



*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 DECEMBER 18, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

Our liturgy today has been written by Rev. Andrew Whaley of Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, Virginia

GATHERING

PRELUDE — *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* - arr. T. R. Carpenter

Chancel Chimes

CALL to WORSHIP

The Kernan Family

One: We are a people who walk in darkness.

All: We long for Christ's light.

One: We are a people who are weary.

All: We long for a world filled with love.

One: We are a people whose hearts yearn to return to the love in which they were formed.

All: Comfort us. Awaken us. Help us watch for the coming of Christ.

HYMN — *People, Look East*

BESANÇON

*People look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east: Love, the Guest, is on the way.*

*Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east: Love, the Rose, is on the way.*

*Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen.
People look east: Love, the Bird, is on the way.*

*Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People look east: Love, the Star, is on the way.*

*Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People look east: Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

PRAYER of CONFESSION -

Pastor Alex Lester-Abdalla

God of love, tyrants sit on thrones, comfortable and powerful. The rich watch their portfolios grow, and the poor struggle as inflation rises. You do not look strong in this world but appear weak and inept. We do not trust your power or your promise. We seek favor with the powerful and prominent. We hoard our wealth and guard it from others. We seek retribution and call it justice; we behave as though mercy is unknown to us. We need to hear your song again. A song of love that transforms the world in a child born to Mary. Sing it to us. Sing it in us. Sing it until we can sing it back.

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

PROMISE of FORGIVENESS

One: God's song calls to us, and as we join this song of love together, there is no longer separation but unity and possibility. Friends, we are forgiven. We are whole. We can sing! Together, let us proclaim the 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

Pastor Rachel Rhodes

OLD TESTAMENT READING — Excerpts from 1 Samuel 1 & 2

One: Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord." Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God.

All: There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

One: The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

All: The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low; he also exalts.

One: He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.

All: The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the power of his anointed."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM — *I'm Gonna Sing!* - arr. Mark A. Miller

Chancel Choir

*I'm gonna sing when the spirit says sing.
Sing for joy our voices bring.
I'm gonna sing when the spirit says sing.
I'm gonna pray when the spirit says pray.
Pray that justice comes today.
I'm gonna pray when the spirit says pray.
I'm gonna stand when the spirit says stand.
I'm gonna stand on freedom's side, gonna draw the circle wide.
I'm gonna stand when the spirit says stand.
I'm gonna shout when the spirit says shout.
Shout on the day that Love wins out.
I'm gonna shout when the spirit says shout.
Hallelujah! I'm gonna sing when the spirit says sing.*

--traditional spiritual adapted by Mark A. Miller

TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

GOSPEL READING — *Luke 1:39-55*

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary¹ said,
 “My soul magnifies the Lord,
 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
 for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.
 Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,
 for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
 and holy is his name;
 indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him
 from generation to generation.
 He has shown strength with his arm;
 he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones
 and lifted up the lowly;
 he has filled the hungry with good things
 and sent the rich away empty.
 He has come to the aid of his child Israel,
 in remembrance of his mercy,
 according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
 to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

One: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
 All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

A Song of Hope

Tori Paquette

HYMN — *My Life Flows On*

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

*My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
 I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
 No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
 Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

*Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
 It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
 No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
 Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

*What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.
 What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night be giveth.
 No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
 Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever-springing!
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?
 No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
 Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

AFFIRMATION of FAITH — written by theologian and civil rights leader Rev. Howard Thurman, in his book, *The Hope of the Disinherited*.

In Jesus, we see the illumined finger of God guiding us in the way that we should go, so that high above the clash of arms in the conflict for status, for place, for privilege, for rights, we can hear speaking distinctly and clearly to our spirits the still small voice of God, without which nothing has real meaning, with which all the rest of the journey, however difficult, however painful, however devastating, will be filled with music all its own and even the stars in their appointed rounds and all the wooded world of nature participate in the triumphant music of our hearts. Such is the faith he communicates, and in its presence, even Death becomes a little thing.

PRAYERS of THANKSGIVING and SUPPLICATION

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 — *People, Look East!* - arr. T. R. Carpenter

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 — *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

STAR OF COUNTY DOWN

*My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.*

*Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.*

*From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread; every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.*

*Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.*

CHARGE *and* BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION — *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burnin' for the Day is Drawing Nigh*

Traditional spiritual arranged by Kirby Shaw

*Children, don't get weary till your work is done.
Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin' for the day is drawing nigh.
Sisters, don't stop singin', Brothers, don't stop singin'
People, don't stop singin' for the time is drawing nigh.
Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin' for the day is drawing nigh.*

POSTLUDE — *Song of Faith* - George Blake

QUESTION *for* REFLECTION

- What concrete action do you need to take in the world to live out your baptism more fully?

New Sermon Series for Advent

Rise Up Shepherd!

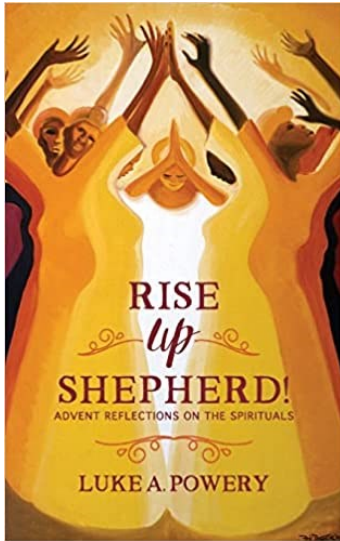
We have a unique opportunity this Advent! As part of the Zick Preaching Scholars, Rachel has joined with pastors from five other Presbyterian congregations to put together an Advent series for 2022. These pastors serve congregations in California, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, and Wisconsin. Each of the pastors will be sharing in the planning and writing of liturgy for the Sundays, and the group has contracted the Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, Dean of the Chapel at Duke University, to provide a series of study videos that we will be incorporating into our Advent Adult Education Series. Additionally, we will be using

Dr. Powery's Advent Devotional, *Rise Up Shepherd!: Advent Reflections on the Spirituals*, as a guide for personal spiritual reflection. Copies will be available in the Communication Center.

The Zick Preaching Scholars is a program sponsored by George and Cathy Manning in memory of her parents John and Mary Zick, longtime members of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City. The group is facilitated by former Fifth Avenue senior pastor, the Rev. Dr. Tom Tewell.

Members of this cohort include:

- The Rev. Dr. Jay Howell, Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tennessee
- The Rev. Dr. Andy Morgan, Fountain City Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tennessee
- The Rev. Dr. Jessica Patchett, Christ Presbyterian Church, Madison, Wisconsin
- The Rev. Rachel Achtemeier Rhodes, Morrisville Presbyterian Church, Morrisville, Pennsylvania
- The Rev. Jessica Vaughan-Lower, San Marino Community Church, San Marino, California
- The Rev. Andrew Whaley, Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia



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.net.***

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given in loving memory of Nancy C. Anderson by her nurse and friend, Lydia Cochran. The second arrangement is given in loving memory of John C. Moyer by his family. John was born on Christmas Day sixty years ago: "We miss you."

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHILDCARE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

There will be no Sunday School for all groups on December 25 and January 1, 2023.

The Nursery will be open on both Christmas Day and New Years Day for parents to utilize if needed. No childcare staff will be provided.

TODAY'S FELLOWSHIP HOUR'S HOST

Today, Fellowship Hour is hosted by the Education Committee. Please come, visit, enjoy a light snack, and stop by to hear and learn more about our host group.

ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROLING - TODAY AT 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Everyone is welcome to join the Youth Ministry as we host a fun evening of caroling around the MPC neighborhoods. We will meet in the church parking lot at 4:00 p.m. and depart on foot for an hour of festive caroling. Please dress for the weather and be prepared to walk about one mile. We will return to the church parking lot to enjoy hot chocolate and Christmas cookies around a warm fire. No RSVP is needed.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

The Deacons are happy to announce we will be bringing back the Church Angel Tree for the Christmas Holiday! We are once again working with the Food Center to prepare toiletry bags for the many individuals we serve each week from the Lower Bucks County and greater Trenton area. We are asking anyone interested in taking an Angel from the tree, to fill a one-gallon Ziplock bag with the following items:

- 2 Toothpastes (regular size)
- 2 Bars of Wrapped Soap (neutral scent)
- 2 Toothbrushes
- 2 Deodorants (neutral scent)

A "blessing" from MPC is printed on one side of each Angel, the item list printed on the other side. Please include the Angel in each Ziplock bag with the items. We know how generous our congregation is, and ask that you not include extra items; instead, perhaps fill another bag.

Bags can be dropped off Monday nights from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Tuesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. or before/after the Sunday worship service in the box marked "Angel Tree" in the Communication Center. We ask that all bags be delivered no later than December 27, for distribution to our Food Center clients beginning in the New Year! We are so grateful and thankful to all of you, and for all you do each year to make our Christmas Angel Tree such a success!

If you have any questions, please email Patti Sheffer at patricia.sheffer@yahoo.com.




TODAY! Christmas Joy Offering: Supporting Past, Present, and Future Leaders


Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. By giving to the [Christmas Joy Offering](#), you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Specifically,

- 50% of your gifts provide assistance for current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial need.
- 50% of your gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

This offering will be collected today through a check with "Christmas Joy Offering" written on the memo line, or through our [Online Giving Portal](#) on the MPC website with "Christmas Joy Offering" written in the Notes section. As always, thank you for your generous support to this special offering and others of the [PCUSA](#)!

iPhone


**Introducing
mobile giving**
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.

Android


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

REGISTER NOW FOR WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Women's Retreat is taking place on February 24-26, and will be held at the [Pendle Hill Quaker Retreat Center](#) in Wallingford, PA. The presenter is Pastor Diane Jamison Fitch who will lead us in study on the topic *Transitions: Invitations to New Beginnings*, based on Isaiah 43:18-19. Look for the pink brochures to register or call the church office at 215-295-4191.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 3 CHRISTMAS TREE SALES, THE TRADITION CONTINUES!

Troop 3's annual Christmas Tree sale has opened! We are thankful for each of you that has let our Scouts be part of your family's Christmas tradition, and look forward to welcoming you back this year. Sale hours are: weekdays 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Sundays 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

CLOTHING CENTER REQUEST

The Clothing Center is requesting that until further notice, please hold any future donations until mid-January.

YEAR-END GIVING

Thank you for your continued generosity and support throughout this year. To ensure that your gifts appear on your 2022 giving statement for tax purposes, please make sure all gifts are post-marked, delivered to MPC, or given online by December 31, 2022.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes will be available in the Communication Center starting today, Sunday, December 18. If you would like them mailed, please contact Laurie Jacobson at lauriejacobson@mpcusa.net or through the church office at 215-295-4191 extension 226, and she will send them to you. Please note that envelopes will not be given to those who have signed up for online giving.

DICTIONARY DONATIONS UPDATE

So far the Book Distribution has collected 74 hardcover and 14 paperback adult dictionaries for the Jefferson Elementary School in Trenton. We will continue our Reference Book Drive until we have donated 400 adult dictionaries to the families whose children attend Jefferson. We are over 20% of the way to our goal.

We are also collecting other reference books including children's dictionaries, and thesauruses for adults and children, and have collected another 115 of these reference books. We appreciate MPC's generosity in donating reference books. Please consider asking your friends if they have extra reference books and if they would put a notice in their church's bulletin requesting dictionaries. Please contact Susan Light at 215-801-8185 for more information on how you can help achieve our goal. Thank you.

SUPPORT THE TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN

MPC has supported the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) substantially for years. TASK's mission is to feed those who are hungry in the Trenton area and to offer programs to encourage self-sufficiency and improve the quality of life. TASK is so much more than a soup kitchen! They serve nutritious meals, free of charge, no questions asked to anyone who comes seeking nourishment. They also provide education, job training and workforce development that empowers people to pursue their hopes and dreams; and provide case management, access to community resources, and assistance to help neighbors in need. Not only has MPC supported this organization financially, but prior to the pandemic, MPC volunteers travelled to Trenton to prepare meals and support for those in attendance. Might we continue this outreach, both financially and "hands-on"? Contact Ray Hendrickson at hrrh1453@gmail.com for additional information or for volunteer opportunities. Visit trentonsoupkitchen.org for more information on TASK.

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 of your interest. She will add you to the email listing to receive the Zoom link.

Christmas Memorial Contributions - Poinsettias

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Martha Rork
Our parents
Charles Hill
Cathleen Jones Haas
Ray and Elaine Low
Genevieve Wagner
My parents, Flora and Russ Brown
My brother, Rusty Brown
My husband, Theodore A. Marks
My son, Theodore G. Marks
My daughter, Caroline N. Marks
Our parents: John and Edith Damiani &
Charles and Inez Mitchell
Helen and Bill Borden
Nancy C. and Burt Anderson
My dad, Jim Faridy
Gene and Anne Kutch
Our grandparents: Guy and Martha Blewett,
Philip and Martha Faridy, & Andrew and Anne Elko
Our loved ones

TO GIVE THANKS FOR:

The person receiving this plant
The wonderful addition to MPC's video ministry

IN CELEBRATION OF;

Our grandsons, Rai and Luke Mercer

BY:

Cynthia Laird
Carol and Roberta Carroll
Connie Hill
Dr. and Mrs. Charles Jones
Phyllis and Larry Low
Phyllis and Larry Low
Caroline B. Pickering
Caroline B. Pickering
Joan G. Marks
Joan G. Marks
Joan G. Marks
John and Donna Damiani

Nancy and Roger Anderson
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Lisa, Dave and Vincent Kutch
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Kathleen and Steve Foster

BY:

Dave Koch
Dave Koch

BY:

Kathleen and Steve Foster

Christmas Memorial Contributions - Music

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

James C. Laird
Our parents
Loving parents and grandparents:
Lewis and Peggy Kohn & Earl and Sarah Levan
John C. Moyer, we miss you
Loved ones
Charles Hill
Cathleen Jones Haas
Raymond and Agnes Slover
David Slover
Linda Tadlock

BY:

Cynthia Laird
Carol and Roberta Carroll
The Levan Family

The Moyer Family
The Evans Family
Connie Hill
Dr. and Mrs. Charles Jones
Nancy and John Kernan
Nancy and John Kernan
Nancy and John Kernan

Christmas Memorial Contributions - Music (cont'd)

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Our son, Timothy
William "My Bill" Detraz
Our mother and father, Charles and Frances Burgess
Our grandparents, Luci and William Burgess
Bessie and Raymond Bunting
Our parents
Helen and Bill Borden
Nancy C. and Burt Anderson

IN CELEBRATION OF:

Our grandchildren: Layla, Benjamin, James,
Sloane, and Colin

TO GIVE THANKS FOR:

Tim and Carol Carpenter and their dedication
to the music ministry
All the MPC music makers
The beautiful music which enhances our
worship service every week

BY:

DeeAnn and Clark Martin
Jane Detraz
The Burgess and Jurey Families
The Burgess and Jurey Families
The Burgess and Jurey Families
Tim and Carol Carpenter
Nancy and Roger Anderson
Nancy and Roger Anderson

BY:

Gail and Drew Hunger

BY:

Beth and Randy Curtiss

Dave Koch
Kathleen Foster

Christmas Memorial Contributions - Food Baskets

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Our parents
My husband, Jerry Ashmen
Parents, John and Mina Masine
Parents, Gerald and Dot Ashmen
George A. Hunger Sr.
Our parents: Grace and James Doster &
Sally and George Hunger
My daughter, Becky Marseglia
My parents, John and Marilyn Ellis
My grandparents, John and Olive Ellis
My dad, Kempton Franke,
Uncle Lee Forsythe
Cousins, Betty and Ruth
Friends, Tammy, JoAnn and David
Loved ones
Charles Hill
Cathleen Jones Haas
Our parents: James and Marie Mallory & Ott Ward
Our siblings: Joy Deem, Hunter Mallory, &
James and Cathy Mallory

BY:

Carol and Roberta Carroll
Joan Ashmen
Joan Ashmen
Joan Ashmen
Dorothy Hunger
Gail and Drew Hunger

Diane Ellis-Marseglia
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Diane Ellis-Marseglia
Shirley (Franke) DeAngelis
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Shirley (Franke) DeAngelis
The Evans Family
Connie Hill
Dr. and Mrs. Charles Jones
Gary and Sue Ward
Gary and Sue Ward

Christmas Memorial Contributions - Food Baskets (cont'd)

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Beloved husband, Bruce R. Jablon
Parents, Ray and Marie Elmer
Grand Dad and Mom
George Davenport
Steven Annenberg
My husband, Ken
My mother and father
My brother, Lee
My cousin, Betty Owens
My parents, Carolyn and Merrill Smith
My brother, David Smith
Parents, Estelle and Charles Wagner
Sister, Carole Eagar
Rae B. Bennett
Earl and Marion Koose
Our parents
Our parents
Helen and Bill Borden
Nancy C. and Burt Anderson
Parents, Edith and Charles Koch
My dear friend, Mary Ann Johnson

TO GIVE THANKS FOR:

Our granddaughters: Ashley, Sarah, Stephanie
and Erica

BY:

Diane Jablon, Kellie and Tom Lewis
Diane Jablon, Kellie and Tom Lewis
Diane Jablon, Kellie and Tom Lewis
Ann Davenport and Family
Susan and Louis Annenberg
Eleanor Franke
Eleanor Franke
Eleanor Franke
Eleanor Franke
Tom Smith
Tom Smith
Jane Detraz
Jane Detraz
Betsy Jurey
Carol Hernandez and Family
Tim and Carol Carpenter
Beth and Randy Curtiss
Nancy and Roger Anderson
Nancy and Roger Anderson
Dave Koch
Kathleen Foster

BY:

Ross and Alice Gray

Christmas Eve Worship Services



4:00 p.m.

Children & Family Service

7:00 p.m.

Choirs, Carols & Candlelight Service

The 7:00 p.m. service will be livestreamed.

10:00 p.m.

Carols, Communion, & Candlelight Service

Then join us on Christmas Day at 10:30 a.m.
as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.

MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, December 18 - 4th Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m.	God's Thunder	Chapel
9:30	Sunday School for all ages	
10:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Parking Lot
	Christmas Tree Sales	
10:30	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30	Worship Service	Livestream
11:30	Fellowship Hour	Lounge
	Host: Education Committee	
11:45	Family Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
4:00 p.m.	All-Church Caroling	Parking Lot

MONDAY, December 19

6:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 3	Parking Lot
	Christmas Tree Sales	
6:00	Cub Scout Pack 3	Room 220
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Lounge
	Parent & Board Meeting	

TUESDAY, December 20

12:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
6:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Parking Lot
	Christmas Tree Sales	
6:00	Cub Scout Pack 3	Fellowship Hall
6:30	Butterfly Essential	Room 220
	Wellness Class	

WEDNESDAY, December 21

9:00 a.m.	Food Center	Parking Lot
6:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 3	Parking Lot
	Christmas Tree Sales	
6:00	Cub Scout Pack 3	Room 220
7:00	Girl Scout Troop 2888	Room 220
7:15	Chancel Chimes	Chapel

THURSDAY, December 22

6:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 3	Parking Lot
	Christmas Tree Sales	
6:00	Oakville Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Chancel & Family Choir	Music Room

FRIDAY, December 23

7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Lounge
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SATURDAY, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m.	Children & Family	Sanctuary
	Worship Service	
7:00	Choirs, Carols, &	Sanctuary
	Candlelight Worship Service	
7:00	Worship Service	Livestream
10:00	Carols, Communion, &	Sanctuary
	Candlelight Worship Service	

SUNDAY, December 25 - Christmas Day

10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30	Worship Service	Livestream

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