



*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
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
after PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 16, 2025 ~ 10:30 A.M.

GATHERING

WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla

MINUTE for MINISTRY

PNC Update

David Hough & Nancy McHenry

PRELUDE — *Aria* - Caleb Simper

Yun Kang

INTROIT — *Let All Things Now Living* - ASH GROVE

Chancel Choir

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration, a song let us raise,
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!*

--Kathryn K. Davis

CALL to WORSHIP

Nancy McHenry, Liturgist

One: God is the one who calls us to worship.

All: We come to celebrate the love and grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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

HYMN — *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

*Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim; all in heaven above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting in your reign.*

*Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord!"*

*All apostles join the strain as your sacred name they hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain, and the blessed martyrs follow,
and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.*

*Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name you,
while in essence only one; undivided God we claim you,
and adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.*

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Almighty God, you alone read the intentions of our hearts. You know the ways we often criticize others, and usually behind their backs. You know the times we parade our righteousness for all to see. You know the sins we have never confessed. Oh Lord, have mercy upon us. Wash away all that is not holy in our lives. Show us once again how to love you with all our heart, mind, and strength, as silently we confess our sin.

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

PROMISE of FORGIVENESS

One: Listen and believe the good news of the gospel.

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

LITURGY of the WORD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING — *Psalm 34:1-3*

One: I will bless the Lord at all times;

All: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

One: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

All: Let the humble hear and be glad.

One: O magnify the Lord with me,

All: And let us exalt his name together!

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM — *O God, We Bear the Imprint of Your Face* - Margaret Tucker / Kyle St. Sauveur

*O God, we bear the imprint of your face: the colors of our skin are your design,
and what we have of beauty in our race as man or woman, you alone define,
who stretched a living fabric on our frame and gave to each a language and a name.*

*Where we are torn and pulled apart because our race, our skin, is not the same,
while we are judged unequal by the state and victims made because we own our name,
humanity reduced to little worth, dishonored is your living face on earth.*

*O God, we share the image of the One whose flesh and blood are ours, whatever skin;
in Christ's humanity we find our own, and in his family our proper kin:
Christ is the brother we still crucify, his love the language we must learn, or die.*

-- Shirley E. Murray

TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

SCRIPTURE READING — *Genesis 1:26-27*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Using the Right Mirror

Rev. Dr. Kort

HYMN — *I Need Thee Every Hour*

NEED

*I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.
I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior— I come to thee!*

*I need thee every hour; stay thou near by;
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.
I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior— I come to thee!*

*I need thee every hour; teach me thy will,
and thy rich promises in me fulfill.
I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior— I come to thee!*

*I need thee every hour, Most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son.
I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior— I come to thee!*

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

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, but we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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 — *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* - William Bradbury

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 — *For the Healing of the Nation*

ST. THOMAS

*For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.*

*Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.*

*All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.*

*You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.*

CHARGE *and* BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE — *Dresden Amen*

POSTLUDE — *Now Thank We All Our God* - Johann Cruger

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 Sally Sue Scheidemantel in memory of her parents, Frank V. Scheidemantel and Dorothea S. Scheidemantel, a long time member of MPC and volunteer of The Lord's Tailor Shop (MPC Clothing Center). The second arrangement is given by Howard and Joan Barley in appreciation of their church family and in celebration of their 42nd wedding anniversary this month.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

Thank you to all members who have made a pledge for 2026. As of November 3, 100 members have completed their Estimate of Giving (EOG) cards, totaling \$396,800. With a “grateful heart”, your support and generosity are appreciated. Of those received:

- 13 are new pledges
- 44 have increased their pledges
- 37 are the same as last year
- 6 are lower

Next week, an updated report will be made. If you have not pledged, you can do so by completing an EOG card using either the one mailed to you or one available in the Welcome Center. Please place the EOG card in an envelope and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. You may also [give online](#). Thank you again.

TODAY! FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Join us on today, Sunday, November 16, at 4:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for dinner and a movie. A pasta dinner will be served, followed by the movie “Migration”. Bring a dessert or fruit to share. Please RSVP in the Welcome Center or by texting Nancy McHenry at 215-514-9685. Bring your comfy pillows, blankets, and chairs for this fun family event!



SAY “THANK YOU” WITH FLOWERS! CHANCEL FLOWERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

If you would like to give flowers on this Sunday (Thanksgiving week) please contact DeeAnn Martin at 215-493-3865 or email 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 a person, act of kindness or ministry. These flowers not only add beauty to our worship service, but they also go forward as an outreach ministry to our MPC family.

LADIES BUNCO NIGHT!

Ladies Bunco Night hosted by Lisa Zazzu on Wednesday, November 19 from 6:30 - ?. Text Lisa at 267-994-2153 to RSVP. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET DISTRIBUTION

The Deacons’ Food Basket program has been distributing meals to families for many years. Each Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter a dedicated group of volunteers, church members, and youth come together to help make this task possible. We are looking for help to pack and distribute the Thanksgiving Food Baskets on Saturday, November 22, between 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., at the church.

If you can volunteer, please contact the church office at 215-295-4191 or office@mpcusa.org or Curt Rimler at 609-638-6670 or CurtisRimler@comcast.net. We appreciate your ongoing support.



Next Sunday - November 23 After Worship in Fellowship Hall

Kick off the Advent Season together as we create crafts that will serve as centerpieces for our journey towards Christmas.

A light lunch will be provided.

All ages are welcome!

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY IS NOW "EVERGREEN"

Great news! Our Older Adult Ministry programs will now be called "Evergreen" programs. We celebrate all of you Evergreens who would like to be involved in social activities to connect with friends old and new and invite you to join us in upcoming activities including a Christmas Tea on December 2 and our always popular Valentines Day Party. If you are interested in attending the Evergreen Christmas Tea, please call Nancy McHenry at 215-514-9685.

JOIN THE (CHURCH) FAMILY CHOIR FOR THE LATE SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS EVE!

The, now traditional, Family Choir will begin to rehearse on December 7, immediately after worship for the 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service. We will also rehearse on December 14 and 21 immediately after worship and again before the service on Christmas Eve.

All adults and teens are welcome to be part of this. You do not need to bring a family member with you - but please know that they are invited and we will be delighted to welcome them into the group. It is not necessary to attend all rehearsals, but all singers are encouraged to attend as many of these short rehearsals as possible.

If you have questions or would like more information, please see Tim Carpenter or email him at timcarpenter@mpcusa.org.

NOVEMBER FOOD CENTER REQUEST

Shelf stable milk or canned evaporated milk is the requested item for the month of November. Donated items may be placed in the shopping cart located in the Welcome Center. As always, thank you for your generosity and continued support!

MPC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP'S NEXT READING

The next 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.

More reading selections will be announced soon. For more information, please contact Shellie Stoddard at stoddard.shellie@gmail.com.



MPC Clothing Center Holiday Open House

Saturday , December 13, 2025

9:00 a.m. to Noon

Room 4, near Fellowship Hall

We're more than just clothes!

MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, November 16

8:30 a.m.	God's Thunder Rehearsal	Room 121
9:30	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, November 17

6:15 p.m.	PNC Meeting	Room 200
6:30	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
7:30	Trustees Meeting	Conference Room

TUESDAY, November 18

9:00 a.m.	Produce Prep	Room 4
10:00	Weekday Nursery	Room 220
	School Projects	
6:00 p.m.	Outreach Committee	Zoom

WEDNESDAY, November 19

9:00 a.m.	Food Center Distribution	Parking Lot
Noon	Brown Bag Bible Study	Conference Room & Zoom
7:15	Chancel Chimes Rehearsal	Room 121
7:30	Ivins Outreach Center Board of Directors	Conference Room

THURSDAY, November 20

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

FRIDAY, November 21

	High School Retreat begins	Offsite
8:00 a.m.	Mobile Mammogram	Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, November 22

	High School Retreat begins	Offsite
8:00 a.m.	Deacons' Thanksgiving Food Basket Distribution	Parking Lot

SUNDAY, November 23

	High School Retreat ends	Offsite
8:30 a.m.	God's Thunder Rehearsal	Room 121
9:30	Sunday School for all ages	
10:30	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
11:30	Advent Festival	Fellowship Hall
11:45	Youth Choir	Music Room
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.

iPhone



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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