



*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  
FIFTH SUNDAY  
after EASTER  
MAY 3, 2026 ~ 10:30 A.M.

## Word in Music Sunday

### GATHERING

#### WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

#### PRELUDE — *Ecologue, Op. 10* (opening)

Strings & Piano

#### CALL to WORSHIP

#### HYMN — *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!*

*To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.*

*Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!*

#### MORNING PRAYER

#### 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.

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON — *Genesis 1:3-4a*

# LITURGY *of the* WORD

The Word through Music

## *Illuminare*

by Elaine Hagenberg

Performed by combined choirs of Morrisville Presbyterian Church  
and Newtown Presbyterian Church with  
Strings, Piano, and Percussion

### 1. *Splendor*

Saint Ambrose (340-397)

*Splendor paternae gloriae,  
de luce lucem proferens,  
lux lucis et fons luminis,  
diem dies illuminans.*

Splendor of God's glory,  
brings forth light from light,  
light of light, light's living spring,  
Day, all days illuminates.

### 2. *Caritas*

Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179)

*Caritas abundant in omnia,  
de imis excellentissima  
super sidera,  
atque amantissima in omnia,  
Quia summon regi  
osculum pacis dedit.*

Love abounds in all,  
from the depths most excellent  
to beyond the stars,  
and loving toward all,  
she has given the highest king  
the kiss of peace.

### 3. *Nox*

*Kyrie eleison Christe eleison.*

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Aurelius Prudentius Clemens (348-413)

*Nox et Tenebrae et nubile,  
confuse mundi et turbida.  
Caligo terrae scinditur,  
percussa solis spiculo.*

Night and darkness and fog,  
confused world and turmoil.  
Dark gloom tears the earth,  
beats and stabs the sun.

## GOSPEL READING — *John 1:1-5*

Luisa Herrera

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### 4. *Munera pacis*

Saint Gregory (540-604)

Scott McHenry - soloist

*Ecce jam noctis tenuatur umbra,  
Lux at aurorae rutilans coruscat:  
Supplices rerum Dominum Canora  
Voce prececur:*

Behold, already night and shadows taper off,  
Light and dawn sprinkle and quiver:  
We humbly beg the Lord through song.  
Our voices pray:

*Ut reos culpae miseratus, omnem  
Pellat angorem, tribuat salute,  
Donet et nobis bona sempiternae  
Munera pacis.*

Though we are guilty, view us with compassion  
Banish anguish, bestow health,  
Grant us everlasting goodness  
Give us peace.

*John 14:27*  
*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you: not as the world giveth, give I to you.*  
*Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

5. *Illuminare his*  
Canticle of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79)

*Illuminare his qui in tenebris*  
*et in umbra mortis sedent:*  
*ad dirigendos pedes nostros in viam pacis.*

Illuminate those in darkness  
and in shadow of death are seated:  
direct our footpath in the way of peace.

## OFFERING

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music — *Ecologue, Op 10* (ending)

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** — *Jesus, Light of Joy*

LAUDA ANIMA

*Jesus, light of joy, surround us; let your splendid glory shine:*  
*source of every earthly blessing, heaven's everlasting sign.*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, we adore you, light divine.*  
  
*Now the shadows fall around us; now the evening has begun:*  
*still your gracious light is with us, brighter than the morning sun.*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, God of glory, Three-in-One.*  
  
*With the saints we lift our voices, God of power, God of might.*  
*All creation shones with glory, singing praises day and night:*  
*alleluia, alleluia, hoby, hoby, hoby, light.*

## BENEDICTION

**One:** Gracious God, send us into the world to be light for others in what is so often a darkening world. Let us and the world you created be so filled with your Light that love would wander into every crevice of brokenness and despair.

**All:** **And may the blessing of God who restores, Christ who redeems and the Spirit who comforts and renews be with you and remain with us, now and always. Amen**

**POSTLUDE** — *Concerto for two violins, BMV 1043* (first movement) - Johann Sebastian Bach

We are blessed to have the following musicians with us as we offer our music as a gift from and to God:

### Newtown Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

Ben Shively, Director of Music ~ Ricky Sazón Salazar, organist

Sopranos: Barbara Clark, Clare Fannon, Julie Milici, Deb Salvatore, Laura Brenner-Scotti, and Pamela Lynde

Altos: Bettilyn Bogie, Nyla Houser, Annie McCasland, Joanne Wiggins, and Ruth Ann Wilson

Tenors: Christopher Brill, Tyler Brown, Archie Foor, Marcia Foor, and Lynn Losch

Basses: Tom Bogie, Dave Clark, Wilson Dorward, Tomm Morrison, James Moyer, Paul Salvatore, Richard Show, and Brent Wiggins *(continued on next page)*

## **Morrisville Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir**

Tim Carpenter, Director of Music ~ Yun Kang, organist

Sopranos: Dianne Adams, Annie Anderson, Emilie Beals, Dorothy Cassimatis, Charlotte Harrington, Jan Johnson, and Maureen Kyle  
Altos: Sue Begent, Carol Carpenter, Dori Clough, Nancy Kernan, Carolyn Landis, Cynthia Lang, Nancy McHenry, and Fran Perlman  
Tenors: Karl Helland, Mark Marseglia, Scott McHenry and Nancy Powers  
Basses: Clark Martin, Seth McHenry, Kyle St Sauveur

### **Instrumentalists**

Violins: Alex Yavtuhovich, Jody Rajesh, Nelly Federova, and Christopher Jones  
Violas: Dennis Krasnokutsky and Linnea Marchie  
Cellos: Elina Lang and Tomasz Rzczycki  
Bass: Steve Kyle  
Percussion: Patrick Bailey and Mark Bencivengo

## 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).*

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

The chancel flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given in memory of Harry G. Dent on the anniversary of his birthday. The second arrangement is given in loving memory of Wendi Mershon by her husband, George Mershon.

### **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.

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

If you would like to give flowers on this Sunday, 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.

### **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.

### **RESERVE YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR A NIGHT AT THE BALLGAME**

Join us on Saturday, June 13, at 6:00 p.m. when MPC will be heading out to a Trenton Thunder baseball game for a night of fun, fellowship, and fireworks! Sign up in the Welcome Center or contact Lisa Zazzu at (267) 994-2153. Reserve your tickets by Wednesday, June 3. Suggested donation \$10.



### **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE HOSPITALITY**

The Communications and Evangelism committee will once again host a hospitality table for participants in the Morrisville Memorial Day Parade as they prepare to step-off from the MPC parking lot at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 26. This continues to be a great success each year!

We are looking for volunteers and donations to help us welcome the parade participants as they gather to begin the parade. Setup begins at 7:30 a.m. and we are usually cleaned up by 9:30. We offer water and hand-held foods like granola bars and bananas, and make rest rooms available.

Donations requested include:

- bottled water
- bananas and apples
- granola or cereal bars
- donuts or small baked goods
- bags of ice
- coolers to hold bottled water (with your name clearly marked so we can return them to you)



Please contact Damon Miller at [damonmiller@mpcusa.org](mailto:damonmiller@mpcusa.org) if you are able to volunteer or donate any items. Come and join us so we can welcome our fellow neighbors to our church as they begin our community's Memorial Day celebration!

### **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](#).



### **FOOD CENTER'S MAY REQUEST**

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

### **HAVE SOMETHING FOR *CURRENTS*?**

The deadline for submissions for the next edition of *Currents* is May 15. If you have any information or photos from your committee or group you would like to share with the congregation, please email Damon Miller at [damonmiller@mpcusa.org](mailto:damonmiller@mpcusa.org). The edition will be published the first week of June.

**VISITATION FOR LEW MOHR**

Friends of Lew Mohr, who died on April 20, are invited to attend the family’s visitation on Thursday, May 7, from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the lounge.

*MPC Weekly Calendar*

**SUNDAY, May 3**

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

**MONDAY, May 4**

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	Personnel Committee	Zoom

**TUESDAY, May 5**

9:00 a.m.	Food Center Produce Prep	Room 4
10:00	Weekday Nursery	Room 220
	School Projects	
7:00 p.m.	Food Center Distribution	Parking Lot

**WEDNESDAY, May 6**

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

**WEDNESDAY, May 6 (continued)**

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

**THURSDAY, May 7**

9:00 a.m.	Weekday Nursery School	Fellowship Hall
	Parents’ Day	
10:00	Clothing Center	Room 4
10:00	Lew Mohr Visitation	Lounge
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Offsite

**FRIDAY, May 8**

9:00 a.m.	Weekday Nursery School	Fellowship Hall
	Parents’ Day	

**SATURDAY, May 9**

9:00 a.m.	Children’s Sunday Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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**SUNDAY, May 10**

10:30 a.m.	<b>Children’s Sunday</b>	<b>Sanctuary &amp; Livestream</b>
	<b>Worship Service</b>	
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Chapel

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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