *Start A Fire* - words and music by Unspoken

The Car Wash

TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — *Acts 2: 1-13*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION

Reflections on Youth in Mission Trip

Hope Massey

HYMN — *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

*Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure.
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.*

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

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask

idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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 — *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* - W. L. Thompson

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 — *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'M GONNA LIVE

*I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!*

CHARGE *and* BLESSING

POSTLUDE — *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* - GREEN TYLER

*God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Bind to myself the Name of Holy,
great clod of witnesses enfold;
prophets, apostles, angels witness:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,
flashing of lightning strength of wind,
depth of the sea to soil of planet:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

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.***

THANK YOU YOUTH IN MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS!

The worship service today was created in the spirit of and led by the participants of our Youth in Mission Trip. They include the youth: Max Dous, Elisabeth Halloran, Bella Keys, Vincent Kutch, Charlie Layden, and Hope Massey. We also include the adult chaperones: Heidi Dous, Wes Gardner, Travis Keys, Tracy Massey, and Alex Lester-Abdalla. We cannot forget the tremendous work of the remaining folks on our Youth Committee: Dawn Flook, Dan Jones, and Nancy Stoner. And finally we share our immense gratitude for the generous support of this congregation and friends who make this trip possible. Thank you!

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given in celebration of Gail Flesch's 80th birthday by her children and grandchildren. The second arrangement is given in loving memory of Michael Mocolak by his parents, Linda and Bill Mocolak. The windowsill flowers are given by John Damiani III in celebration of the July birthdays of his wife, Donna, and his late father, John Jr. and in recognition of his brother Mark's passing in July 2009.

COME SING IN THE SUMMER CHOIR!

All interested singers (high school through adult) are invited to gather in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. to warm up our voices and learn a simple anthem that we will then sing during worship on July 27. If you have questions, please contact Tim Carpenter at timcarpenter@mpcusa.org. I hope you will join us.

MISSION STUDY REPORT AVAILABLE

The Mission Study Report (MSR) has been examined and approved by both the MPC Session and the Northeast Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery.

The MSR will serve two purposes, the first being how is MPC abiding by its mission statement, "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." Secondly, the MSR is a document briefly stating MPC's history, financial status, demographics of the neighborhood in which it resides, MPC's outreach and data from surveys and discussions. This document will now be utilized by the Pastoral Nominating Committee in its search for a new senior pastor or teaching elder at MPC.

The MSR committee wishes to thank this congregation for its patience, wonderful input, and especially prayers over the past five months while this report has been created. There are copies of the report available in the Welcome Center and may be accessed on the MPC website.

CHANCEL FLOWERS NEEDED FOR AUGUST. KEEP US BLOOMING!

If you could give an arrangement of flowers for a Sunday in August, please contact DeeAnn Martin at 215-493-3865 or email deemar918@aol.com. An arrangement costs \$37 and may be given in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special event or to honor a person or ministry. These flowers not only add beauty to our worship service but they go forward as an outreach mission to our church family.

YOUTH IN MISSION TRIP '26 - SAVE THE DATE!

If you know of any youth interested in going on a meaningful trip of service and fun, please save the date for our trip next year, July 11 to July 18, 2026. For more information or questions please contact Dan Jones or Pastor Alex Lester-Abdalla at alexlester-abdalla@mpcusa.org.

SAVE THE DATE FOR WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Women's Retreat will be held this year from November 7 to November 9, 2025. We will once again be at the Sisters of Saint Joseph Center for Spirituality in Ocean Grove, NJ. The Rev. Dr. Anne Stewart from Princeton Seminary will be leading us as we study and connect with God and one another with the scripture Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God." Anne will lead us through Old Testament readings inviting us to slow down, listen carefully, think deeply, reflect wisely, and delight in the small moments of life. **Pick up your "Save the Date" reminder in the Welcome Center.**

SUMMER FOOD CENTER REQUEST

For the months of July and August, the requested item is pasta. A shopping cart has been put in the Welcome Center to receive your donations. As always, thank you for your generosity!

MPC IS OFFERING SIX SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Graduating high school seniors and college students may be eligible for one of the scholarships offered by Morrisville Presbyterian Church (MPC) for the 2025-2026 school year.

The following three scholarships are available to anyone within the MPC Community (those 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.):

- Helen Nicholas Borden Scholarship*
- Birks Scholarship
- Clara Burgess Scholarship*

The following are available to MPC members:

- Roberts Scholarship
- Patti Jane Reeves Scholarship
- McClaren*

*Note: The asterisk indicates need-based scholarships that will require a government FAFSA Score (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) regardless if you qualify for FAFSA. MPC uses FAFSA data to determine relative need.

Visit www.mpcusa.org/youth-ministry for more information and link to the scholarship application form. Submission needs to include completed application form (handwritten or digital) and one letter of reference. Submit via email to office@mpcusa.org or mail to church office at Morrisville Presbyterian Church, 771 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Morrisville, PA 19067. **All submissions must be received by July 27, 2025.**

GARDENING VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED

We would like to start a group of gardening enthusiasts to help maintain the Memorial Garden on occasion during the spring, summer and fall. This would include light work of weeding, trimming and raking. Some work requires you to be on hands and knees and would take place during the week, with no weekends involved. A great opportunity to be outside on pleasant days only and a chance to meet other members of the congregation. We would work in small groups of about 10 people for just a few hours. If you have an interest, please contact Jim Lytle at jrrlytle@gmail.com.

UP ON THE ROOF

We are going to be replacing our slate roof beginning in July 2025. Damage was caused a few years ago by a hail storm. Property Manager David Sterling has been at work with the insurance company and roofing contractor to file our insurance claim. We finally received a settlement so work can begin. You will notice equipment and supplies arriving in the next few weeks. It may look a little messy for a while as the roofers need to remove the old roof material and then install the new roof. Thank you for your understanding and patience while construction is taking place on our campus.

HELP KEEP BLESSING BOXES FULL

At the bottom of the MPC parking lot near W. Trenton Ave, on the property of the Ivins Outreach Center, you will see two small structures resembling small houses. These are small community-based boxes filled with essential items such as non-perishable foods, toiletries/hygiene products, beverages and baby supplies. These boxes are placed in easily accessible locations with the sole purpose of helping those facing financial hardship. The idea is simple: "Take what you need, leave what you can."

These Blessing Boxes rely on the generosity of individuals to stock them with items that can make a significant difference in the lives of struggling families. It's not just about providing food or basic necessities; it's about spreading a sense of community, compassion and kindness. These boxes create a space where people can come together to help one another, fostering a strong sense of unity within a community.

To date, only a handful of people stock the boxes, and we are asking that you consider adding items to the box when you are able. Individual size portions are best, such as:

- Protein/power/breakfast bars
- Packages of peanut butter or cheese crackers, or any crackers
- Ramen noodles
- Microwavable individual cups of soup, mac and cheese, or Chef Boyardee cups
- Applesauce or fruit cups (if you have plastic spoons, add those)
- Canned foods, but the pop top cans are best, of fruit, soup, stew, vegetables, tuna fish
- Bottles of water or some other beverage
- Hygiene items, such as toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, chap stick, tissues, or wet wipes
- Small individual size bags of chips, cookies, or snack items

Go take a look and please feel free to "take what you need, leave what you can."

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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.

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

MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, July 20

10:30 a.m. Youth in Mission
Worship Service
11:30 Fellowship Hour
Noon Adonai Tabernacle

Sanctuary &
Livestream
Lounge
Room 220

MONDAY, July 21

5:30 p.m. Food Packing
6:30 Mostly Motets
7:00 Cub Scout Pack 3

Room 4
Music Room
Room 220

TUESDAY, July 22

9:00 a.m. Produce Prep

Room 4

WEDNESDAY, July 23

9:00 a.m. Food Center Distribution Parking Lot

THURSDAY, July 24

FRIDAY, July 25

SATURDAY, July 26

SUNDAY, July 27

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Sanctuary &
Livestream

11:30 Fellowship Hour
Noon Adonai Tabernacle

Lounge
Room 220

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