



*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*
NINTH SUNDAY
after PENTECOST
AUGUST 10, 2025

GATHERING

WORDS *of* WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla

MINUTE *for* MISSION

Scholarship Awards

Dan Jones

PRELUDE — *Voluntary* - Jonathan Batishill

Paul Marchesano

CALL *to* WORSHIP

Wendy Yazujian, Liturgist

One: O Lord, during this time of worship, grant me a pure heart, that I may see Thee.

All: A humble heart, that I may hear Thee.

One: A heart of love, that I may serve Thee.

All: A heart of faith, that I may abide in Thee.

One: Come, the time is at hand, let us worship the Lord

HYMN — *To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory; great things he has done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,

who yielded his life an atonement for sin,

and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

but purer and higher and greater will be

our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!

PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

Holy God, out of chaos you created a world and called it good. You have called us to live in harmony with you, with others, with ourselves, and with creation. We have fallen short. We often turn from your ways. We create disharmony. We cause chaos in the world and in the lives of those around us. Have mercy upon us. Forgive us, as silently we confess our sin.

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

PROMISE *of* FORGIVENESS

One: The forgiveness of God's love has been poured into our hearts. Believe the good news of the gospel.

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

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 — *Psalm 130:5-6*

One: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits and in his word I hope.

All: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those that watch for the morning.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — selections from *Jonah*

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION

Jonah and the Whale

Rev. Dr. Kort

HYMN — *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

CANONBURY

*Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.
O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.
O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart.
And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.
O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.*

AFFIRMATION of FAITH — from the *Confession of 1967*

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with man. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became man and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church today by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission.

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 — *Offertoire* - Theodore Salome

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 Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

*I sing the mighty power of God that made mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.*

*I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.*

*I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!*

*There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.*

CHARGE and BLESSING

POSTLUDE — *Chaconne in G Minor* - Louis Cooperin

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.***

REGARDING TODAY'S SERVICE

We welcome Paul Marchesano to our organ this morning.

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given by Howard and Joan Barley in gratitude "for the kindness shown to us each day by friends and strangers alike." The second arrangement is given in loving memory of Lois Wahlen by her daughters Lee, Kathy, and Sandi.

LOOKING FOR SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION TOPICS

Do you have a topic you are passionate about that you would like to share with Adult Education group? Adult Ed is looking for members of the congregation who would like to share with the class an experience they have had which helped shape their faith, a book they have read that enhanced their faith, or an organization they belong to which helps fulfill the mission of the church. If you would like to share with the class for one or more sessions, please contact Christopher Bannister at bannistercr@gmail.com or 401-932-3619.

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!

LAST WEEK FOR DEACON BACKPACK DRIVE

Now is the time to gather school items for the Deacon Backpack Drive that will help high school students in our community for whom it is a true hardship to do so. There is a bin for your donations in the Welcome Center. Cash donations may be put in the offering plate or sent to MPC by mail or online. **The backpacks will be blessed during our service on August 17 so they can be distributed before school begins this fall.** Thank you in advance for helping our local kids begin the year well-prepared for school! Questions? Ask any deacon or contact Paula Marseglia at 267-303-6133 or email paula307@comcast.net.

Kindly fill a new backpack with the following:

- No. 2 pencils
- Black or blue pens
- 1 permanent marker
- Pencil sharpener
- Pack of graph paper
- Ruler
- 2 three-subject spiral notebooks
- 5 plastic subject folders with pockets
- Pack of wide-ruled notebook paper
- Scotch tape

SUNDAY ADULT ED WILL BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 7

This year the Adult Education on Sundays will be using a curriculum titled *The Present Word; Judah, from Isaiah to Exile*. This curriculum will help the class to see the hand of God in our own lives and all human affairs. It will provide a base for the weekly discussions, provide opportunities for multiple leaders, and provide continuity for the fall semester. It also will allow for a departure into other subjects throughout the year.

NOVEMBER'S WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Women's Retreat is being held on November 7 - 9 at the Sisters of St Joseph Center for Spirituality in Ocean Grove, NJ. The Rev. Dr. Anne Stewart from Princeton Seminary will be our leader. 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, 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 will be available later in August. We are limited to 25 attendees. If you have questions or would like to submit your name to hold a place, contact Beth Curtiss at curtissfam@gmail.com. **Remember to pick up your "Save the Date" reminder in the Welcome Center.**

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.

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Brown Bag Bible Study will be continuing with their discussions of Luke by venturing into the Book of Acts. Rev. Dr. Carter Lester will be leading our weekly discussions. The book to start will be *Acts for Everyone, Part One* (ISBN 13:9780664266424) by N. T. Wright. This volume covers chapters 1-12 of Acts. There is also a *Part Two* (ISBN # 13: 9780664268725) which covers the remainder of the Book of Acts. Both books are available from a variety of sources such as PCUSASore.com, Amazon, or ChristianBook.com. If you need assistance in acquiring a book, please contact Christopher Bannister at bannistercr@gmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TROOP 3'S NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS

I would like to congratulate our two newest Eagle Scouts, David Houston and Eric Miller. David's Eagle Project was to manage and build a gaga ball pit at the Morrisville Intermediate School. Eric's Eagle Project was managing and refurbishing the six benches in MPC's renovated Memorial Garden. This brings the troop's total number of Eagle Scouts to 111. David will remain with Troop 3 and Eric will be attending Millersville University this fall. Congratulations to both young men. Bill Burgess, COR, Tr3

Two Great Ways to Help Our Community

HELP NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY MEAL

The next scheduled Community Meal is Friday, August 29. Please note, this is the Friday before the Labor Day weekend. There are many ways help can be provided for this meaningful mission. Would you be interested in hosting this with your committee, friends or family; be interested in lending a hand that evening; have a great dinner recipe you'd like to share; like to bake some dessert for the evening; like to share some items from your overflowing vegetable garden for our guests to enjoy? We appreciate any and all help! Email MPCCodeBlue@gmail.com or call Dawn Flook at 215-962-9542 to sign up.



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



MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, August 10

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:30 Fellowship Hour
Noon Adonai Tabernacle

MONDAY, August 11

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

TUESDAY, August 12

9:00 a.m. Produce Prep

Sanctuary &
Livestream
Lounge
Room 220

Music Room
Room 4
Room 220

Room 4

WEDNESDAY, August 13

9:00 a.m. Food Center Distribution

Parking Lot

THURSDAY, August 14

FRIDAY, August 15

SATURDAY, August 16

SUNDAY, August 17

10:30 a.m. Worship Service &
Blessing of Backpacks
Noon Adonai Tabernacle

Sanctuary &
Livestream
Room 220

Mobile Giving

iPhone



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!

Need help? Email Office@mpcusa.org and ask that your questions be forwarded to the Stewardship Committee.

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