



*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*
FIFTH SUNDAY
after PENTECOST
JULY 13, 2025

GATHERING

WORDS *of* WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

MINUTE *for* MINISTRY

Mission Study Report

Ray Hendrickson

PRELUDE — *Prelude in E flat major* - arr. Greg Neiman

Greg Neiman, piano

CALL *to* WORSHIP

James Gaston, Liturgist

One: Return to the Lord with all your heart

All: For God is gracious and merciful.

One: It is through Jesus Christ we are reconciled to God.

All: This is not our own doing, but is a gift from God.

One: Come, let us worship the Lord of life.

HYMN — *Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

*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.
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
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!*

PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Carter Lester

Gracious God, we have come into this sacred space knowing how we continue to fall short of your glory. Forgive the blindness in our hearts that only sees the sin in others and not in ourselves. Forgive the sins that everyone can see in us and those we try to keep hidden in the secret places of our lives. Open the eyes of hearts and our lives to the goodness of your grace and the touch of your forgiveness, as silently we confess our sin.

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

PROMISE *of* FORGIVENESS

One: Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ. And Christ was born for us, Christ lived for us, Christ died for us, Christ rose to new life for us, Christ prays for us. Believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia. Praise the Lord.

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 96*

One: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes and I shall keep it to the end.

All: **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; I shall keep it with all my heart.
Make me go in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM — *Write Your Blessed Name* - K. Lee Scott

Greg Neiman

*Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart there to remain so indelibly engraved
That no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever, ever move me from your love.*

*Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress,
And a faithful guide to the courts of heav'n through the many temptations and dangers of this life, of this life.*

O Jesu, my only Savior!

*Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved
That no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever, ever move me from your love,
Ever move me from your love.*

Amen, Amen.

--text by Thomas á Kempis, updated to modern English

TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — *Matthew 7:1-12*

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Whatever Happened to the Golden Rule?

Rev. Dr. Kort

HYMN — *Help Us Accept Each Other*

BARONITA

*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.*

*Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.*

*Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!*

AFFIRMATION *of* FAITH — from 1 John 4

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

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*

Yun Kang
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 — *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

CANONBURY

*Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.
O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.
O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart.
And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.
O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.*

CHARGE *and* BLESSING

POSTLUDE — *March* - Franz J. Haydn

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.***

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 will be copies of the report available during the Hospitality Hour today and in the Welcome Center. The report may also be accessed on the MPC website.

Again, thank you Friends in Christ and God Bless,

The MSR Committee (Tom Evans, Alice Garcia, Ray Hendrickson (chr), Nancy Kernan, Brett Keys, Julie Kroon and Austin Massey

PRAYERS FOR THE YOUTH IN MISSION TRIP - JULY 12-19

Thank you for your generous support as we return to Pipestem, West Virginia to provide hope, and help homeowners rebuild, repaint and repair their homes. We hope you will join us in praying for the group while they are away. We pray for wisdom and understanding, for good group relationships, for our homeowners, and for safe travels. The participants are as follows: Students: Max Dous, Elisabeth Halloran, Bella Keys, Vincent Kutch, Charlie Layden, and Hope Massey; Adult Leaders: Heidi Dous, Wes Gardner, Travis Keys, Tracy Massey, and Pastor Alex Lester-Abdalla. The Youth in Mission Team will be leading worship on Sunday, July 20, following their trip. We hope to see you there!

MPC IS OFFERING SIX SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

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 July 27, 2025.**

COME SING IN THE SUMMER CHOIR!

All interested singers (high school through adult) are invited to gather in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. to warm up our voices and learn a simple anthem that we will then sing during worship on July 27. If you have questions, please contact Tim Carpenter at timcarpenter@mpcusa.org. I hope you will join us.

CHANCEL FLOWERS NEEDED FOR AUGUST. KEEP US BLOOMING!

If you could give an arrangement of flowers for a Sunday in August, please contact DeeAnn Martin at 215-493-3865 or email deemar918@aol.com. An arrangement costs \$37 and may be given in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special event or to honor a person or ministry. These flowers not only add beauty to our worship service but they go forward as an outreach mission to our church family.

GARDENING VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED

We would like to start a group of gardening enthusiasts to help maintain the Memorial Garden on occasion during the spring, summer and fall. This would include light work of weeding, trimming and raking. Some work requires you to be on hands and knees and would take place during the week, with no weekends involved. A great opportunity to be outside on pleasant days only and a chance to meet other members of the congregation. We would work in small groups of about 10 people for just a few hours. If you have an interest, please contact Jim Lytle at jrrlytle@gmail.com

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!

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.

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."

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 and ask that your questions be forwarded to the Stewardship Committee.

MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, July 13

Youth in Mission trip

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:30 Fellowship Hour
Noon Adonai Tabernacle

Sanctuary &
Livestream
Lounge
Room 220

MONDAY, July 14

Youth in Mission trip

5:30 p.m. Food Packing
6:30 Mostly Motets
7:00 Cub Scout Pack 3

Room 4
Music Room
Room 220

TUESDAY, July 15

Youth in Mission trip

Produce Prep

9:00 a.m.
Room 4

WEDNESDAY, July 16

Youth in Mission trip

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

THURSDAY, July 17

Youth in Mission trip

FRIDAY, July 18

Youth in Mission trip

SATURDAY, July 19

Youth in Mission trip returns

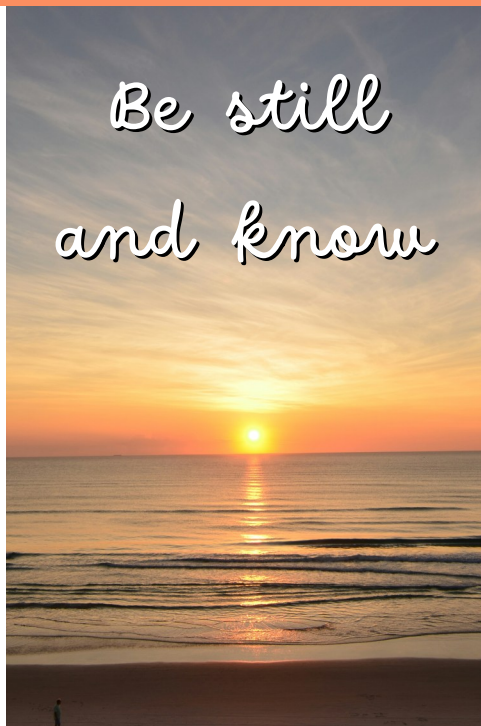
SUNDAY, July 20

10:30 a.m. Youth in Mission
Worship Service

11:30 Fellowship Hour
Noon Adonai Tabernacle

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**Pick up your "SAVE THE DATE"
card in the Welcome Center**



2025

Women's Retreat

**Friday, Nov. 7 to
Sunday, Nov. 9**

**Sisters of St Joseph
Center for Spirituality
Ocean Grove, NJ**

Theme:

Psalm 46:10

Leader:

**Rev. Dr. Anne Stewart
from Princeton Seminary**

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