



*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*
NINETEENTH SUNDAY
after PENTECOST
OCTOBER 19, 2025 ~ 10:30 A.M.

LAITY SUNDAY

GATHERING

WORDS *of* WELCOME

Bella Keys

PRELUDE — *Valet will ich dir geben* - Georg Kaufman

Yun Kang

INTROIT — *God Welcomes All* - South African song

Chancel Choir

*God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.*
--John Bell

CALL *to* WORSHIP

A. K. Rosenbaum, Liturgist

One: Calling all children of God, the gospel is good news for every age and every season of life.

**All: We come, no matter our age or season of life, to praise the One who created us,
redeems us, and sustains us.**

One: Come, the time is at hand. Let us worship the eternal God - Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

HYMN — *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*
*All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.*
*Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.*
Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

Roger McMenamin

**Gracious God, in the depth of our souls we know how we have wandered from your way.
Open our hearts to your Holy Spirit. Free us from the prejudice that hinders us. Free us
from the ignorance that blinds us. Free us from the doubt that immobilizes us. Free us
from the sin that haunts us. Shower us with your grace and forgiveness and set us free to
love you with all of our heart, mind, and strength, as silently we confess our sin.**

SILENT PRAYERS *of* CONFESSION

Here each worshiper may offer silent prayers of confession.

PROMISE *of* FORGIVENESS

One: Listen to the promise of the scriptures and make it your own. God so loved the world that he sent his Son to us. Not to condemn us or to frighten us, or to punish us, but to love us and forgive us. Friends, believe the good news of gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen and 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

Elijah Song

RESPONSIVE READING — *Psalm 113:1-3*

One: Hallelujah! Give Praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

All: **Let the name of the Lord be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.**

One: From the rising of the sun to its going down, let the name of the Lord be praised.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM — *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* - Elaine Hagenberg

Chancel Choir with Elijah Song, cello

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;

I give thee back the life I owe,

That in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;

I trace the rainbow through the rain,

And feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;

I give thee back the life I owe,

That in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

--George Matheson

TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

Luisa Herrera

SCRIPTURE READING — *Hebrews 11:1*

Emily Bausher

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

A Walk of Faith

Emily Bausher,

Drew Hunger & Christi Anne DeSciscio

HYMN — *Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

AFFIRMATION of FAITH — *Apostles' Creed*

Micah Subers

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Greg Neiman

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 — *We Gather Together* - arr. Mark Hayes

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, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

HERE I AM

Verse One (Soloist)

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

Refrain (Congregation)

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

Verse Two (Choir)

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them Whom shall I send?*

Refrain (Congregation)

Verse Three (All)

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My heart will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?*

Refrain (All)

CHARGE *and* BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE — *Dresden Amen*

POSTLUDE — *Fanfare on an Original Theme* - Gilbert Martin

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.*

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given “in memory of our Mother, Irene Carroll, on the anniversary of her birth, by daughters Carol and Roberta Carroll and Margaret Carroll Callihan.” The second arrangement is given “in loving memory of Jim Faridy” by Lisa, Dave, and Vincent Kutch, and Lynne and Jeff Faridy.

Today at MPC

LAITY SUNDAY

Today, MPC members will lead us in worship. At the heart of our Reformed Tradition is the calling of God to all members of the church, commonly known as the Priesthood of All Believers. The theme is "A Walk of Faith". We look forward to this meaningful worship experience as the Body of Christ.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting immediately following worship today to hear the report of the Church Nominating Committee and their recommendation of the eight members to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee as the next step in the search for the next Senior Pastor/Head of Staff. Dr. Kort will moderate the Congregational Meeting. This meeting will not be livestreamed.

BLUE JEAN SUNDAY

Blue Jean Sunday will be held from noon to 3:00 p.m. today. Help be a part of the annual cleanup of the church and yards. Volunteers are invited for a quick lunch in Fellowship Hall before work begins.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

Join us on October 26 for our Anniversary Sunday luncheon in Fellowship Hall, immediately following worship. This special day is a time to celebrate all who are part of the MPC community. To RSVP, please sign up in the Welcome Center, or call or email the church office office@mpcusa.org.

SUBMISSIONS FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

During the morning worship service on Sunday, November 2, we will observe All Saints' Day at Morrisville Presbyterian Church. The service will include a Litany of Remembrance and a Prayer of Thanksgiving, enabling us to give thanks to God for members and family members who have died in the previous year. Please notify the church office at 215-295-4191 or office@mpcusa.org by Monday, October 27, if you would like a family member's name to be included in the prayer.

CHANCEL FLOWERS NEEDED IN NOVEMBER

If you would like to give flowers on a Sunday in November, please contact DeeAnn Martin at 215-493-3865 or email deemar918@aol.com. The cost of an arrangement is \$37, and may be given in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special event or in gratitude (It is the month of Thanksgiving!) for a person, act of kindness, or ministry. These flowers not only add beauty to our worship service, but they also go forward as an outreach ministry to our church family.

LADIES BUNCO NIGHT!

Ladies Bunco Night hosted by Lisa Zazzu on Wednesday, November 19 from 6:30 - ?. Text Lisa at 267-994-2153 to RSVP. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

HABITAT OF BUCKS COUNTY THANKS MPC!

"Thank you for building with Habitat Bucks! With your help, we're able to further our mission and ensure the people and families, who live and work in Bucks County, have access to an affordable, safe, and decent place to live".

MPC was well represented on Friday, October 10, at Habitat's building site in Bristol. More dates are being scheduled. MPC has long been a strong supporter of Habitat for Humanity and will continue to do so! Please consider volunteering for this wonderful opportunity to help others. Please contact Ray Hendrickson at (215) 495-3114 or hrh1453@gmail.com if interested.

MPC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP MEETS TOMORROW

The MPC Book Discussion Group will meet Monday evenings, in the conference room, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. starting tomorrow, October 20. They will be discussing their first reading, *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamanta. A retelling of *Genesis 34* (also known as the rape of Dinah) from Dinah's perspective.

The second meeting will be on December 1 to discuss *Man's Search for Meaning* by Viktor E. Frankl. Psychiatrist Viktor Frankl's memoir has riveted generations of readers with its descriptions of life in Nazi death camps and its lessons for spiritual survival. Based on the author's own experience and the experiences of others he treated later in his practice, Frankl argues that we cannot avoid suffering but we can choose how to cope with it, find meaning in it, and move forward with renewed purpose.

The next reading selections will be firmed up following the October meeting. Please contact Shellie Stoddard at stoddard.shellie@gmail.com for more information.

OCTOBER FOOD CENTER REQUEST

For the month of October, the requested item is canned beans. A shopping cart has been put in the Welcome Center to receive your donations. As always, thank you for your generosity!

MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, October 19

Laity Sunday

Blue Jean Sunday

8:30 a.m.	God's Thunder Rehearsal	Room 121
9:30	Sunday School for all ages	
10:30	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
11:30	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
11:30	Fellowship Time	Lounge
11:45	Youth Choir	Music Room
11:45	Blue Jean Sunday Event	
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Room 220

MONDAY, October 20

5:30 p.m.	Book Discussion Group	Conference Room
6:30	Cub Scout Pack 3	Rooms 122 & 220
6:30	Mostly Motets	Music Room
6:30	Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Food Packing	Room 4
7:30	Trustees Meeting	Conference Room

TUESDAY, October 21

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

WEDNESDAY, October 22

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

WEDNESDAY, October 22 (continued)

6:00 p.m.	Youth Club	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Budget Committee	Room 200
7:00	Girl Scout Troop 2888	Room 220
7:15	Chancel Chimes Rehearsal	Room 121
7:30	Ivins Outreach Center	Conference Room
	Board of Directors Meeting	

THURSDAY, October 23

10:00 a.m.	Clothing Center	Room 4
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Room

FRIDAY, October 24

SATURDAY, October 25

SUNDAY, October 26

Anniversary Sunday

8:30 a.m.	God's Thunder Rehearsal	Room 121
9:30	Sunday School for all ages	
10:30	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
11:30	Anniversary Sunday Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
11:45	Youth Choir	Music Room
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Room 220

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 to see when events takes place and room availability.

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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