



*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 NOVEMBER 6, 2022
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

PRELUDE — *Prayer* - Caleb Simper

Yun Kang

CALL to WORSHIP

Pastor Alex Lester-Abdalla

One: With what shall we come before the Lord?
All: Shall we bring burnt offerings or calves a year old?
One: Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams?
All: Or ten thousand rivers of oil?
One: God has shown us what is good. What does the Lord require?
All: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

HYMN — *Here in This Place*

GATHER US IN

*Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung through-out all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven light years away;
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

Tori Paquette

Surprising God, you have flipped the wisdom of the world on its head. You teach that the meek shall inherit the earth and that heaven belongs to those who suffer for the sake of justice. But we cling to the values of this world, things that enhance our status, but cheat our souls. We seek comfort in simple answers and easy outs. We disregard the marginalized and mock weakness, forgetting that Christ lifted up the lowly and made a home among the vulnerable. God of blessing, reorient our hearts and renew our minds, so that we might act with justice, practice kindness, and walk humbly with you.

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

PROMISE *of* FORGIVENESS

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Believe 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.*

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

PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — *Matthew 5:1-10, 16*

One: When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up to the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

All: **“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

One: Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

All: **Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.**

One: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

All: **Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.**

One: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

All: **Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.**

One: Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

All: **In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME *for* YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — *Micah 6:6-8*

“With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of
rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my
soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

MEDITATION

Susan Light, Ray Hendrickson, Elizabeth Dugan

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
 Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
 Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
 Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
 Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
 Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
 Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
 and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
 Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
 Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
 In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
 This I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls people to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

OFFERING

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music — *More Love to Thee, O Christ* - William Doane

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.*

SACRAMENT of the LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYER of GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

THE BREAKING *of the* BREAD

COMMUNION *of the* PEOPLE

MUSIC *during* COMMUNION — *Here, O Our Lord, We See You* - Frederick Cook

PRAYER *after* COMMUNION

S E N D I N G

HYMN — *Come! Live in the Light!*

WE ARE CALLED

*Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.*

Refrain:

*We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.*

*Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and violence will be no more.*

Refrain

*Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love.*

Refrain

CHARGE *and* BLESSING

POSTLUDE — *Lord of the Dance* - Sydney Carter

QUESTION *for* REFLECTION

- How have you witnessed God's justice, loving kindness, and presence in your life?
- How is God calling you to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God?

WHO MAY RECEIVE COMMUNION IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

"The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding.

Worshippers prepare themselves to celebrate the Lord's Supper by putting their trust in Christ, confessing their sin, and seeking reconciliation with God and one another. Even those who doubt may come to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ."

-Book of Order W-3.0409

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 by George Mershon in loving memory of his wife, Wendi, on this her birth date. The second arrangement is given in celebration of the birth of Kira Ruth Orians by her grandparents, the Reverend Jack and the Reverend Karin Nelson McAnlis. Kira, born October 19, is the daughter of Nate and Carolyn McAnlis Orians.

TODAY'S FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOST

Today's host for Fellowship Hour will be the Outreach Committee. Please come, visit, enjoy a light snack, and stop by to hear and learn more about our host group.

NEXT SUNDAY IS BLUE JEAN SUNDAY

Blue Jean Sunday will be held on November 13 from noon to 3:00 p.m. Help be a part of the annual clean-up of the church and yards. Contact Property Manager David Sterling at davidsterling@mpcusa.net for more details and to sign up.

THE WORD IN MUSIC WORSHIP SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY

A Celebration of Psalms in Worship will take place next Sunday, November 13. The Psalms have long had a significant place in Reformed Protestant and, especially, Presbyterian worship. Martin Luther called the Psalms "a Little Bible, wherein everything contained in the entire Bible is beautifully and briefly comprehended." [Preface to the Revised Edition of the *German Psalter* (1531)] The Psalter is "a common treasury of good doctrine" [Basil of Caesarea] and therefore divine instruction for training the soul.

In this spirit the choirs and congregation will be using the Psalms throughout the worship service. We hope you will be present for the celebration.

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.

JOIN REBECCA CIRCLE - NEXT MEETING, 11/14

All women of MPC are invited to become part of Rebecca Circle. Gather with friends, new and old, once each month for fellowship and a program. Topics include religion, spirituality, self-help, information, local trips and fun. Join this active, supportive and joyous group of sisters in Christ on the second Mondays of the month now through May, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge. For information, contact Jen Jones 215 962-3655.

MEN'S MINISTRY

It has taken us a couple of years, but we're happy to say that the men of MPC are getting back together for fellowship and community. Travis Keys has graciously offered to host our first Thursday Night Football gathering on November 17. This is a casual gathering to watch a game, share in conversation, and at halftime Pastor Alex will bring a question for people to discuss. The Keys address is 495 Keating Dr. Yardley, PA. If you are able, you are invited to bring a beverage and a small appetizer so we can all share the burden of food and fellowship. Festivities begin at 8:00 p.m., and feel free to come whenever works for you since the choir contingent will be arriving after practice. Please RSVP to Pastor Alex at alexlester-abdalla@mpcusa.net and please also cc Travis at tkeys9690@aol.com so that plans can be made for the number of people coming.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - NEXT BOOK

Our next selection will be *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel. We will meet for a discussion on Tuesday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge. All are welcome! Contact Shellie Stoddard at stoddard.shellie@gmail.com or 215-510-5717 with questions or to confirm your attendance.

COLOR OF LAW DISCUSSION

We will be having a discussion at MPC on the book *Color of Law*, by Richard Rothstein, on Sunday November 20 from noon to 1:30 p.m. following worship. This is a chance for us to explore questions and issues of identity and race as we strive each day to become better Christians and members of our community. This book was selected by folks in the church who participated in a community building and constructive conversation around Debbie Irving's book *Waking Up White*.

We hope all will feel free to join this discussion, whether these are issues you have been exploring for a long time or whether you are looking for a place to start. The only prerequisites are reading the book (or as much as you can) and an interest in conversation with fellow members of your church family!

Email Pastor Alex at alexlester-abdalla@mpcusa.net if you are interested in joining and **if you would like the church to order a copy of the book for you.**

HURRICANE IAN RELIEF FUND

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is working to aid those impacted by the hurricane in Florida and elsewhere, and is so grateful for the outpouring of prayers and calls from congregations (MPC!) and individuals (You!) asking how they can help! MPC has assisted the PDA for years, and now is a most important time to reach out to our brothers and sisters in Christ being affected by this awful disaster. The MPC Outreach Committee has already made the commitment to assist the PDA, so might you also help? You may use a check made out to MPC and place "Hurricane Relief" on the comment line. There will also be baskets in the sanctuary labelled "Hurricane Relief". To find out more about the PDA, visit pda.pcusa.org.

PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE....


Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with our sisters and brothers of Christ in Ukraine. The baskets labelled "Ukraine Relief Fund" are no longer being placed in the sanctuary, but your monetary support through the online portal or Sunday offering plate is so very welcome. Gifts received are given to the Presbytery Disaster Assistance (PDA), designated for Ukraine.

To learn more about how Presbyterian Mission is helping those in Ukraine and around the world, please visit presbyterianmission.org.

THE IVINS OUTREACH CENTER & "STAYING PUT IN LOWER BUCKS" NEEDS YOU!

By providing many needed services, our "Staying Put in Lower Bucks" program enables older adults to remain in their homes and actively engage in their community. We are solely dependent on volunteers, for without our volunteers, we would not be able to sustain this program. If you would like to set your own schedule and are willing to: Provide transportation to area doctors, hospitals, grocery shopping and pharmacy pick-up OR make friendly telephone calls or visits to check on a person's well-being OR provide minor assistance in a home such as changing light bulbs and fire detection batteries, then we need you. One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time! For volunteer opportunities and how you can help, call the Ivins Outreach Center at 215-428-0500 ext. 103 or visit our website at ivinsoutreach.org. Ask a friend to join you!

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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.

MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, November 6

8:30 a.m.	<i>God's Thunder</i> Rehearsal	Chapel
9:30	Sunday School for all ages	
10:30	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30	Worship Service	Livestream
11:30	Fellowship Hour	Lounge
	Host: Outreach Committee	
11:45	Teen Choir	Music Room
Noon	Deacons Meeting	Conference Room

MONDAY, November 7

6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 3	Room 220
6:30	Mostly Motets	Music Room
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Lounge
	Parent & Board Meetings	
7:00	Personnel Committee	Zoom
7:30	Youth Ministry	Conference Room

TUESDAY, November 8

6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 3	Fellowship Hall
6:30	Butterfly Essential	Room 220
	Wellness Class	

WEDNESDAY, November 9

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

WEDNESDAY, November 9 (continued)

1:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting	Zoom
6:00	Cub Scout Pack 3	Room 220
6:00	Youth Club	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Finance Committee	Zoom
7:00	Girl Scout Troop 2888	Room 220
7:15	Chancel Chimes	Chapel

THURSDAY, November 10

10:00 a.m.	Clothing Center	Room 4
6:00 p.m.	Oakville Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Chancel Choir	Music Room

FRIDAY, November 11

7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Lounge
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SATURDAY, November 12

Noon	Butterfly Essential	Fellowship Hall
	Wellness Event	

SUNDAY, November 13

8:30 a.m.	<i>God's Thunder</i> Rehearsal	Chapel
9:30	Sunday School for all ages	
10:30	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30	Worship Service	Livestream
11:45	Teen Choir	Music Room
Noon	Blue Jean Sunday	

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