



*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
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
after PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

GATHERING

WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla

PRELUDE — *Arise, O Glorious Zion* - George Careless

Yun Kang

INTROIT — *Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven*- LLANFAIR

Chancel Choir

*Come, behold! the feast of heaven (Alleluia!)
has to mortal flesh been given. (Alleluia!)
Hear the Word of God declared: (Alleluia!)
“Come the banquet is prepared.” (Alleluia!)*

-- John Underwood

CALL to WORSHIP

Fran Akelewicz, Liturgist

One: God sees with holy eyes,

All: Not what the world sees, but what God sees.

One: God sees with holy eyes,

All: Little things becoming great things through faith.

One: God sees with holy eyes,

All: And the love of Christ, calls us forward, knowing God is with us in the walk of life.

One: Come, let us worship the Lord.

HYMN — *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

NICAEA

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

PRAYER of CONFESSION

O God, help us to see this world and each other through your eyes, for we confess that we wear blinders. We do not look at others with your eyes, but pass judgment upon them. We are quick with the unkind word, and slow with the words of love. Forgive us, O God. Fill us with your Spirit and create a clean heart within us, as silently we 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 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 — selections from *Psalms* 34

One: At all times I will bless the Lord, whose praise shall ever be in my mouth.

All: **I will glory in the Lord, let the humble hear and rejoice.**

One: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt his name together.

All: **Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in the Lord.**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM — *Christ Has No Hands but Ours* - Tom Porter

*Christ has no hands but ours to reach, to touch, to heal,
to welcome in community, to fashion family. Christ has no hands but ours.
As servants of our God we carry out the call to walk the road where saints have trod
and bring good news to all. Christ has no hands but ours.
We see with eyes of faith that still would follow stars. As points of light,
we point the way and chase away the dark. Christ has no hands but ours.
God waters from above the good seed that we sow, and brings to harvest all our work
so that the Church will grow. Christ has no hands but ours.
Marked with the cross of Christ, we, as a witness are sent forth to be the Gospel,
for Christ has no hands but ours. Christ has no hands but ours.*

--Tom Porter

TIME *for* YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — *1 Corinthians* 12

Elizabeth Lester-Abdala, Elizabeth Dugan,
Carol Carpenter, & Seth McHenry

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

MEDITATION

The Church is Like a Pawn Shop

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

HYMN — *God Is Here!*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.*

*Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
 here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
 Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
 what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.
 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
 keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
 Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:
 we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!*

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.

A GRATEFUL HEART

Tom Smith

OFFERING

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music — *The Lord's My Shepherd* - Jesse S. Irvine

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 — *Come Sing, O Church in Joy!*

DARWALL'S 148TH

*Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord had led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

CHARGE and BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE — *Amen*

POSTLUDE — *Grand Triumphal Chorus* - Alexander Guilmant

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 Jill Monroe-Dillon “in memory of my parents John R. Monroe (1926-2019) and Eileen P. Monroe (1932-2023): parents, grandparents and great grandparents to members of our family circle. You were always loving, sharing, guiding, teaching, and supportive to us and many others. We carry you in our hearts.” The second arrangement is given by Beth and Grace DiTulio, on this Grandparents Day, to honor J'Ann Ellis, and in loving memory of Mary and Walter Ellis Sr., Walter Ellis Jr., and Alda DiTulio.

CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC TODAY

All are welcome after worship today to come to our congregational picnic. The picnic will be held in Memorial Garden (weather permitting). Enjoy great food, fun and fellowship!

QUESTIONS ABOUT ANNUAL REPORT?

If you have any questions regarding any item in the report, we encourage you to contact the chair of the appropriate committee. The MPC 2024-25 Annual Report is available [at this link](#) and printed copies are available in the Welcome Center. We are grateful for all the wonderful expressions of ministry in the Annual Report.

CHANCEL CHIMES RESUME REHEARSALS!

Chancel Chimes' first fall rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 10, at 7:15 p.m. in room 121. It's also not too late to join the Chancel Choir which rehearses regularly on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the music room. If you are interested in joining either (or both!) of these groups, please contact Tim Carpenter at timcarpenter@mpcusa.org or text 267-243-3257.

SEPTEMBER FOOD CENTER REQUEST

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

CIRCLE MEETINGS START TOMORROW, SEPTEMBER 8

All women of MPC are welcome to join Presbyterian Women circles that begin their new season tomorrow.

Come on, come all to the meeting of Deborah Circle, from noon - 1:00 p.m. in the lounge. If you can't make Rebbecca Circle in the evening, then join us at noon!

Rebecca Circle will meet in the lounge at 7:00 p.m. It's a great way to share faith, fun and fellowship. Our programs range from spiritual, informative, hands on, to just plain fun. Come as you are. No experience necessary. For information call or text Jen Jones at 215-962-3655.

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](http://Amazon.com), or ChristianBook.com. If you need assistance in acquiring a book, please contact Christopher Bannister at bannistercr@gmail.com.

INTRODUCING REALM!

What is Realm?

MPC recently moved to a new kind of record keeping solution called Realm. It primarily serves the administrative needs of our staff, but it also offers some exciting opportunities to support the way members are involved with MPC! Through Realm you will be able to update your profile information, view your giving, receive notifications about upcoming events, and manage your privacy settings. These are just a few of the ways MPC members will be able to engage with the church, with more to follow in the future.

How do I access Realm?

Stay connected to MPC wherever you go by downloading the Realm Connect app for iPhone and Android devices or you can access Realm through any web browser. Through the privacy setting, you are able to select what information you want to share with other MPC members through the online Directory (address, phone, email). You are also able to add your picture to your profile. **Please note, only MPC members will have access to the online Directory.**

How do I get started to join Realm?

Soon you will receive an email from Morrisville Presbyterian Church inviting you to use your email address as your login and create a password. To ensure it is not spam, note the email address will be from "notifications@onrealmmail.org". **If you have any trouble or questions, stop by upstairs in room 200 after worship on September 14 and someone will be there to answer your questions.** If you are unable to attend, contact the church office by calling 215-295-4191 or emailing office@mpcusa.org and your message will be forwarded for someone to assist you.

This powerful tool will help the congregation connect to the many ways MPC communicates pastorally, administratively, and financially. Look for your email and join us!

HAVE SOMETHING FOR CURRENTS?

The submission deadline for the next edition of Currents is September 15. It is a great opportunity to share what happened in your committee or group these past few months and what members of our congregation could look forward to as the new program year begins and into the Advent season. The fall edition will be sent out in early October. Please forward any questions or submissions to share with the congregation to Damon Miller at damonmiller@mpcusa.org.

REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE FOR NOVEMBER'S WOMEN'S RETREAT

Registration is now available for the Women's Retreat being held on November 7 - 9 at the Sisters of St Joseph Center for Spirituality in Ocean Grove, NJ. Brochures with retreat details, financial assistance information, and registration form are available now in the Welcome Center. Please contact Beth Curtiss at curtissfam@gmail.com with any questions..

MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, September 7 - Rally Day

9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages	
10:30	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
11:30	Congregational Picnic	Memorial Garden
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Room 220

MONDAY, September 8

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, September 9

9:00 a.m.	Produce Prep	Room 4
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WEDNESDAY, September 10

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

THURSDAY, September 11

7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
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FRIDAY, September 12

SATURDAY, September 13

SUNDAY, September 14

9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages	
10:30	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
11:30	Fellowship Time	Lounge
11:30	Realm Assistance	Room 200
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Room 220
Noon	Deacons Meeting	Conference Room

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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