



*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.*  
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WORSHIP for  
THIRD SUNDAY  
after EASTER  
APRIL 19, 2026 ~ 10:30 A.M.

## GATHERING

### WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

**PRELUDE** — *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* - LOBE DEN HERREN, arr. Linda Lamb

God's Thunder

**INTROIT** — *Come, Worship God* - O QUANTA QUALIA

Chancel Choir

*Come, worship God who is worthy of honor;  
enter God's presence with thanks and a song!  
You are the rock of your people's salvation  
to whom our jubilant praises belong.*

### CALL to WORSHIP

DeeAnn Martin, Liturgist

One: I will bless the Lord at all times,

**All: His Praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

One: My soul makes its boast in the Lord, let the humble hear and be glad.

**All: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.**

One: Come, let us worship the Lord

**HYMN** — *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

*Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!  
Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;  
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!  
Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!*

### PRAYER of CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Carter Lester

**God of grace and God of glory, you sent your son to save lost sinners. We confess that we are lost. We are lost in our own self-righteousness. We are lost in the ways we speak unkind words. We are lost in ways we judge others and criticize them behind their backs. We are lost in our indifference to the call to do justice. Lord, we are lost in our sin. Forgive us, heal us, restore us as silently we confess our sin.**

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

### PROMISE of FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel and make it your own.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Praise the Lord.**

**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**

**RESPONSIVE READING** — *Psalm 111:1-4*

One: Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**All: Great are the deeds of the Lord! They are studied by all who delight in them.**

One: Full of majesty and splendor is the work of the Lord, whose righteousness endures forever.

**All: Gracious and full of compassion is the Lord, whose marvelous deeds are to be remembered.**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** — *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me* - K. Lee Scott

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;  
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;  
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;  
And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.*

*Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;  
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;  
And with wisdom to kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;  
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.*

*Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;  
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;  
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,  
And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.*

*Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;  
Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;  
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield be thou my strength and shield  
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.*

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!*

— text by Thomas Lynch

**TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Luisa Herrera

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** — *1 Peter 4:7-10*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*Where's Your Spiritual Sweet Spot?*

Rev. Dr. Kort

**HYMN** — *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ANGEL'S STORY

*O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.*

*O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near:  
 I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear.  
 My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
 but, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.*

*O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,  
 above the storms or passion, the murmurs of self-will;  
 O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
 O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.*

*O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee  
 that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.  
 And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
 O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.*

**AFFIRMATION of FAITH** — from 1 John 4:7-12

**Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.**

**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 — *Bist Du Bei Mir* - Stötzl/Bach

Chancel Chimes

*If you are with me, God, I will not fear death.*

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** — *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heavens, to earth come down,  
 fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.  
 Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;  
 visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;  
 let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.  
 Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
 end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored to thee:  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

## **CHARGE and BLESSING**

## **BENEDICTION RESPONSE — Amen**

## **POSTLUDE — Processional in C - arr. Hal Hopson**

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

### **TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The chancel flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given in gratitude for all the volunteers who supported our Code Blue ministry last month. There were many very cold March nights, and through the generous giving of their time and talents, these volunteers provided a warm meal and shelter for our homeless neighbors. Thank you!

### **NEW MEMBER CLASSES**

Interested in exploring membership at Morrisville Presbyterian Church? Our spring new member classes will be held on May 14 and May 31. To sign up or for more information, please contact the church office at [office@mpcusa.org](mailto:office@mpcusa.org) or 215-295-4191.

### **FOOD CENTER'S APRIL REQUEST**

For the month of April, the requested food donation is cereal. A shopping cart has been put in the Welcome Center to receive your donations. Thank you for your continued generosity!

### **RSVP NOW! MAD SCIENCE PARTY NEXT SUNDAY!**

Calling all young families with future scientists! Come join in the fun on Sunday, April 26, after worship for a pizza lunch and lots of exciting science experiments to explore and enjoy! Gluten free lunch options will be available on request.

Interested? Sign up in the Welcome Center or contact the church office at [office@mpcusa.org](mailto:office@mpcusa.org) or 215-295-4191 to RSVP so we can plan experiments and food accordingly.



### **MPC CLOTHING CENTER'S SPRING OPEN HOUSE**

We will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. We have so much more than just clothing, though we certainly do have a lot of clothing! When was the last time you shopped at the [MPC Clothing Center](#)? Have you ever been to the CC? Now is your opportunity before we close in June for our summer hiatus. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, May 2.



### **BUNCO NIGHT**

The next Bunco event will be hosted by Cindy and Steve Moskow on Saturday, May 2 at 6:00 pm. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. To RSVP and get details, please contact Cindy at 215-431-3540.



### **STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, sponsored by the National Letter Carriers' Association, will be held on Saturday, May 9, at the Morrisville Methodist Church, located at 501 W. Maple Avenue in Morrisville. MPC and the Food Center have been involved for many years, and the Food Center benefits greatly from the large amount of food collected in the 19067 zip code. Help is needed from 10:00 a.m. thru 7:00 p.m. It's a fun day and a great community effort. Please join us and bring a friend! Sign up online at [MPCusa.org/food-center](http://MPCusa.org/food-center). Please email [MPCfoodcenter@gmail.com](mailto:MPCfoodcenter@gmail.com) with any questions you may have.

### **PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING - BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!**

We had a wonderful turnout for our first prayer shawl gathering and will be holding another on Sunday, May 17, immediately after service in room 220. All supplies will be provided. No experience needed as many will confirm it is very easy to learn. Bring a friend and join in the fun by gathering together to serve in this new way.

### **SCOUT TROOP 3 CLOTHING DRIVE**

Scout Troop 3 is hosting a Clothing Drive through May 3. Along with clean clothing, you can donate books and clean houseware items for this fundraiser. The goal is to reach 4000 lbs. of soft items. You can drop off your donations on Monday evenings in Fellowship Hall from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. If it's more convenient to drop off items on Sunday before or after service, we will have a trash can marked for the Scout Drop-Off at the bottom of the steps outside of room 4. Thank you for your participation during this fundraiser.

### **5K & FUN RUN TO SUPPORT IVINS OUTREACH CENTER**

Support the Ivins Outreach Center's "Run Through History 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run" on Saturday, June 13, 2026, by participating as a runner, walker, or donor. Proceeds from the race support Ivins Outreach Center's Cancer Care and Staying at Home initiatives. The Run Through History 5K begins at 7:30 a.m. and invites participants to become part of a living story that connects Morrisville, Bucks County, Trenton, and Philadelphia to the birth of the United States.

The race will start in Williamson Park, which was originally an island with several mills built in the mid-1700s along the raceway between the riverbank and the island. The race crosses the Delaware Canal State Park and to Summerseat. Summerseat served as George Washington's headquarters between December 8 and 14, 1776, and was later purchased by Robert Morris, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. The race reverses back to the canal for a brief run to the Calhoun Street Bridge, then atop the flood-control dike to the Trenton Makes Bridge and returns to Williamson Park and the finish.

To register for the event online, use the QR code or [click here](#). Details and race-day or mailable registration may be [found here](#).



### **MPC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP'S NEXT READ**

The final reading this session will be *Almost Everything: Notes on Hope* by Anne Lamott. In this profound and funny book, Lamott calls for each of us to rediscover the nuggets of hope and wisdom that are buried within us that can make life sweeter than we ever imagined. Divided into short chapters that explore life's essential truths, *Almost Everything* pinpoints these moments of insight as it shines an encouraging light forward (Goodreads).

The book will be discussed on Monday, May 18 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. You can also attend by Zoom. To join in on the conversation, or see what the group is all about, contact Shellie Stoddard at [stoddard.shellie@gmail.com](mailto:stoddard.shellie@gmail.com) or the church office at [office@mpcusa.org](mailto:office@mpcusa.org) for link and more information.

The choirs of Morrisville Presbyterian Church  
and Newtown Presbyterian Church present:

# Illuminare

by Elaine Hagenberg  
with chamber orchestra

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**At Newtown Presbyterian Church:**

Sunday, April 26th

10:00 AM

25 N Chancellor St.

Newtown, PA

**At Morrisville Presbyterian Church:**

Sunday, May 3rd

10:30 AM

771 N. Pennsylvania Ave.

Morrisville, PA

# Coffee & Conversation

At Weekday Nursery School  
on the playground!

Thursday, April 23  
9:00 - 10:00 am



New:

## Snack Swap!

Bring your kids rejected snacks to coffee (bars, pouches, etc) and swap them out with others that your kids \*might\* eat later.



*RSVP at the  
Sign Up  
Genius Link!*

**SAVE THE DATE: MEMORIAL DAY PARADE HOSPITALITY**

The Communications and Evangelism committee will host a hospitality table for participants in the Morrisville Memorial Day Parade as they prepare to step-off from the MPC parking lot on Monday, May 25. This continues to be a great success each year! Setup begins at 7:30 a.m. and we are usually cleaned up by 9:30. Details on requested donated food items and volunteer sign-up will be coming in the weeks ahead. Stay tuned!

**MPC AT TRENTON THUNDER**

Save the date! MPC is heading to the ballpark for a Trenton Thunder baseball game on June 13 at 6:00 p.m. Sign up in the Welcome Center beginning in May.

MPC Weekly Calendar

**SUNDAY, April 19**

8:30 a.m. God's Thunder Rehearsal Room 121  
9:30 Sunday School for all ages  
**10:30 Worship Service Sanctuary & Livestream**  
11:45 Youth Choir Music Room  
Noon Adonai Tabernacle Chapel

**MONDAY, April 20**

6:30 p.m. Mostly Motets Music Room  
6:30 Cub Scout Pack 3 Rooms 220 & 122  
6:30 Scouts Troop 3 Fellowship Hall  
7:00 Food Center Food Packing Room 4  
7:30 Trustees Meeting Conference Room

**TUESDAY, April 21**

9:00 a.m. Food Center Produce Prep Room 4  
10:00 Weekday Nursery Room 220  
School Projects  
6:00 p.m. Outreach Committee Zoom

**WEDNESDAY, April 22**

9:00 a.m. Food Center Distribution Parking Lot  
Noon Brown Bag Bible Study Conference Room & Zoom

**WEDNESDAY, April 22 (continued)**

6:00 p.m. Youth Club Offsite  
7:00 Girl Scout Troop 2888 Room 220  
7:00 Ivins Outreach Center Conference Room  
Board Meeting  
7:15 Chancel Chimes Rehearsal Room 121

**THURSDAY, April 23**

10:00 a.m. Clothing Center Room 4  
10:00 Ivins Outreach Center Lounge  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal Offsite

**FRIDAY, April 24**

**SATURDAY, April 25**

9:00 a.m. Boy Scout Yard Sale Parking Lot  
4:00 p.m. Philadelphia Bronze Concert Sanctuary

**SUNDAY, April 26**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
**10:30 Worship Service Sanctuary & Livestream**  
11:30 Mad Science Event Fellowship Hall with lunch  
Noon Adonai Tabernacle Chapel

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](http://mpcusa.org/calendar) to see when events take place and room availability.

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