



*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  
FOURTH SUNDAY  
after EASTER  
APRIL 26, 2026 ~ 10:30 A.M.

## GATHERING

### WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

### MINUTE for MINISTRY

*Teacher Appreciation*

Kevin Subers

### PRELUDE — *Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren* - Johann Walther

Yun Kang

### CALL to WORSHIP

Tom Smith, Liturgist

One: They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

All: **Lord, we wait patiently in your presence. Enter the sanctuary of our souls that we might worship you in Spirit and in truth.**

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

### HYMN — *Morning Has Broken*

BUNESSAN

*Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!  
Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.  
Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation; praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!*

### PRAYER of CONFESSION

**O Lord, our God, teach our hearts where and how to seek you, and where and how to find you. Often we seek our will and not your holy will for us. Often we accept lies as truth and turn a deaf ear to your holy commandments. Forgive us. Show us the path that leads to what is good and filled with righteousness. During the time of silent confession, grant us the courage to confess the hidden sins that continue to reside within us.**

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

### PROMISE of FORGIVENESS

One: Listen to the promise of the scriptures, "Though your sin be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow, though they be red like crimson, they shall be white as wool." Believe the good news of the Bible.

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.*

# LITURGY of the WORD

## PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

### RESPONSIVE READING — *Psalm 145:1-6*

One: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

**All: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.**

One: One generation shall laud your works to another and declare your mighty acts.

**All: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM — *The Gift of Love* - English folk melody, arr. Hal Hopson

Greg & Courtney Neiman

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and not have love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.*

## TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

### SCRIPTURE LESSON — *Mark 14:3-9*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

*The Day the Preacher Got Pickpocketed*

Rev. Dr. Kort

### HYMN — *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

*Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me  
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou hast for me.  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.  
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

## AFFIRMATION of FAITH — *Apostles' 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.

## 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 — *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* - W. M. Runyan

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 Lord My God*

HOW GREAT THOU ART

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed:  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!*

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!*

*And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin:  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!  
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### CHARGE and BLESSING

POSTLUDE — *Sheep May Safely Graze* - arr. Jack Schrader

The choirs of Morrisville Presbyterian Church  
and Newtown Presbyterian Church present:

# Illuminare

by Elaine Hagenberg  
with chamber orchestra

Join us next Sunday, May 3, at 10:30 a.m.  
for this special Word in Music Sunday worship service.

## 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.org](mailto:Bulletin@MPCusa.org).*

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of Llywellon (Lew) Mohr, on his death April 20. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory to eternal life.

### **TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The chancel flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given by Chuck and Sue Jones, and their son Chuck Jr., "in loving memory of Cathleen Jones Haas on the occasion of her 44th birthday which would have been today. Cathleen was a beautiful daughter and loving sister, as well as an exceptional wife and mother. As a speech therapist, she had a positive influence on the lives of hundreds of children. We all miss her, but know she now rests in eternal peace in the loving arms of our Lord" .

### **THANK YOU TEACHERS!**

This morning we gratefully recognize and honor our dedicated Sunday School teachers who give their time and energy to encourage faith formation in God's children in grades Pre-K to 12, as well as adult learners.

We hope you will join us in sharing appreciation for these people who serve faithfully to a crucial mission of this church, as we seek to grow in compassion and love.

### **NEW MEMBER CLASSES**

Interested in exploring membership at Morrisville Presbyterian Church? Our spring new member classes will be held on May 14 and May 31. To sign up or for more information, please contact the church office at [office@mpcusa.org](mailto:office@mpcusa.org) or 215-295-4191.

### **FOOD CENTER'S APRIL REQUEST**

For the month of April, the requested food donation is cereal. A shopping cart has been put in the Welcome Center to receive your donations. Thank you for your continued generosity!

### **CHANCEL FLOWERS NEEDED FOR MAY 17 & 31**

If you would like to give flowers on one of these Sundays, please contact DeeAnn Martin at 215-493-3865 or email [deemar918@aol.com](mailto: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 for an act of kindness or ministry. Not only do these flowers add beauty to our Sunday worship services, but they also go forward as an outreach ministry to our MPC family.

### **MPC CLOTHING CENTER'S SPRING OPEN HOUSE**

We will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. We have so much more than just clothing, though we certainly do have a lot of clothing! When was the last time you shopped at the [MPC Clothing Center](#)? Have you ever been to the CC? Now is your opportunity before we close in June for our summer hiatus. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, May 2.



### **BUNCO NIGHT**

The next Bunco event will be hosted by Cindy and Steve Moskow on Saturday, May 2 at 6:00 pm. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. To RSVP and get details, please contact Cindy at 215-431-3540.



### **STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, sponsored by the National Letter Carriers' Association, will be held on Saturday, May 9, at the Morrisville Methodist Church, located at 501 W. Maple Avenue in Morrisville. MPC and the Food Center have been involved for many years, and the Food Center benefits greatly from the large amount of food collected in the 19067 zip code. Help is needed from 10:00 a.m. thru 7:00 p.m. It's a fun day and a great community effort. Please join us and bring a friend! Sign up online at [MPCusa.org/food-center](http://MPCusa.org/food-center). Please email [MPCfoodcenter@gmail.com](mailto:MPCfoodcenter@gmail.com) with any questions you may have.

### **PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING - BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!**

We had a wonderful turnout for our first prayer shawl gathering and will be holding another on Sunday, May 17, immediately after service in room 220. 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.

### **SCOUT TROOP 3 CLOTHING DRIVE**

Scout Troop 3 is hosting a Clothing Drive through May 3. Along with clean clothing, you can donate books and clean houseware items for this fundraiser. The goal is to reach 4000 lbs. of soft items. You can drop off your donations on Monday evenings in Fellowship Hall from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. If it's more convenient to drop off items on Sunday before or after service, we will have a trash can marked for the Scout Drop-Off at the bottom of the steps outside of room 4. Thank you for your participation during this fundraiser.

### **5K & FUN RUN TO SUPPORT IVINS OUTREACH CENTER**

Support the Ivins Outreach Center's "Run Through History 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run" on Saturday, June 13, 2026, by participating as a runner, walker, or donor. Proceeds from the race support Ivins Outreach Center's Cancer Care and Staying at Home initiatives. The Run Through History 5K begins at 7:30 a.m. and invites participants to become part of a living story that connects Morrisville, Bucks County, Trenton, and Philadelphia to the birth of the United States.

The race will start in Williamson Park, which was originally an island with several mills built in the mid-1700s along the raceway between the riverbank and the island. The race crosses the Delaware Canal State Park and to Summerseat. Summerseat served as George Washington's headquarters between December 8 and 14, 1776, and was later purchased by Robert Morris, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. The race reverses back to the canal for a brief run to the Calhoun Street Bridge, then atop the flood-control dike to the Trenton Makes Bridge and returns to Williamson Park and the finish.

To register for the event online, use the QR code or [click here](#). Details and race-day or mailable registration may be [found here](#).



**SAVE THE DATE: MEMORIAL DAY PARADE HOSPITALITY**

The Communications and Evangelism committee will host a hospitality table for participants in the Morrisville Memorial Day Parade as they prepare to step-off from the MPC parking lot on Monday, May 25. This continues to be a great success each year! Setup begins at 7:30 a.m. and we are usually cleaned up by 9:30. Details on requested donated food items and volunteer sign-up will be coming in the weeks ahead. Stay tuned!

**MPC AT TRENTON THUNDER**

Save the date! MPC is heading to the ballpark for a Trenton Thunder baseball game on June 13 at 6:00 p.m. Sign up in the Welcome Center beginning in May.



**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!**

On behalf of the Trustees, and after conversations with Session and the PNC, a huge thank you to Wendy McMenamin, Roger Anderson, and Dave Sterling for arranging a “pop-up spring cleaning day,” and to the volunteers who so generously gave their time on Sunday with little notice. The love and added sparkle to the building is greatly appreciated! If you would like to be involved in other organizing and one-off cleaning efforts, please let the Trustees know by emailing Elizabeth Lester -Abdalla at elizabeth.p.lester@gmail.com.

*MPC Weekly Calendar*

**SUNDAY, April 26**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
**10:30 Worship Service** Sanctuary & Livestream  
 11:30 Mad Science Event with lunch Fellowship Hall  
 Noon Adonai Tabernacle Chapel

**MONDAY, April 27**

6:30 p.m. Mostly Motets Music Room  
 6:30 Cub Scout Pack 3 Rooms 220 & 122  
 6:30 Scouts Troop 3 Fellowship Hall  
 7:00 Food Center Food Packing Room 4  
 7:30 Session Meeting Conference Room

**TUESDAY, April 28**

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

**WEDNESDAY, April 29**

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

**WEDNESDAY, April 29 (continued)**

6:00 p.m. Youth Club Offsite  
 7:00 Girl Scout Troop 2888 Room 220  
 7:15 Chancel Chimes Rehearsal Room 121

**THURSDAY, April 30**

10:00 a.m. Clothing Center Room 4  
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal Offsite

**FRIDAY, May 1**

**SATURDAY, May 2**

9:00 a.m. Quilters Guild Conference Room  
 9:30 Memorial Service Visitation Lounge  
 10:00 Memorial Service Chapel

**SUNDAY, May 3**

**10:30 a.m. Word in Music** Sanctuary & Livestream  
**Worship Service**  
 Noon Adonai Tabernacle Chapel  
 Noon Deacon Meeting Conference Room  
 4:00 p.m. Cantus Novus Concert Sanctuary

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](http://mpcusa.org/calendar) to see when events take place and room availability.

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