



*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 JUNE 4, 2023  
FIRST SUNDAY  
after PENTECOST

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE** — *My Jesus, I Love Thee* - William Ralph Featherston

Yun Kang

**INTROIT** — *I Come with Joy* — American folk melody

Chancel Choir

*I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.*

### CALL to WORSHIP

Drew Hunger

One: Come into God's presence with gladness!

**All: The Spirit brings light into our darkness, hope to our sadness, joy to our mourning.**

One: Come into God's presence with singing!

**All: Christ's love brings faith to our doubt, promise to our uncertainty.**

One: Come into God's presence with joy!

**All: We come, seeking God's new way of life. Let us worship God together!**

**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

Pastor Alex Lester-Abdalla

Spirit of the Living God, you call us to spread the good news, to live the gospel, to teach Jesus' way to future generations. But we shirk our responsibilities and fail to act on your Great Commission. Forgive our silence. Forgive our apathy. Forgive our lack of fire. Help us be bold in faith, loving the world as Christ loves, and living as Christ commands.

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

### PROMISE of FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118: *Let those who fear the Lord say, His steadfast love endures forever. Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. In Christ, God answers us and sets us free! 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

### GOSPEL READING — *Matthew 28:16-20*

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

One: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## TIME *for* YOUNG DISCIPLES

### NEW TESTAMENT READING — *2 Corinthians 13:11-13*

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

## SERMON

*Benediction*

Pastor Rachel Rhodes

### HYMN — *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* (verses 1, 2 & 5)

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."*

*Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:  
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."  
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,  
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:  
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,  
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:  
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

### AFFIRMATION of FAITH — *Apostle's Creed*

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.

## HONORING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

May God's blessing be yours on your journey, guiding you and cherishing you. May Jesus' blessing be yours, nourishing you and feeding you with love. May the Spirit's blessing be yours, joy and wisdom comforting you for the road ahead. Amen.

## OFFERING

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music — *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* - W. L. Thompson

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

### COMMUNION ANTHEM — *Come Before the Table* - Karen Marrolli

*Come before the table. O come before the Lord.  
O come and share the love that makes us one. Let all the world rejoice!  
Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, who at this blessed feast art pleased to be.  
-- text by Karen Marrolli*

### PRAYER after COMMUNION

## SENDING

### HYMN — *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

CANONBURY

*Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.  
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.  
O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.  
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.  
O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart.  
And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.  
O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow  
in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.  
O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where  
until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.*

## A LITANY of BLESSING for PASTOR RACHEL'S SABBATICAL

One: May you find rest and relaxation in your days.  
**All: We send you out with our love and blessing.**  
One: May new adventures and possibilities invite you.  
**All: We send you out with our love and blessing**  
One: As you move into your Sabbath time, your time apart,  
**All: May you rest in God's care.**  
One: May your soul be deepened in the Spirit that fills you.  
**All: May you rest in God's care.**  
One: In all the places in which you will travel, by footstep, by air or by auto, in activity and stillness,  
**All: May you rest in God's care.**  
One: In your time in these sacred spaces, reflecting on God's never-ending love for us all,  
**All: May you rest in God's care.**  
One: In your journey to the foundations of your faith and this call,  
**All: May you rest in God's care.**

## CHARGE *and* BLESSING

## BENEDICTION RESPONSE — *Amen*

## POSTLUDE — *Gloria from Twelfth Mass* - W. A. Mozart

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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***\*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](mailto:Bulletin@MPCusa.net).***

### TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given in loving memory of Richard H. Evans by his wife Carol, his son Jeffrey, his daughter Nancy Stoner and his grandchildren Maddy, Jordan and Elizabeth Stoner. The second arrangement is given by the Levan family in thankfulness for the ministry of the Rev. Rachel A. Rhodes with best wishes for spiritual renewal and reflection on her forthcoming Sabbatical.

### SMALL GROUP BOOK DISCUSSION MEETS THIS TUESDAY

Our next book for discussion is *Shadow of the Silk Road* by Colin Thubron. It is the story of an eight month-long journey, "tracing the passage not only of trade and armies but also of ideas, religions and inventions. But alongside this rich and astonishing past, *Shadow of the Silk Road* is also about Asia today: a continent of upheaval" (Goodreads). The meeting date has been rescheduled (again) to **Tuesday, June 6**. Please feel free to attend even if you haven't read to the end! We will meet in the lounge, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The selection scheduled for discussion that date (*The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini) will be rescheduled for the summer or fall. Contact Shellie Stoddard at 215-510-5717 or email [stoddard.shellie@gmail.com](mailto:stoddard.shellie@gmail.com) with questions or to confirm your attendance.

### WOMEN'S RETREAT - REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS TOMORROW!

The Women's Retreat is taking place July 28-30, 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 in the literature racks to register or call the church office at 215-295-4191. Registration deadline is Monday, June 5.

A generous bequest in honor of Dorothea (Dot) E. Scheidemantel has underwritten the cost of the retreat. The bequest includes scholarships of \$100 each to help with the cost of childcare, transportation, or registration. Contact Pastor Rachel Rhodes at [rachelrhodes@mpcusa.net](mailto:rachelrhodes@mpcusa.net) or through the church office at 215-295-4191 to make a confidential request for this support.

### **LIMITED TRENTON THUNDER TICKETS AVAILABLE**

If you missed out on the ticket sale for the Trenton Thunder Night on Saturday, June 24, at 6:30 p.m., a limited number of tickets are available. Please contact Lisa Zazzu at [lzazzu@verizon.net](mailto:lzazzu@verizon.net) to purchase tickets. Tickets are \$8 per person.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE - DUE NOW!**

Limited time is available for graduating high school seniors and college students to become eligible for scholarships offered by Morrisville Presbyterian Church for the 2022-2023 school year. A list of scholarships and information is available on the MPC website at [mpcusa.org/youth-ministry](http://mpcusa.org/youth-ministry). Submissions need to include completed application form and one letter of reference. Applications must be submitted by the May 31 deadline to [office@mpcusa.net](mailto:office@mpcusa.net) or mailed to the church office at Morrisville Presbyterian Church, 771 Pennsylvania Ave., Morrisville, PA 19067. If you have questions regarding the application process, please contact Pastor Alex at [alexlester-abdalla@mpcusa.net](mailto:alexlester-abdalla@mpcusa.net) or Dawn Flook at [flookfamily5@gmail.com](mailto:flookfamily5@gmail.com).

### **SUPPORT YOUTH-IN-MISSION'S 2023 TRIP TO WEST VIRGINIA!**

Every year our church commissions a group of teens and adults to travel to Pipestem, West Virginia and make home repairs for residents in need. The group will stay at the Appalachian South Folk Life Center and along with repairing homes, we will engage in a week-long devotional on "The Kingdom of God." There are a couple of ways you can support our teens and adults in their mission.

Please join us at our next car wash and bake sale following worship service on Sunday, June 25. Whether you are streaming worship from home or worshipping in-person, please plan on stopping by MPC for a car wash and to pick up some yummy treats!

The Youth-in-Mission are also raising funds through a "Stock Sale." To participate in the stock sale, you can stop by the Welcome Center through the month of June. You can also give by check or through the [MPC Online Giving Portal](#). If giving by check, please write "YIM Stock Sale" on the memo line of your check. To give online [visit here](#) and click "Online Giving Portal" to enter your donation amount next to "YIM Stock Donation."

As always, the Youth-In-Mission appreciate your ongoing and generous support.

### **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Child Care at church is an amazing gift to young families, providing a safe, fun space for small children, and enabling parents to participate in worship in our sanctuary. Our Nursery Coordinator, Hannah, has finished her studies at TCNJ and has moved back to Connecticut. We are actively recruiting a new coordinator for the fall. Until then, we are reliant on volunteers to help staff the Nursery. Please consider volunteering for 1-2 Sundays during the summer. To volunteer, please add your name to the sign-up sheet outside the Nursery, or contact Carol Carpenter at [carol.w.carpenter@gmail.com](mailto:carol.w.carpenter@gmail.com) or Patrick Gilbride at [pgilbrid@estee.com](mailto:pgilbrid@estee.com). Thank you for considering this wonderful way to support young families and the mission of MPC.

### **CLOTHING CENTER CLOSES FOR SUMMER ON JUNE 15**

The Clothing Center is preparing for their closing for the summer and will no longer be accepting donations after June 1. Please [visit their webpage](#) for information on accepted items and how you can donate. Thank you for another successful year. We couldn't do it without your support. We look forward to seeing you again in September.

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - FAITH BUILD 2023:**

The dedication for the home on Hillcrest Ave., Morrisville has taken place. Thank you to the many members of MPC that helped to construct this beautiful home for a most deserving family.

And now, there will be three homes built in Croydon! To begin this process, MPC is joining with Woodside Presbyterian Church in constructing the walls for those homes at Woodside on the following dates:

- Friday, 6/9 - seeking slightly more experienced folks who are comfortable using a chop saw and other construction equipment - 25-30 experienced volunteers.
- Saturday, 6/10 - is where we are seeking the bulk of the volunteers, no experience necessary - 70-125 volunteers – all ages!! We also need crew leaders - 1 lead per 7 volunteers.
- Sunday, 6/11 - seeking a small group to load the walls - 5 load volunteers.

[Sign up at here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Ray Hendrickson at 215 495-3114 or at [hrh1453@gmail.com](mailto:hrh1453@gmail.com). Spread the word and THANK YOU!

### **BOY SCOUT TROOP 3 CAR WASH**

A car wash will be held next Sunday, June 11, by Boy Scout Troop 3 after worship service. This is a free will offering and all proceeds will help offset summer camp costs. Thank you for your continued support.

### **GOT MILK?**

Can you help? Our Food Center MILK shelves are empty. We could use donations of boxed shelf stable milk or cans of evaporated milk. A shopping cart has been put in the Welcome Center to receive your donations. Thank you!

### **NEW OPPORTUNITY!**

A spiral bound book will be available in the Welcome Center for the specific purpose of receiving the Joys and Concerns of the people of MPC. As you feel led to share, write down your prayers in this notebook. Each Sunday morning, these prayers will be directed to the pastoral staff and incorporated into worship during the Prayers of the People. What a gift to be knitted together in this way. Thanks be to God!

### **MPC GREETER**

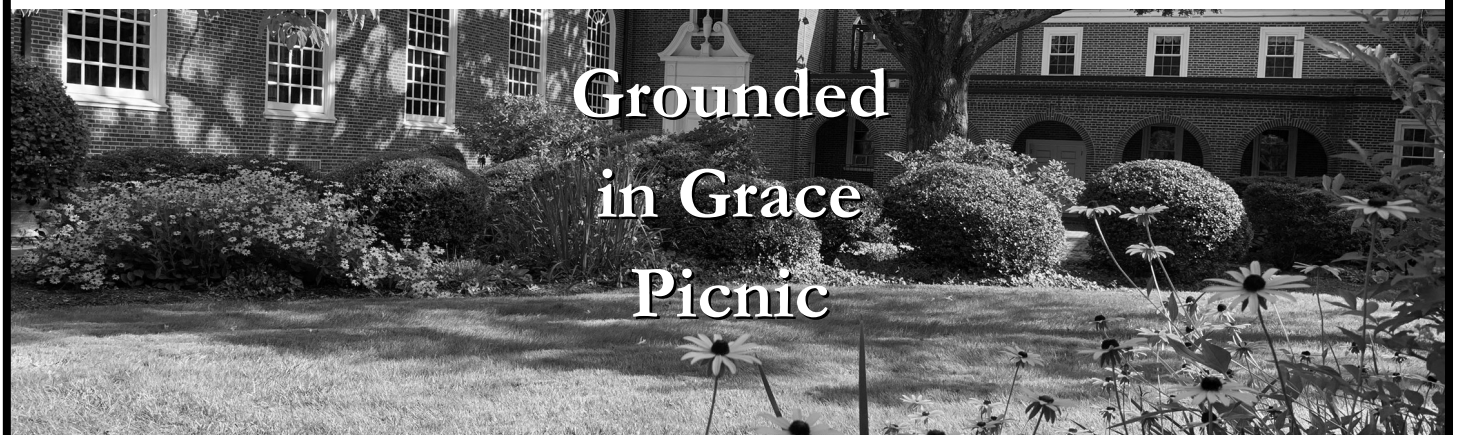
Please sign up to be a greeter in the Welcome Center. A smile, kind words, and an offer of assistance are the only requirements. You can sign up as an individual, family, or a group. The sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center. Any questions, contact Lisa Zazzu at [lzazzu@verizon.net](mailto:lzazzu@verizon.net).

### **DICTIONARY DONATION UPDATE**

We have now collected 248 adult dictionaries and 166 Thesauruses and other reference books. In the next month we will be distributing books for summer reading to Jefferson Intermediate in Trenton, Morrisville High School and a new client, Sprout U also in Trenton. Thank you for the ongoing book donations.



**Save the date!**  
**Sunday, September 10**



## MPC Weekly Calendar

### SUNDAY, June 4

9:00 a.m.	God's Thunder	Chapel
10:30	<b>Worship Service &amp; High School Graduate Recognition</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
10:30	<b>Worship Service &amp; High School Graduate Recognition</b>	<b>Livestream</b>
11:30	Fellowship Hour	Lounge
11:45	Teen Choir	Music Room
Noon	Deacon Meeting	Conference Room

### MONDAY, June 5

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

### TUESDAY, June 6

10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Food Center	Parking Lot
7:00	Small Group Book Discussion	Lounge

### WEDNESDAY, June 7

9:00 a.m.	Food Center	Parking Lot
2:30 p.m.	Worship Committee	Zoom
6:00	Cub Scout Pack 3	Room 220
7:00	Girl Scout Troop 2888	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Finance Meeting	Zoom
7:15	Chancel Chimes	Chapel

### THURSDAY, June 8

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

### FRIDAY, June 9

6:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Lounge
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### SATURDAY, June 10

### SUNDAY, June 11

9:00 a.m.	God's Thunder	Chapel
10:30	<b>Worship Service &amp; Ordination &amp; Installation of Officers</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
10:30	<b>Worship Service &amp; Ordination &amp; Installation of Officers</b>	<b>Livestream</b>
11:30	Fellowship Hour	Lounge
11:30	Boy Scout Troop 3	Parking Lot
	Car Wash	
11:45	Teen Choir	Music Room

To view upcoming events and meetings, please visit [www.mpcusa.org](http://www.mpcusa.org) and click on "Calendar" from the home page.

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Need Help? email [Office@mpcusa.org](mailto:Office@mpcusa.org) and ask that your questions be forwarded to the stewardship committee.

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