MORRISVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship *for*
Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost
October 11, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m.

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

G A T H E R I N G

PRELUDE — *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* - arr. Douglas Wagner — Yun Kang

WORDS *of* WELCOME — Rev. Kyle Anderson

MINUTE *for* MINISTRY — *A Stewardship Story* — Will & Michelle Byrd

INTROIT — *God Is Calling through the Whisper* - W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY — Chancel Choir

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

CALL *to* WORSHIP — Luisa Herrera, Liturgist

One: There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.
All: We come with the gifts God has given us.
One: There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.
All: We come ready to serve one another.
One: There are different kinds of working, but the same God is at work in all of us.
All: We come trusting that God is at work in us and through us.
One: One body. Many hands.
All: One God, who calls us to offer what we have for the sake of Christ. Let us worship the God who gives, gathers, and works through us all.

HYMN — *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* — AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing, my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

PRAYER *of* CONFESSION Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla

Gracious God, you have placed gifts in our hands, but we do not always recognize them. Sometimes we compare our gifts with the gifts of others and decide that what we have is not enough. Sometimes we hold too tightly to what is ours and forget that every gift comes from you. Sometimes we wait for someone else to serve, to lead, to give, or to care, forgetting that you have called each of us. Forgive us, O God. Teach us to receive your gifts with gratitude, to offer them with humility, and to trust that you can use even what seems small for your purposes. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS *of* CONFESSION

Here each worshiper may offer silent prayers of confession.

PROMISE *of* FORGIVENESS

One: God's grace is at work in us and we offer ourselves in gratitude. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and called again. Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE *to* GOD'S PARDON (back cover of hymnal) — *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.

L I T U R G Y *o f t h e* W O R D

PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING — *1 Corinthians 12:4-6*

One: There are different kinds of gifts,
All: But the same Spirit.
One: There are different kinds of service,
All: But the same Lord.
One: There are different kinds of working,
All: But the same God is at work in all of them.

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

ANTHEM — *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* - arr. Adam Waite

God, whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at Your throne.

Treasure too You have entrusted, gain through powers Your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands, in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.

TIME *for* YOUNG DISCIPLES

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING — *Exodus 17:8-13*

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING — *Romans 12:3-8*

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Many Hands, Different Gifts* Rev. Kyle Anderson

HYMN — *Take My Life* HENDON

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be my royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

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

We trust in the Holy Spirit, who calls us to be the church, the body of Christ in the world. The Spirit gives us gifts for ministry and empowers us to serve. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our Judge and our Hope.

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (page 35 in the hymnal, *debts and debtors*)

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

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Music — *In the Garden* - Charles Miles

Doxology 606 — *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 — *Here I Am, Lord* HERE I AM

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
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.

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

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

CHARGE *and* BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE — *Amen*

POSTLUDE — *Postlude in D* - arr. Michael Ryan

Announcements

REGARDING TODAY'S SERVICE
We welcome Kyle Saint-Sauveur as our choir director this morning while Tim Carpenter is on retreat at Pilgrim Lodge in Maine.

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS
Today's Chancel flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given by Beth and Eric Becker in loving memory of their brother, Tripp, "who was a wonderful brother, uncle and friend. He had a huge heart, was full of love and compassion, and will be greatly missed." The second arrangement is given "in gratitude for our many blessings and the ministries of MPC."

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP! ADULT FAITH FORMATION - ALEX'S SABBATICAL
All are welcome to join in the conference room after worship today for an interactive discussion about what Alex learned on his sabbatical. Topics include PCUSA Offerings, his pilgrimage to Iona, and other key take aways. Hope to see you there!

WONDERING WHAT YOUR NEXT STEP AT MPC MIGHT BE? FIND OUT THIS SATURDAY!
Come to our Exploring Membership gathering this Saturday, October 17, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the lounge for a light breakfast, conversation, questions, and connection with others who are exploring what it means to make MPC their church home. No class, no commitment—just a welcoming space to explore your faith and your next steps together. Kids are welcome! RSVP to Pastor Kyle at kyleanderson@mpcusa.org by October 15, including any dietary restrictions. Hope to see you there!

PRAYER SHAWL GATHERINGS - TODAY AND NOW MONTHLY
Gatherings to make handmade prayer shawls supporting our Code Blue guests will now meet monthly, on the second Sunday of each month in room 200, upstairs. The next gathering will be today and is a great opportunity to stop by and see what it's all about! 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.

Deborah Circle Meeting Tomorrow

All women of MPC are welcome to join Deborah Circle in the lounge at noon. Deborah Circle meets the second Monday of the month.

Rebecca Circle Meets Tomorrow

Rebecca Circle will meet tomorrow, Monday, October 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the lounge. Rebecca Circle meets the second Monday of each month, through May, and you can join any time. All women of MPC are welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings for fellowship, devotions and a program.. Give it a try - come feed your spiritual self! For more information, contact Jen Jones 215 962-3655.

Coming Soon to a Pew Pocket Near You!

The Worship Committee will be preparing prayer request cards to be placed in the pew pockets in the sanctuary. Persons who wish to share a concern or joy may fill out the card and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. In the interest of privacy, these cards will replace the open notebook in the Welcome Center. The pastors will follow up on prayer requests and share them with the congregation if permission is granted.

Ushers Needed

We need you for a new opportunity. Come join our Volunteer Ushering Team! Ushering at church is a simple, fun and meaningful way to serve. It's about showing up on a Sunday with a welcoming spirit, and lending a hand wherever needed. Would you like to try it out at MPC? No pressure, no long-term commitment -- just volunteers willing to give a little of their time, working side-by-side with deacons, to help create a warm and inviting experience for everyone who walks through our doors. Please see Robin Evans after the service, or contact her at robinevans310@gmail.com for more information. You must be at least twelve years of age and a church member.

Upcoming Women's Retreat

The Women's Retreat will be held November 6-8 at the Sisters of St. Joseph Center for Spirituality in Ocean Grove, NJ. 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, but 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 are available in the Welcome Center. We are limited to twenty-five attendees. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Kernan at nankernan@gmail.com.

Book Discussions Start Again

MPC's Monday evening Book/Study Group will start up again on Monday, October 19. Join us at 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the conference room and via Zoom. Our first read this year will be *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi--perhaps you've already read it? The book is hard to find in the library, but the best seller is out in paperback now. Please purchase wherever you buy books/ebooks/audio. Used books are available online at thriftbooks.com and searching for the title. Contact Shellie Stoddard at stoddard.shellie@gmail.com or at 215-510-5717 with questions. You are welcome whether you have read it or not! Please RSVP if you would like to join remotely.

Diaper & Wipes Donation Drive

Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership (BCHIP) is hosting a "Beyond the Baby Event" on Tuesday, October 20. As a way of supporting the cause, the Ivins Outreach Center (IOC) is hosting a diaper and wipes donation drive. All donated items may be brought to the Ivins Outreach Center (right next door to MPC!) during office hours, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on or before Thursday, October 15. You can park in the rear parking lot of the IOC and enter through the back door. Thank you for supporting this event through MPC's outreach partner.

Coat Drive at Morrisville United Methodist Church

The Mission team at Morrisville United Methodist Church (MUMC) is organizing a "Coat Give Away" in October and would welcome donations of any outgrown or unneeded winter coats and accessories: hats, gloves, scarves, socks to help folks in the community stay warm through the cold winter months. Items can be dropped off from 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the United Methodist Church located at 501 West Maple Avenue in Morrisville or pick up can be arranged by calling Carol Young at 215-920-2683.

CPR/First Aid Class Opportunity

The Board of Deacons is sponsoring a CPR/First Aid certification class on Saturday, December 5. Class will start at 9:30 a.m. and last for about three hours. Cost is $80 and payment by check or cash is due the day of the class. Pre-registration is required. There will be sign up opportunities in the Welcome Center, during Fellowship Hour on Sundays, or by contacting Joy Rees directly at reesfam5@yahoo.com or by text at 215-280-4999.

MPC *Weekly Calendar* - mpcusa.org/calendar

SUNDAY, October 11

8:45 a.m.	God's Thunder Rehearsal	Room 121
9:30	Sunday School for Children & Youth	
9:30	Coffee & Connectionm	Lounge
10:30	**Worship Service**	**Sanctuary & Livestream**
11:30	Fellowship Time Host: Brown Bag Bible	Lounge
11:30	Adult Faith Formation: Alex's Sabbatical	Conference Room
11:30	Prayer Shawl Gathering	Room 200
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Chapel
Noon	Building & Grounds Meeting	Room 208

MONDAY, October 12

Noon	Deborah Circle	Lounge
Noon	Worship Committee	Zoom
6:30 p.m.	Mostly Motets	Music Room
6:30	Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall
6:45	Cub Scout Pack 3	Rooms 122 & 220
7:00	Food Center Food Packing	Room 4
7:00	Rebecca Circle	Lounge

TUESDAY, October 13

9:00 a.m.	Food Center Produce Prep	Room 4
10:00`	Welcoming the Stranger	Room 208

WEDNESDAY, October 14

9:00 a.m.	Food Center Distribution	Parking Lot
Noon	Brown Bag Bible Study	Conference Room & Zoom
7:15 p.m.	Chancel Chimes Rehearsal	Room 121

THURSDAY, October 15

10:00 a.m.	Thrift Store Open	Room 4
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Room

FRIDAY, October 16

SATURDAY, October 17

9:00 a.m.	Exploring Membership Class	Lounge

SUNDAY, October 18 - Dedication Sunday

8:45 a.m.	God's Thunder Rehearsal	Room 121
9:30	Sunday School for Children & Youth	
9:30	Coffee & Connection	Lounge
10:30	**Worship Service**	**Sanctuary & Livestream**
11:30	Fellowship Time Host: Finance & Stewardship Committees	Lounge
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 to see when events take place and room availability.

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