



*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.*
MPC Mission Statement adopted by the Session March 31, 2008

WORSHIP *for*
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
after PENTECOST
OCTOBER 12, 2025

GATHERING

WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla

PRELUDE — *Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost* - J. S. Bach

Yun Kang

INTROIT — *God Welcomes All* - South African song

Chancel Choir

*God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.*

--John Bell

CALL to WORSHIP

A. K. Rosenbaum, Liturgist

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into his presence with singing.

All: Know that the Lord is God, it is God that made us. We are God's people, the sheep of his pasture.

One: Enter God's gates with Thanksgiving, enter his courts with praise. Give thanks to God.

All: For the Lord is good, God's steadfast love endures to all generations.

One: Come, let us worship the good shepherd of our lives.

HYMN — *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changed not; compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be*

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*Summer and winter, springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

Refrain

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, written thousand beside!*

Refrain

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Holy God, humbly we come to you asking for your forgiveness. You know the true intentions of our hearts. You see us chasing after worldly success at the expense of being faithful disciples. You see us accepting lies at the expense of your holy truth. You see us for who we really are, and still, you love us! Such love is holy, sacred, and cleansing. O Lord, forgive our wayward ways, as silently we confess our sin.

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

PROMISE of FORGIVENESS

One: Listen to the promise of the scriptures and make that promise your own.

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.

L I T U R G Y o f t h e W O R D

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — *Psalm 136:1-4*

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

All: **For his steadfast love endures forever.**

One: O give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.

All: **O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM — *Offertory* - John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord,

And bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,

Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,

With ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions,

The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man,

He has shown you what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you

But to do justice and to love kindness,

And to walk humbly with your God?

-- Micah 6:6-8

TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — *1 Corinthians 3:5-9*

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Best Time to Plant a Tree

Rev. Dr. Kort

PRESENTATION of COMMITTEMENT CARDS

At this time you are invited to go to mpcusa.org/e-estimate-card to complete and submit your online Commitment Card.

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 — *This Is My Father's World* - Franklin Sheppard

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 — *I Am the Church*

*I am the church, You are the church, We are the church together.
All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we're the church together.*

*The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place, the church is the people.*

I am the church...

CHARGE *and* BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE — *Amen*

POSTLUDE — *Gloria* - W. A. Mozart

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.org.***

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given by Pat and Lisa Pastilock in loving memory of Lisa's mother, Doris Szala, who passed away last year on October 4. She was 96 years old. The second arrangement is given by Clark and DeeAnn Martin in loving memory of DeeAnn's mother, Frances L. Neagley.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

Join us on October 26 for our Anniversary Sunday luncheon in Fellowship Hall, immediately following worship. This special day is a time to celebrate all who are part of the MPC community. To RSVP, please sign up in the Welcome Center, or call or email the church office office@mpcusa.org.

Circle meetings this week

DEBORAH CIRCLE

Deborah Circle meets tomorrow at noon
in the Lounge.

REBECCA CIRCLE

Rebecca Circle meets tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.
in the Lounge.

All women of MPC are welcome to come for fellowship and faith enrichment.

Next Sunday at MPC

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, October 19, immediately following worship to hear the report of the Church Nominating Committee and their recommendation of the eight members to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee as the next step in the search for the next Senior Pastor/Head of Staff. Dr. Kort will moderate the Congregational Meeting.

LAITY SUNDAY

Next Sunday MPC members will lead us in worship. At the heart of our Reformed Tradition is the calling of God to all members of the church, commonly known as the Priesthood of All Believers. The theme is "A Walk of Faith". We look forward to this meaningful worship experience as the Body of Christ.

BLUE JEAN SUNDAY

Blue Jean Sunday will be held on October 19 from noon to 3:00 p.m. Help be a part of the annual cleanup of the church and yards. Please contact Property Manager David Sterling at davidsterling@mpcusa.org for more details and to sign up.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES BEGIN

Are you interested in exploring church membership at MPC? New member classes are scheduled for Sunday, October 19 and Sunday, October 26. If interested, please indicate on the Friendship Pad or by contacting the church office at 215-295-4191 or email office@mpcusa.org for more details. Members would be received in worship on Sunday, October 26.

OCTOBER FOOD CENTER REQUEST

For the month of October, the requested item is canned beans. A shopping cart has been put in the Welcome Center to receive your donations. As always, thank you for your generosity!

MPC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The MPC Book Discussion Group will meet Monday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. starting October 20 and spacing the discussions out six weeks to give folks more time to read!

The first reading is *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamanta. A retelling of *Genesis 34* (also known as the rape of Dinah) from Dinah's perspective. Published in 1997, the book has been enjoyed by generations of women. Perhaps you have already read it?

The second meeting will be on December 1 to discuss *Man's Search for Meaning* by Viktor E. Frankl. Psychiatrist Viktor Frankl's memoir has riveted generations of readers with its descriptions of life in Nazi death camps and its lessons for spiritual survival. Based on the author's own experience and the experiences of others he treated later in his practice, Frankl argues that we cannot avoid suffering but we can choose how to cope with it, find meaning in it, and move forward with renewed purpose.

The next reading selections will be firmed up following the October meeting. Other dates will be January 12, February 23, April 13, May 18. Please contact Shellie Stoddard at stoddard.shellie@gmail.com for more information.

FOOD CENTER OPPORTUNITIES

The Food Center is run by a lively and committed group of volunteers, who find the work rewarding and fun. Most people only think of the Wednesday food distribution aspect of the Food Center, but there are many behind the scenes tasks that have to happen in order to be able to distribute food to clients on Wednesdays. Currently, there are several opportunities available:

- Inventory Control (at home, on your schedule)
 - Monitor pantry inventory (with the help of on-site volunteers)
 - Order free food from Philabundance weekly
 - Set up every other month deliveries from our grocery supplier
- Delivery Receiving (Monday mornings, and occasional Wednesday afternoons)
 - Be on site to accept and unload food deliveries
 - Maintain and communicate with a team of 2-3 helpers
- Food Pick-Ups (at your convenience, every other week)
 - Drive your vehicle, or the Food Center van, to Aldi to purchase bulk items
 - Unload and shelf food in the pantry.

Please consider joining the team! Contact the Food Center at mpcfoodcenter@gmail.com to sign up and submit questions.

MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, October 12

Dedication Sunday

9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages	
10:30	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
11:30	Fellowship Time	Lounge
11:45	Youth Choir	Music Room
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Room 220

MONDAY, October 13

Noon	Deborah Circle	Lounge
6:30 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 3	Rooms 122 & 220
6:30	Mostly Motets	Music Room
6:30	Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Food Packing	Room 4
7:00	Rebecca Circle	Lounge

TUESDAY, October 14

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

WEDNESDAY, October 15

9:00 a.m.	Food Center Distribution	Parking Lot
Noon	Brown Bag Bible Study	Conference Room & Zoom
6:00 p.m.	Youth Club	Offsite
7:00	Girl Scout Troop 2888	Room 220
7:15	Chancel Chimes Rehearsal	Room 121

THURSDAY, October 16

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

FRIDAY, October 17

SATURDAY, October 18

10:00 a.m.	Newtown Quilters Guild	Conference Room
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SUNDAY, October 19

Laity Sunday

Blue Jean Sunday

8:30 a.m.	God's Thunder Rehearsal	Room 121
9:30	Sunday School for all ages	
9:30	New Member Class	Lounge
10:30	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
11:30	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
11:30	Fellowship Time	Lounge
11:45	Youth Choir	Music Room
11:45	Blue Jean Sunday Event	
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Room 220

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 to see when events takes place and room availability.

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Mobile Giving

Scan the appropriate QR code with your phone and find MPC by searching code 'FEDN99' or 'Morrisville Presbyterian Church'
Once set up, you can schedule recurring gifts or make one-time offerings with one click!

Need help? Email Office@mpcusa.org and ask that your questions be forwarded to the Stewardship Committee.

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