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MPC Mission Statement adopted by the Session March 31, 2008

WORSHIP for OCTOBER 30, 2022
ALL SAINTS' &
ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

GATHERING

PRELUDE — *We Gather Together* - Theodore Baker

Yun Kang

CHORAL INTROIT — *Rejoice in God's Saints* from Ravenscroft's *Book of Psalms*

Chancel Choir

*Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.*

*Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.*

CALL to WORSHIP

Pastor Alex Lester-Abdalla

One: Grounded in the grace of God,
All: We are a vibrant Christian community, disciples of all ages,
One: Gathered for worship and nurture,
All: Scattered to serve and to love!
One: May our life together be a reflection of God's love and grace!
All: May our worship be pleasing to God alone! Let us worship God together!

HYMN — *In Christ Called to Baptize*

ST. DENIO

*In Christ Called to Baptize, we witness to grace
and gather a people from each land and race.
In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death,
then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.*

*In Christ called to banquet, one table we share,
a haven of welcome, a circle of care.
Although we are many, we share in one bread.
One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.*

*In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach
the lifegiving gospel; God's love we will teach.
By grace may our living give proof to our praise
in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.*

*Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of Love,
for you are within us, around us, above.
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow.
In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.*

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Tori Paquette

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. You call us to serve; we respond with resistance and excuses, assuming we know what is best. You call us to love; we respond with grudges and discomfort, evaluating who is deserving of our love. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us how to worship you with the sacrifice you desire: loving you and loving one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

PROMISE of FORGIVENESS

One: People of God, hear the good news concerning the love and forgiveness of God: *“As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us.”* 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.*

PRAYER of REMEMBRANCE and THANKSGIVING

One: Living God, in whom there is no shadow or change; our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, we thank you for the gift of life eternal, and for the saints of all times and places who have walked the road of faith before us and beside us.

All: **We thank you for all the saints remembered and forgotten, for those dear souls most precious to us, who having served you well, now rest from their labors.**

One: We thank you for their witness to your love and their commitment to your justice.

All: **We thank you for their trust in your mercy and the joy they shared in serving you. By their example, remind us of our calling to continue their faithful work, as we too walk in the light of your love.**

One: God of grace and peace, today we especially remember the saints from among this community who have departed our company over the past year. We rejoice that no one can look upon death and not look beyond it, just as no one can think of night without thinking of the glorious dawn to follow.

All: **We rejoice in the security of those whom you have called unto yourself. They go out from us but not into darkness, for they go into the light of your everlasting love.**

One: We thank you particularly this day for...

*Nancy C. Anderson
Jamil Faridy
Ted Fletcher
Frank Kusiak
Dolores Moruzzi
Franklin W. Queen*

*Elsie H. Radvany
Terry Sinclair
Tony Scarano
Barbara H. Scarano
Lester Wright*

One: Merciful God, we thank you for their faithful witness, for their courage amidst strife and their hope in the face of death. We remember so many other saints who have walked this road with us, those whom we have named and those whom we have lifted in the quiet of our hearts.

All: **Continue to inspire us by their faithful witness, O God, that we too might join in bringing your love, justice, mercy, and peace to our world.**

One: Eternal God, as we walk this pilgrim way, make our faith firm, our hope clear, and our love pure, that we might join the saints of all the ages in praise eternal. We thank you that by dying Christ destroyed the power of death, and by rising from the grave opened the way to eternal life.

All: **Help us to know that because he lives, we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

ANTHEM — *For All the Saints* - Vaughan-Williams / Rosenberg

Congregation joins on the final verse.

*For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl steams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

LITURGY of the WORD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

PSALTER READING — *Psalm 103*

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord.

All: God's dominion is forever.

One: As for us our days are grass;

All: Like a flower of the field, we flourish and then we die.

One: But the steadfast love of God is from everlasting to everlasting,

All: And God's righteousness is to children's children.

One: The grass withers and the flower fades;

All: But the word of the Lord stands forever.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord.

All: God's dominion is forever.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

NEW TESTAMENT 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.

SERMON

Scattered to Serve and to Love

Pastor Rachel Rhodes

HYMN — *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

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 make the common holy: "This, my body; this, my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us share your children's liberty:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society:
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 — *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.

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 — *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* - Charles Converse

Doxology — *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

*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.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

S E N D I N G

HYMN — *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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*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.*

CHARGE *and* BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION — *Amen*

POSTLUDE — *Psalm of Glory* - Dorothy Wells

QUESTION *for* REFLECTION

- How do you serve and love in the world to the glory of God?

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 Carol Carpenter in loving memory of her mother, Ruth Wismar, on the anniversary of her birth. The second arrangement is given by Sally Sue Scheidemantel in memory of and gratitude for her mother, Dorothea E. Scheidemantel, who gave birth to her this day. The windowsill flowers are given by Lew Mohr in celebration and gratitude for all the members of our MPC family, and in special recognition for those who have been members of MPC for 50+ years. How blessed we are to share in the gifts of our church family.

NEW SERMON SERIES, *WHO IS MPC?* CONCLUDES TODAY!

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Did you know our church has a mission statement?! You may have been attending here for years and have no idea what our mission statement says or what it calls forth from us as we imagine our impact in the world and in our church family and community. Over the course of the next weeks, we're going to explore who we are (or who we claim to be), and how God might be challenging us to look at that call more deeply and more creatively than we ever have before! And keep an eye out for this mission statement—it's in more places than you might realize!

If you missed any of the sermon series, visit our website under "Past Services" or visit YouTube at youtube.com to search for our channel by entering "Morrisville Presbyterian Church" on the homepage.

TODAY'S FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOST

Fellowship Hour will not take place this week. We hope you will join us after worship for the Anniversary Sunday luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Next week's host for Fellowship Hour will be the Outreach Committee.

TODAY IS ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

Anniversary Sunday is the day when we celebrate everyone's membership in MPC. Our 50+ year members will also be recognized during worship. Following worship, our Anniversary Sunday luncheon will take place in Fellowship Hall.

SAVE THE DATE FOR 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.

CPR CLASS OFFERED - LAST DAY TO REGISTER

A CPR and First Aid certification class will be sponsored by the Board of Deacons and offered to anyone interested on Saturday November 5 at 9:30 a.m. It will run approximately three hours and the cost is \$65.00, payable by cash or check on the day of class. **Preregistration is required by October 30.** Please contact Joy Rees at reesfam5@yahoo.com or 215-280-4999, or Ruth Levan at jlevan4@verizon.net or 267-808-0945 if interested.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP MEETS THIS TUESDAY

We will be meeting in-person on Tuesday, November 1, in the Lounge at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *The Stranger in the Lifeboat* by Mitch Albom. All are welcome! Contact Shellie Stoddard at stoddard.shellie@gmail.com or 215-510-5717 with questions or to confirm your attendance. Looking ahead, please consider reading our next selection: *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel, and join us for a discussion on Tuesday evening, December 6.

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!

MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, October 30 - All Saints' Sunday

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	Anniversary Sunday Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
Noon	Communication & Evangelism Committee	Conference Room

MONDAY, October 31

6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 3	Room 220
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Lounge
	Parent & Board Meetings	

TUESDAY, November 1

12:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
6:00	Cub Scout Pack 3	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Food Center	Parking Lot
7:00	<i>The Stranger in the Lifeboat</i>	Lounge
	Book Discussion Group	

WEDNESDAY, November 2

9:00 a.m.	Food Center	Parking Lot
Noon	Brown Bag & Bible Study	Zoom
1:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting	Zoom
2:30	Worship Committee	Zoom

WEDNESDAY, November 2 (continued)

6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 3	Room 220
7:00	Girl Scout Troop 2888	Room 220
7:15	Chancel Chimes	Chapel

THURSDAY, November 3

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 4

7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Lounge
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SATURDAY, November 5

8:00 a.m.	Girl Scout Troop 2888	Room 220
9:00	Youth Club	Offsite
9:30	CPR Training Class	Room 220
11:00	Girl Scout Troop 2888	Fellowship Hall
	Ornament Making	

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

Heritage Sunday—Celebration of Church Membership

Today we celebrate Heritage 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.

5 years (2017)

David Curtiss
Sydney Flook
Avery Gardner
Santino Hernandez-Feehan
Jennifer McGuire
RoseMarie Morisset
Cindy Moskow
Madison Neiman
Vanessa Nolan
Abigayle Stover
Derick Sumrall

10 years (2012)

Amy Drake
Riley Dugan
Jennifer Hoener
Susan Light
Jessica Pingor
Lois Schiliventz
Evan Schnurr
Gavin Smith
Emily Stover

15 years (2007)

Carol Carpenter
Jack Glock
James Levan
Karl Schujko
Jennifer Schujko

20 years (2002)

Janine Battaglia
Jill Doran
Sarah Levan
Andrea Wood
Tony Zazzu
Lisa Zazzu

25 years (1997)

Erin Aronson
Evelyn Fletcher
Alice Garcia

30 years (1992)

Eric Becker
Beth Becker
Michael Newman
Lori Newman

35 years (1987)

Robert Carrington
Diane Carrington
Beth DiTulio
James Harveson
Helen Hill
Ron Workman
Ruth Workman

40 years (1982)

Suzanne Barletto
John Cope
Mary Scheppach-Wright

45 years (1977)

Melonie Burgess
Ray Hendrickson
Becky Hendrickson
Warren McGary
Louis Wiegand
Donna Wiegand
David Yantz (1962)

50 years (1972)

Dorothy Carr
Stephen Cope
John Gardner
Glenn Mangold

52 years (1970)

Ann Davenport
Dorothy Hann
Lynn Vitali

53 years (1969)

LuAnn Drabb
Craig Hill
Nancy Kernan

54 years (1968)

Linda Mocolak
Marilyn Queen

55 years (1967)

Joan Ashmen
William Burgess

56 years (1966)

Lynne Faridy
Patricia Lebegern
Lawrence Low
David Schoenthaler
Marilyn Schoenthaler
Charles Thompson

57 years (1965)

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

58 years (1964)

Joan Cope
Sheldon Cope
Dotty Hunger
Cynthia Laird
Lewis Parker, III

59 years (1963)

Gail Flesch
Elizabeth Parker
Marian Schleicher
Joyce Willever
Joan Young

60 years (1962)

Roger Anderson
Lew Hart
Harry Morris

61 years (1961)

Alice Gray
Ross Gray
Loretta Whiteside

62 years (1960)

R Michael Demech
Connie Hill
Chuck Hughes
Barbara Hughes
Betsy Jurey
Marion Rea

63 years (1959)

Drew Hunger
Joan Ketaner

64 years (1958)

Janne Fowler
Karen Huggins

65 years (1957)

Bernice Donini
William Dyott
Marge Dyott
Diane Jablon
Patricia Kolle
Joan Marks
Kay O'Brien
Sarah Sunderland

66 years (1956)

J'Ann Ellis
Carolyn Hart

67 years (1955)

Jan Cook
Marjorie Ernest

68 years (1954)

Bill Anderson
Dolores Morris
Mary W. Moyer
Doris Roberts

69 years (1953)

Llywellon Mohr

74 years (1948)

Charles Johnson

75 years (1947)

Carol Evans
Shirley May

76 years (1946)

Charl Warburton

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