



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 JULY 24, 2022
SEVENTH SUNDAY
after PENTECOST

GATHERING

PRELUDE — *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* - Mark Hayes

Yun Kang

CALL to WORSHIP

One: Lord, teach us to pray.

All: So we might awaken to the wonder of your presence;

One: So we might feel gratitude for your gift of life today;

All: Lord, teach us to pray.

One: So we might discover your kingdom as revealed in our neighbor;

All: So we might find safety beneath the shelter of your wings;

One: So we might declare your glory as we gather together:

All: Lord, teach us to pray. Let us worship God together!

HYMN — *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN' FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing,

Our helper be, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing,

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.

His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,

were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.

Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,

we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.

The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.

His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.

The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.

The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Ever-faithful God, how often we turn away from you, yet you remain constant to us. We run from you, but you call us back. In our words and our deeds we dishonor you, yet you still profess your love for us. We cut ourselves off from you and from others, but you will not let us go. Forgive our faithless and fickle ways, O God. Increase our gratitude, that we might grow in faithfulness to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

SILENT PRAYERS of CONFESSION

Here each worshiper may offer silent prayers of confession.

PROMISE of FORGIVENESS

One: Neither sin nor doubt nor death, nor anything else in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. So let us proclaim the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

*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

OLD TESTAMENT READING — *Psalms 138*

One: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

All: I bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

One: For you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

All: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

One: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

All: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

One: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

All: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

One: The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me;

All: Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures for ever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

GOSPEL READING — *Luke 11:1-13*

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

One: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Learning to Pray

Pastor Rhodes

HYMN — *Seek Ye First*

LAFFERTY

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.*

Allelu, alleluia!

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.*

Allelu, alleluia!

*You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.*

Allelu, alleluia!

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

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.

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 — *The Lord's Prayer* - Albert Hay Malotte

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

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

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION of FAITH

PRAYER

Holy God, we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory. Amen.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

S E N D I N G

HYMN — *Loving Spirit*

OMNI DIE

*Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.*

*Like a mother you enfold me, hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body, form me of your flesh and bone.*

*Like a father you protect me, teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder, let me see the world from high.*

*Friend and lover, in your closeness I am known and held and blessed:
in your promise is my comfort, in your presence I may rest.*

*Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.*

POSTLUDE — *Vesper Voluntaries op. 14* - Edward Elgar

QUESTION *for* REFLECTION

- How did you learn to pray?

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 Curt Rimler in memory of his father, Jack Rimler, on the anniversary of his heavenly life. The second arrangement is given in memory of Michael Mocolak by his parents, Bill and Linda Mocolak, and family and friends.

HEY MPC YOUTH! DO YOU NEED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS?

Get a jump start on your community service requirements by signing up to help at the Food Center this summer. Visit mpcusa.org/food-center to click on "Volunteer Sign Up" links to view available opportunities. Please email MPCfoodcenter@gmail.com with any questions or if you need additional information.

Get those pesky hours out of the way now! Imagine how jealous all your friends will be when they are scrambling to fulfill hours at the last minute! Sign up now!

UKRAINE RELIEF FUND KEEPS GROWING

Your generous contributions have totaled over \$13,000! Thank you for your continued support. Donations are still welcomed to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (pda.pcusa.org), specifically to aid those impacted by the war in Ukraine. You may use a check made out to MPC with "Ukraine Relief" placed on the comment line or donate through the MPC Online Giving Portal at mpcusa.org/give by completing the box next to "Presbyterian Disaster Assistance." The MPC Outreach Committee continues to monitor the situation and continues to ask for your prayers.

Welcome New Members

Please extend an especially warm welcome to our New Members joining Morrisville Presbyterian Church today: Lynn Lang, Wendy LaQuay, and Roger McMenam. What a joy it is to welcome new friends into our mission and ministry here at MPC!

Lynn Lang spent the first four years of her life on Main Street in Yardley and then moved to Morrisville one block from MPC. She learned to swim in the ponds which are now the parking lot. After graduating from college, Lynn married and moved to Trenton where her three children were born. She then took a circuitous route to Syracuse, West Trenton, and finally back to Yardley. Lynn was a stay-at-home mom until her last child was in school, then taught high school for 22 years and preschool for 18. Her passions, other than family, are music, art, reading, hiking Alaskan mountains and Army Football. An honorary member of the West Point Class of "55," she's rarely missed an Army home game in 63 years. Lynn has been an Episcopalian her entire life but her church merged with another parish too far away to travel. When brought to MPC as a guest, Lynn was drawn by the service that felt like home, the very warm and welcoming clergy and congregation, and the beautiful music. Lynn considers it a joy to become an active member of Morrisville Presbyterian Church.



Wendy LaQuay (soon to be McMenam) and **Roger McMenam** are engaged to be married October 15, 2022. Wendy spent the majority of her childhood in California. In 1987, she transferred from Point Loma Nazarene College to Eastern University in order to have Tony Campolo as her professor. She graduated with a BA in Sociology. Upon graduation while working at Bethanna Children's Home she decided to not return to California, but to make Pennsylvania her home. Wendy specializes in working with low income seniors. She has worked for numerous Bucks County nursing facilities, Blue Cross and LIFE St. Mary. Wendy has always loved serving those in need as a social worker and volunteer, but her title of mom has always been her most favorite. Wendy has 2 children: Corey (25) and Kylie (23). Both kids have graduated college and live out of state, but frequently visit. While raising her children, Wendy also cared for special needs foster children in her home for over 10 years and started a MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) group at her church (Langhorne Presbyterian) where she also served as an Elder and chaired their Nominating Committee.



Roger was born and raised in Lawndale Philadelphia. He attended Abington Friends School, Gettysburg College and Ohio Northern University Law School. Roger has been practicing law since 1995 and his firm, McMenam and Wing, is focused on representing those who have been injured in the workplace. Roger was confirmed at Presentation BVM and was a member of Doylestown United Methodist Church for 20 years where he sang in the choir as well as served on several committees. Roger has two daughters, Alexis (23) and Dorian (21).

Together, they live in an old historic farmhouse in Langhorne Borough and, whenever possible, they love escaping to their vacation home which is on the Susquehanna River in Wyalusing, PA. In their spare time they love visiting with family and friends as well as fishing, golfing, traveling, walking their dog, gardening and working on home projects.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF BUCKS COUNTY NEEDS MPC VOLUNTEERS!

Habitat for Humanity is a global nonprofit housing organization working in local communities across all 50 states in the U.S. and in approximately 70 countries. *Faith Build 2022* is their project of building homes in Bristol where faith groups and congregations have come together to put their faith into action! Last month they held the dedication of the 124th Habitat Home, and the 125th Habitat Bucks home has begun in Bristol. MPC has long been a supporter of Habitat in many ways – assisting at a work site, assisting at a Restore location, and making substantial donations. Interested? Please contact Ray Hendrickson at hrh1453@gmail.com or 215 495-3114 to be a part of *Faith Build 2022*! For more information on volunteering and to sign-up, you may also visit habitatbucks.org/volunteer.

MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, July 24

10:30 a.m. Worship Service	Sanctuary	
10:30 Worship Service	Livestream	
3:00 p.m. Young Adult Committee	Offsite	

WEDNESDAY, July 27

9:00 a.m. Food Center		Parking Lot
6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 3		Room 220
7:00 Girl Scout Troop 2888		Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, July 25

1:30 p.m. Family Services	Room 208	
Conference Meeting		
6:00 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		

THURSDAY, July 28

6:00 p.m. Oakville Girl Scouts		Room 220
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FRIDAY, July 29

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting		Lounge
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SATURDAY, July 30

SUNDAY, July 31

10:30 a.m. Worship Service		Sanctuary
10:30 Worship Service		Livestream

TUESDAY, July 26

6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 3	Fellowship Hall	
6:00 Pack 3 - Webelos	Room 104	
6:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	Room 220	

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