



*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
SEVENTH SUNDAY
after PENTECOST
JULY 27, 2025

GATHERING

WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

PRELUDE — *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* - J. S. Bach

Fred Brinkman

INTROIT — *Come, Sing to God with All Your Heart* - MORNING SONG

Summer Choir

*Come sing to God with all your heart; give thanks to God Most High,
who makes the ruthless fall from power and rescues those who cry.
You are a shelter for the poor, a stronghold in distress.
You care for all who trust in you and all who are oppressed.*

--text by Ruth Duck

CALL to WORSHIP

Ray Hendrickson, Liturgist

One: During this time of worship,
All: We lift our praise to the God who loves us.
One: During this time of worship,
All: We lift our praise to the one who blesses us.
One: During this time of worship,
All: We lift our very selves to the one who cares for us.
One: Come, let us worship the Lord.

HYMN — *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

*Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!
Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!
Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!*

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Holy God, often we overlook your command to love all people. We forget to be kind. We fail to be compassionate. We are quick to judge others and slow to forgive. Sometimes we place our will above your will. Our comfort outweighs your commandments. Help us to see others and this world through your eyes. Help us to be your faithful disciples as silently we confess our sin.

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

PROMISE of FORGIVENESS

One: God is merciful and just, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Believe the good news of the gospel.
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.*

LITURGY of the WORD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — *Psalm 98: 1-4*

One: Sing to the Lord a new song,

All: For the Lord has done marvelous things.

One: The right hand and the holy arm of the Lord have secured the victory.

All: The Lord has made known this victory and has openly showed righteousness in the sight of the nations.

One: The Lord remembers mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

All: Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM — *How Can I Keep from Singing* - arr. Andy Beck

*My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.*

Refrain:

*No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?*

Refrain

--American folk hymn

TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — *Acts 16:25-32*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Day Aunt Agnes Played the Organ

Rev. Dr. Kort

HYMN — *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!*

*What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!*

*The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!*

*Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song, my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!*

AFFIRMATION of FAITH — from the *Heidelberg Catechism*

One: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

All: **That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ...Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready for now on to live for him.**

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 — *Panis Angelicus* - C. Franck

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 Love to Tell the Story*

HANKEY

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

*I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

CHARGE and BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE — *Amen*

POSTLUDE — *Christ lag in Todes Banden* - J. S. Bach

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.***

REGARDING TODAY'S SERVICE

We welcome Fred Brinkman to our organ this morning. Fred will be playing for several of our services while Yun is in South Korea visiting her family.

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given by Myrtle Lauver in loving memory of her husband, George. The second arrangement is given in memory of Jack Rimler on his Heavenly birthday by his son, Curt.

DEACON BACKPACK DRIVE

Now is the time to gather school items for the Deacon Backpack Drive that will help high school students in our community for whom it is a true hardship to do so. There is a bin for your donations in the Welcome Center. Cash donations may be put in the offering plate or sent to MPC by mail or online. The backpacks will be blessed during our service on August 17 so they can be distributed before school begins next fall. Thank you in advance for helping our local kids begin the year well-prepared for school! Questions? Ask any deacon or contact Paula Marseglia at 267-303-6133 or email paula307@comcast.net.

Kindly fill a new backpack with the following:

- No. 2 pencils
- Black or blue pens
- 1 permanent marker
- Pencil sharpener
- Pack of graph paper
- Ruler
- 2 three-subject spiral notebooks
- 5 plastic subject folders with pockets
- Pack of wide-ruled notebook paper
- Scotch tape

DUE TODAY! APPLICATIONS FOR 2025-26 MPC SCHOLARSHIPS

Graduating high school seniors and college students may be eligible for one of the scholarships offered by Morrisville Presbyterian Church (MPC) for the 2025-2026 school year.

The following three scholarships are available to anyone within the MPC Community (those associated with the church that may not be members but participate in the mission and ministry of MPC, such examples might be a Youth Club member, an active Food Center volunteer, etc.):

- Helen Nicholas Borden Scholarship*
- Birks Scholarship
- Clara Burgess Scholarship*

The following are available to MPC members:

- Roberts Scholarship
- Patti Jane Reeves Scholarship
- McClaren*

*Note: The asterisk indicates need-based scholarships that will require a government FAFSA Score (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) regardless if you qualify for FAFSA. MPC uses FAFSA data to determine relative need.

Visit www.mpcusa.org/youth-ministry for more information and link to the scholarship application form. Submission needs to include completed application form (handwritten or digital) and one letter of reference. Submit via email to office@mpcusa.org or mail to church office at Morrisville Presbyterian Church, 771 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Morrisville, PA 19067. **All submissions must be received by today, July 27, 2025.**

MISSION STUDY REPORT AVAILABLE

The Mission Study Report (MSR) has been examined and approved by both the MPC Session and the Northeast Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery.

The MSR will serve two purposes, the first being how is MPC abiding by its mission statement, “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.” Secondly, the MSR is a document briefly stating MPC’s history, financial status, demographics of the neighborhood in which it resides, MPC’s outreach and data from surveys and discussions. This document will now be utilized by the Pastoral Nominating Committee in its search for a new senior pastor or teaching elder at MPC.

The MSR committee wishes to thank this congregation for its patience, wonderful input, and especially prayers over the past five months while this report has been created. There are copies of the report available in the Welcome Center and may be accessed on the [MPC website](#).

UP ON THE ROOF

We are going to be replacing our slate roof beginning in July 2025. Damage was caused a few years ago by a hail storm. Property Manager David Sterling has been at work with the insurance company and roofing contractor to file our insurance claim. We finally received a settlement so work can begin. You will notice equipment and supplies arriving in the next few weeks. It may look a little messy for a while as the roofers need to remove the old roof material and then install the new roof. Thank you for your understanding and patience while construction is taking place on our campus.

SUMMER FOOD CENTER REQUEST

For the months of July and August, the requested item is pasta. A shopping cart has been put in the Welcome Center to receive your donations. As always, thank you for your generosity!

HELP KEEP BLESSING BOXES FULL

At the bottom of the MPC parking lot near W. Trenton Ave, on the property of the Ivins Outreach Center, you will see two small structures resembling small houses. These are small community-based boxes filled with essential items such as non-perishable foods, toiletries/hygiene products, beverages and baby supplies. These boxes are placed in easily accessible locations with the sole purpose of helping those facing financial hardship. The idea is simple: “Take what you need, leave what you can.”

These Blessing Boxes rely on the generosity of individuals to stock them with items that can make a significant difference in the lives of struggling families. It’s not just about providing food or basic necessities; it’s about spreading a sense of community, compassion and kindness. These boxes create a space where people can come together to help one another, fostering a strong sense of unity within a community.

To date, only a handful of people stock the boxes, and we are asking that you consider adding items to the box when you are able. Individual size portions are best, such as:

- Protein/power/breakfast bars
- Packages of peanut butter or cheese crackers, or any crackers
- Ramen noodles
- Microwavable individual cups of soup, mac and cheese, or Chef Boyardee cups
- Applesauce or fruit cups (if you have plastic spoons, add those)
- Canned foods, but the pop top cans are best, of fruit, soup, stew, vegetables, tuna fish
- Bottles of water or some other beverage
- Hygiene items, such as toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, chap stick, tissues, or wet wipes
- Small individual size bags of chips, cookies, or snack items

Go take a look and please feel free to “take what you need, leave what you can.”

SAVE THE DATE FOR WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Women's Retreat is being held on November 7 - 9 at the Sisters of St Joseph Center for Spirituality in Ocean Grove, NJ. The Rev. Dr. Anne Stewart from Princeton Seminary will be our leader. MPC women are blessed to have retreats subsidized by a fund established in memory of Dorothea Schedidemantel by her daughter, Sally. Not only does this fund greatly reduce the cost to attend the retreat, it also offers two scholarships that can be used to offset expenses related to retreat participation such as child care, registration fee, or transportation. Brochures with retreat details and registration forms will be available later in August. We are limited to 25 attendees. If you have questions or would like to submit your name to hold a place, contact Beth Curtiss at curtissfam@gmail.com. **Remember to pick up your "Save the Date" reminder in the Welcome Center.**

YOUTH IN MISSION TRIP '26 - SAVE THE DATE!

If you know of any youth interested in going on a meaningful trip of service and fun, please save the date for our trip next year, July 11 to July 18, 2026. For more information or questions please contact Dan Jones or Pastor Alex Lester-Abdalla at alexlester-abdalla@mpcusa.org.

MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, July 27

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:30 Fellowship Hour
Noon Adonai Tabernacle

MONDAY, July 28

6:30 p.m. Mostly Motets
7:00 Food Packing
7:00 Cub Scout Pack 3

TUESDAY, July 29

9:00 a.m. Produce Prep
4:00 p.m. Community Meal
Prep & Serving

Sanctuary &
Livestream
Lounge
Room 220

Music Room
Room 4
Room 220

Room 4
Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, July 30

9:00 a.m. Food Center Distribution Parking Lot

THURSDAY, July 31

FRIDAY, August 1

SATURDAY, August 2

SUNDAY, August 3

10:30 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary &
Livestream
11:30 Fellowship Hour Lounge
11:45 Betsy Jurey Internment Memorial Garden
Noon Adonai Tabernacle Room 220
Noon Deacons Meeting Conference Room

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Need Help? email Office@mpcusa.org and ask that your questions be forwarded to the stewardship committee.

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