



*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*
TWENTIETH SUNDAY
after PENTECOST
OCTOBER 26, 2025 ~ 10:30 A.M.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

GATHERING

WORDS *of* WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla

PRELUDE — *Psalm of Glory* - Dorothy Wells

Yun Kang

INTROIT — *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* - OLD HUNDREDTH

Chancel Choir

*All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell. Come ye before him and rejoice.
O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.*

CALL *to* WORSHIP

Mark Marseglia, Liturgist

One: God is the one who calls us to worship.

All: **We come to worship the Lord. We come to celebrate the love and grace of Jesus Christ.**

One: Come, the time is at hand. Let us praise the Lord.

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.*

PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. In your mercy, forgive what we have been. By your great love, open the eyes of our hearts to see what we can become. Heal the brokenness in our souls and guide us in the way of your holy truth, 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.**

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.*

R E C E P T I O N o f N E W M E M B E R

HYMN of FELLOWSHIP — *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.*

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

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING — *Psalm 92:1-4*

One: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High:
All: **To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness at night. For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM — *As Water to the Thirsty* - K. Lee Scott

*As water to the thirsty, as beauty to the eyes,
as strength that follows weakness, as truth instead of lies,
as songtime and springtime and summertime to be,
so is my Lord, my living Lord, so is my Lord to me.
Like calm in place of clamor, like peace that follows pain,
like meeting after parting, like sunshine after rain,
like moonlight and starlight and sunlight on the sea,
so is my Lord, my living Lord, so is my Lord to me.
As sleep that follows fever, as gold instead of gray,
as freedom after bondage, as sunrise to the day,
as home to the traveler and all we long to see,
so is my Lord, my living Lord, so is my Lord to me.*
--Timothy Dudley-Smith

TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE READING — *Jeremiah 8:20*

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

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

SERMON

Maybe Next Summer

Rev. Dr. Kort

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.*

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. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us 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 — *He Hideth My Soul* - Lloyd Larson

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 — O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

*O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.*

*Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.*

*Teach me thy patience, still with thee in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.*

*In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way;
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.*

CHARGE and BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE — *Dresden Amen*

POSTLUDE — *When the Saints Go Marching In* - adapted for bells by T. R. C.

Chancel Chimes



Join us today 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.

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 by Sally Sue Scheidemantel “in memory of and with gratitude for my mother, Dorothea E. Scheidemantel, for giving me life.” The second arrangement is given by Carol Carpenter in loving memory of her mother, Ruth Wismar.

TODAY WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please extend an especially warm welcome to our new members joining Morrisville Presbyterian Church today: Ty Bostain, Libby Bostain, and Dale Perry. What a joy it is to welcome new friends into our mission and ministry here at MPC!

SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY IS TOMORROW

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 - 9. Text Lisa at 267-994-2153 to RSVP. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

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 BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP'S NEXT READING

The MPC Book Discussion Group will meet Monday evenings, in the conference room, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The next 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.

More reading selections will be announced soon. For more information, please contact Shellie Stoddard at stoddard.shellie@gmail.com.



Coffee & Conversation

At Weekday Nursery School

Thursday November 6, 2025
9:00 - 10:00 am

Sip, chat and connect the Weekday way!

Join us for coffee on the playground after drop off for community & conversation. We'll provide the coffee, bring your little ones, and get to know the other parents in your child's class!

*RSVP at the
Sign Up
Genius Link!*

WEEKDAY NURSERY SCHOOL HOSTS YOUNG FAMILIES SOCIAL OPPORTUNITY NOVEMBER 6, 2025!

Weekday Nursery School is a thriving pre-school that is part of our MPC family and operates out of the Education Wing of MPC. This year, WNS parent representatives began hosting a parent coffee for parents to gather, share information, and build relationships after they drop off their children at the school. As WNS families are invited to MPC multi-generational events, WNS is inviting MPC young families to join them. Moms and dads, and their children under 4 years of age, are invited to the next scheduled Parent Coffee scheduled for November 6, 2025. If you are interested in learning more about WNS, or just want to meet other parents with young children, this is a great opportunity. Please use the [Sign-up Genius at this link](#) to RSVP.

Anniversary Sunday—Celebration of Church Membership

Today we celebrate Anniversary Sunday when we recognize those who are observing their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th and "50th plus" anniversary of membership in our Church. We give thanks to God for your service and dedication to the work of this Church, and we pray that your example may be an inspiration to all of us, as together we serve the Lord.

10 years (2015)

Kimberli Bowser
Melanie Nolan

15 years (2010)

Nicholas Dugan
Jennifer Moyer-Harrington

20 years (2005)

Caroline Thompson

25 years (2000)

Andy Beidler
Kim Beidler
Meghan Burghardt
Robert Carroll
Donna Damiani
John Damiani
Judith Gardner
Wesley Gardner
Lisa Pastilock
Pat Pastilock
A K Rosenbaum
Tim Stover
Tom Triebel

30 years (1995)

Carolle Maust
Margie Hughes

35 years (1990)

Joanne Broadbent
Alice Buschman
Charlotte Johnson
Seth McHenry

40 years (1985)

Jeff Faridy
Jill Jurey
Robert Morris
Elizabeth Scholer

45 years (1980)

Jeff Evans
Karen Hill
Phyllis Low
Polly Underwood

50 years (1975)

Curtis Rimler

51 years (1974)

Heather Bray
Diane Marseglia
Patricia Sheffer

52 years (1973)

Gail Hunger
DeeAnn Martin
Nancy Stoner

53 years (1972)

Dorothy Carr
Stephen Cope
Glenn Mangold

55 years (1970)

Dorothy Hann
Lynn Vitali

56 years (1969)

LuAnn Drabb
Craig Hill
Nancy Kernan

57 years (1968)

Linda Mocolak
Marilyn Queen

58 years (1967)

Joan Ashmen
William Burgess

59 years (1966)

Lynne Faridy
Lawrence Low
David Schoenthaler
Marilyn Schoenthaler

60 years (1965)

Nancy B. Anderson
Shirley DeAngelis
Kathleen Foster
Blythe Kropf
George Mershon, III
Doug Traub

61 years (1964)

Joan Cope
Sheldon Cope
Dotty Hunger
Cynthia Laird

(continued on back)

62 years (1963)

Gail Flesch
Elizabeth Parker
Marian Schleicher
Joyce Willever
Joan Young

63 years (1962)

Roger Anderson
Harry Morris

64 years (1961)

Alice Gray
Ross Gray
Loretta Whiteside

65 years (1960)

R Michael Demech
Connie Hill
Chuck Hughes
Barbara Hughes
Marion Rea

66 years (1959)

Drew Hunger
Joan Ketaner

67 years (1958)

Janne Fowler
Karen Huggins

68 years (1957)

Marge Dyott
Eleanor Franke
Diane Jablon
Joan Marks
Kay O'Brien

69 years (1956)

J'Ann Ellis
Carolyn Hart

70 years (1955)

Jan Cook
Marjorie Ernest

71 years (1954)

Bill Anderson
Dolores Morris
Mary W. Moyer
Doris Roberts

72 years (1953)

Llywellon Mohr

77 years (1948)

Charles Johnson

78 years (1947)

Carol Evans

79 years (1946)

Charl Warburton



MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, October 26

Anniversary Sunday

8:30 a.m.	God's Thunder Rehearsal	Room 121
9:30	New Member Class	Lounge
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

MONDAY, October 27

6:30 p.m.	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
7:00	Scouts Parent Meeting	Lounge
7:30	Session Meeting	Conference Room

TUESDAY, October 28

9:00 a.m.	Produce Prep	Room 4
10:00	Weekday Nursery	Room 220
	School Projects	

WEDNESDAY, October 29

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

WEDNESDAY, October 29 (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

THURSDAY, October 30

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

FRIDAY, October 31

SATURDAY, November 1

SUNDAY, November 2

All Saints' 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	Fellowship Time	Lounge
11:45	Youth Choir	Music Room
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Room 220
Noon	Deacon Meeting	Conference Room

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!

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

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