



*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*  
EIGHTH SUNDAY  
*after* PENTECOST  
AUGUST 3, 2025

## GATHERING

### WORDS *of* WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla

### PRELUDE — *Rigaudon* - Andre Campra

Fred Brinkman

### CALL *to* WORSHIP

Tom Smith, Liturgist

One: Calling all children of God, the gospel is good news for every age and every stage of life

All: **We worship together, the young and the old. So come, let us worship the Lord.**

### HYMN — *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

LAUDA ANIMA

*Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise?  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!*

*Praise God for the grace and favor shown our forebears in distress;  
God is still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing our Maker's faithfulness!*

*Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame,  
gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! All within me, praise God's name!*

*Angels, teach us adoration; you behold God face to face.  
Sun and moon and all creation, dwellers all in time and space:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!*

### PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

Holy God, we come to you asking for your forgiveness. Each of us has fallen short in our walk of faith. We allow the worse in us to get the better of us. Remove the prejudice that hinders us. Take away the ignorance that blinds us. Remove the doubt that holds us back. Fill us with your Spirit that we might find courage to live beyond the Sunday morning experience, and to move into places where we can be faithful disciples. Hear us as we silently confess our sin.

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

### PROMISE *of* FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, hear and believe the wonderful 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 113**

One: Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

All: **Let the name of the Lord be blessed, from this time forth forevermore. From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the Lord be praised.**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM — Come to the Table - Sidewalk Prophets, arranged & performed by Madison, AJ, & Courtney Neiman**

*We all start on the outside  
The outside looking in  
This is where grace begins  
We were hungry, we were thirsty  
With nothing left to give  
Oh, the shape that we were in  
And just when all hope seemed lost  
Love opened the door for us*

Chorus

*He said, "Come to the table  
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed"  
Take your place beside the Savior  
Sit down and be set free  
Come to the table*

*Come meet this motley crew of misfits  
These liars and these thieves  
There's no one unwelcome here  
That sin and shame that you brought with you  
You can leave it at the door  
And let mercy draw you near*

Chorus

*To the thief and to the doubter. To the hero and the coward.  
To the prisoner and the soldier. To the young and to the older.  
All who hunger, all who thirst. All the last and all the first.  
All the paupers and the princess. All who fail, you've been forgiven.  
All who dream and all who suffer. All who loved and lost another.  
All the chained and all the free. All who follow, all who lead.  
Anyone who's been let down. All the lost, you have been found.  
All who've been labeled right or wrong. To everyone who hears this song, oh!*

Chorus

*Sit down and be set free  
Come to the table*

**TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Matthew 11:28-30**

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**MEDITATION**

*Who Needs a Yoke?*

Rev. Dr. Kort

**HYMN** — *This Is My Father's World*

TERRA BEATA

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.  
This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world. The battle is not done:  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.*

**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.**

**OFFERING**

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music — *Arabesque* - C. Debussy

Madison Neiman

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.*

**S A C R A M E N T   o f   t h e   L O R D ' S   S U P P E R**

**INVITATION**

**PRAYER of GREAT THANKSGIVING**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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.**

**WORDS of INSTITUTION**

**COMMUNION of the PEOPLE**

**MUSIC during COMMUNION** — *Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier* - J. S. Bach

**PRAYER after COMMUNION**

## S E N D I N G

**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!*

### **CHARGE and BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE** — *The Heavens Declare the Glory of God Ps. 19* - Benedetto Marcello

## 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).*

### **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 Clark and DeeAnn Martin "in memory of our beloved son, Timothy." The second arrangement is given by Sandy Yantz "in loving memory of my parents, Rudolph and Mary Chris Sosna, and my brother Rudy. I know you all have welcomed David with open arms."

### **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](mailto: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

### **LOOKING FOR SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION TOPICS**

Do you have a topic you are passionate about that you would like to share with Adult Education group? Adult Ed is looking for members of the congregation who would like to share with the class an experience they have had which helped shape their faith, a book they have read that enhanced their faith, or an organization they belong to which helps fulfill the mission of the church. If you would like to share with the class for one or more sessions, please contact Christopher Bannister at [bannistercr@gmail.com](mailto:bannistercr@gmail.com) or 401-932-3619.

### **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!

## *Save the Date for These MPC Happenings!*

### **NOVEMBER'S 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 Scheidemantel 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](mailto:curtissfam@gmail.com).

**Remember to pick up your "Save the Date" reminder in the Welcome Center.**

### **BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

Brown Bag Bible Study will be continuing with their discussions of Luke by venturing into the Book of Acts. Rev. Dr. Carter Lester will be leading our weekly discussions. The book to start will be *Acts for Everyone, Part One* (ISBN 13:9780664266424) by N. T. Wright. This volume covers chapters 1-12 of Acts. There is also a *Part Two* (ISBN # 13: 9780664268725) which covers the remainder of the Book of Acts. Both books are available from a variety of sources such as PCUSASStore.com, Amazon, or ChristianBook.com. If you need assistance in acquiring a book, please contact Christopher Bannister at [bannistercr@gmail.com](mailto:bannistercr@gmail.com).

### **SUNDAY ADULT ED WILL BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 7**

This year the Adult Education on Sundays will be using a curriculum titled *The Present Word; Judah, from Isaiah to Exile*. This curriculum will help the class to see the hand of God in our own lives and all human affairs. It will provide a base for the weekly discussions, provide opportunities for multiple leaders, and provide continuity for the fall semester. It also will allow for a departure into other subjects throughout the year.

### **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](mailto:alexlester-abdalla@mpcusa.org).

## **Introducing mobile giving**

iPhone



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.

Android



Need Help? email [Office@mpcusa.org](mailto:Office@mpcusa.org) and ask that your questions be forwarded to the stewardship committee.

## 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, soup, 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.”

## MPC Weekly Calendar

### **SUNDAY, August 3**

9:00 a.m.	Stewardship Meeting	Conference Room
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary &amp; Livestream</b>
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Room 220
Noon	Deacons Meeting	Conference Room

### **MONDAY, August 4**

6:30 p.m.	Mostly Motets	Music Room
7:00	Food Packing	Room 4
7:00	Cub Scout Pack 3	Room 220
7:30	Personnel Committee	Zoom

### **TUESDAY, August 5**

9:00 a.m.	Produce Prep	Room 4
7:00 p.m.	Food Center Distribution	Parking Lot

### **WEDNESDAY, August 6**

9:00 a.m.	Food Center Distribution	Parking Lot
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### **THURSDAY, August 7**

### **FRIDAY, August 8**

### **SATURDAY, August 9**

### **SUNDAY, August 10**

<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary &amp; Livestream</b>
11:30	Fellowship Hour	Lounge
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Room 220

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