



*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*
FOURTH SUNDAY *of* EASTER
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY
MAY 11, 2025

GATHERING

WORDS *of* WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla

PRELUDE — *Tallis Canon* - Thomas Tallis

Members of God's Thunder

INTROIT — *Sing, Sing!*

Agape Choir

Note: Sung twice with congregation joining second time.

*Sing, Sing! Sing a song about Jesus.
Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Sing, Sing! Sing a song about Jesus.*

CALL *to* WORSHIP — *Psalm 122:1-2a*

One: I was glad when they said to me,

All: "Let us go to the Lord's house."

One: And now we are here,

All: Let us worship God together!

HYMN — *God of Great and God of Small*

GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

*God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong,
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.*

*God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny,
God of never-ending power, yet beside me every hour,
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.*

*God of silence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to night,
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.*

*God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,
God of now and days before, God who reigns forevermore,
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.*

PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

Almighty Father, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown ourselves. Forgive the falsehoods we have told to others, and the truths we have avoided. Forgive us the pain we have caused others, and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Father, have mercy on us and make us whole for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

PROMISE *of* FORGIVENESS

One: Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! 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.*

SONG — *Behold I Am With You* - Philip Dietterich

Behold I am with you and will keep you wherever you go
--Matthew 28:20

L I T U R G Y o f t h e W O R D

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — *Psalm 103:1, 2, 13, 22* (*Good News* translation)

One: Praise the Lord, my soul!

All: All my being, praise his holy name!

One: Praise the Lord, my soul,

All: And do not forget how kind he is.

One: As a father is kind to his children,

All: So the Lord is kind to those who honor him.

One: Praise the Lord, all his creatures in all the places he rules.

All: Praise the Lord, my soul!

SONG — *We Love Because God First Loved Us*

Note: Sung twice with congregation joining second time.

We love because God first loved us.

--1 John 4:19

TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — *Matthew 19:13-14* (*Good News* translation)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

HYMN — *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* (*see last page for words & music*)

STORIES OF JESUS

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Agape Choir

The Lost Coin (*Luke 15: 8-10*)

The Lost Son (*Luke 15: 11-24*)

The Two Houses (*Matthew 7: 24-27*)

The Wedding Banquet (*Luke 14: 16-23*)

HYMN — *These Treasured Children*

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*These treasured children present now are bound to us by sacred vow:
with love, we make a heartfelt claim to welcome them in Jesus' name.*

*Our ancient story we shall tell, till these our children know it well
within their souls and minds and hearts, for this is where their journey starts.*

*We long to trust as children do and so entrust our days to you;
in their young lives we clearly see a lesson in humility.*

*Come, Holy Spirit, help us be a nurturing community;
empower us to realize God's kingdom through our children's eyes.*

*Then, tender God, each child embrace; God give them blessings, grant them grace.
Surprise them, God, with wonders still, and gently guide them to your will.*

AFFIRMATION of FAITH

We believe in the God of Love who created us all. We believe in Jesus Christ. God sent Jesus to show us The Way. We believe in the Holy Spirit who is the Wind and Breath of Life. We believe that we are the Church, gathered together to worship God and support one another.

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 — *Theme and Variation on Jesus Loves Me* - arr. David Schotte

Yun Kang

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 — *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

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*“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”*

*“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”*

*“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”*

CHARGE and BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE — *Shalom My Good Friends* - traditional Hebrew song

Note: Sung twice with congregation joining second time.

Shalom my good friends, Shalom my good friends; Shalom, Shalom.

'Til we meet again, 'til we meet again; Shalom, Shalom.

POSTLUDE — *Little Children* - arr. Vernon Post

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

This morning's readers are: Bella Keys, Tucker McCleskey, Courtney Neiman, Eliana Song, and Elijah Song.

We thank the following children (and their parents) for making this morning's children's service possible: Isla Aronson, Harrison Bausher, McKinley Bausher, Anton Burghardt, Aaila Byrd, O'Shea Byrd, Osias Byrd, Sha'miia Byrd, Camilla Hope DeSciscio, Rafaela Sibel-Herrera, and Rory Thompson.

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given by Roger and Nancy Anderson in loving memory of their mothers, Nancy C. Anderson and Helen Borden. The second arrangement is in loving memory to honor and celebrate Marilyn Jorgensen; given by her son David, her daughter Karin, and all of Marilyn's family. Marilyn passed on April 24, 2024. She had been a member of MPC for over 50 years.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting will be held on May 18, 2025 in the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service for the purpose of electing officers. We will also convene as a corporate meeting as required. Please plan to attend.

MAY FOOD CENTER REQUEST

Canned fruit is the requested food donation item for the month of May. A shopping cart has been put in the Welcome Center to receive your donations. As always, thank you for your generosity!

MISSION STUDY REPORT - LAST WEEK TO COMPLETE

The Mission Report (MSR) Committee has sent an e-mail requesting an included survey to be completed by all congregants. A link to the survey is also on the weekly MPC e-mail in the announcements section. A hard copy of the survey is also available in the Welcome Center. This survey will greatly assist the committee in its report of MPC and subsequently used by the Pastor Nominating Committee in its search for a new senior pastor. **This survey must be completed by Friday, May 16.**

The MSR Committee has also scheduled a series of group sessions (maximum of one hour) to discuss the mission of MPC (past, present and future). You may sign up for the last group session, listed below, either in the Welcome Center or by sending an e-mail to the committee at mpc2025missionstudy@gmail.com.

- Wednesday, May 14, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. – via Zoom (info will be sent to all who sign up)

We are on this exciting journey together, knowing God is with us each step of the way!

LAST ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

The Rev. Dr. Tom Kort will lead the class on "What is Faith" as our educational program year ends. The class will be held at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, in the Conference Room located on the second floor.

SUPPORT YOUTH IN MISSION'S 2025 TRIP TO WEST VIRGINIA!

Every year our church commissions a group of teens and adults to travel to Pipestem, West Virginia and make home repairs for residents in need. The group will stay at the Appalachian South Folk Life Center and along with repairing homes, we will engage in a week-long devotional. There are a couple of ways you can support our teens and adults in their mission.

Please join us on Sunday, May 18, for a car wash and bake sale following worship service. So, whether you are streaming worship from home or worshipping in-person, please plan on stopping by MPC for a car wash and to pick up some yummy treats!

The Youth-in-Mission are also raising funds through a "Stock Sale." To participate in the stock sale, you can stop by the Welcome Center starting May 18 through the month of June.

As always, the Youth-In-Mission appreciate your ongoing and generous support.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

Join us on Saturday, June 28, at 6:00 p.m. when MPC will be heading out to the Trenton Thunder baseball game for a night of fun, fellowship, and fireworks! Sign up in the Welcome Center or contact Lisa Zazzu at (267) 994-2153. Suggested donation is \$10 per ticket. Sign up by June 15 to reserve your seat.

COME JOIN BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

Brown Bag Bible Study is continuing their reading of the Gospel of Luke through the remainder of the education year. The Bible Study meets Wednesday's from noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room located on the second floor. Bring your lunch and join in for a lively discussion of the week's readings. Can't make it to church? Then join us on Zoom. Call the church office to add your name to receive the Zoom link each week. This is a great time to deepen your faith and join in discussions with friends from the congregation.

Brown Bag Bible Study Reading List for Lent: Gospel of Luke

5/14: 23:13-26; 27-43; 44-56; 24:1-12

5/21: 24:13-27; 28-3; 36-53.

CLOTHING CENTER - LAST WEEKS TO DONATE & SHOP

Come and shop each Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. until June 12, when we will close for the summer. The last day to donate items is Friday, May 30. Donations can be dropped off when the church is open. Please place items on the shelves downstairs by the elevator. Do not leave items outside by the church doors. Please do not leave items after this date.

The Clothing Center is only accepting clean and gently used spring and summer clothes, as well as spring decorations (no Easter decorations, please). For details on donations, please visit the Clothing Center website at mpcusa.org/clothing-center.

We look forward to seeing you in the fall when we reopen on October 2. Donations will once again be accepted starting September 22.

MPC BOOK DISCUSSION'S NEXT READ

The MPC Book Discussion group's next read is *The Heart's Invisible Furies* by John Boyne. The group will meet on Monday, May 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room to discuss the book. This is a lengthy and emotional novel of a gay Irish man, Cyril Avery, who is not a *real* Avery or at least that's what his adoptive parents tell him. And he never will be. But if he isn't a real Avery, then who is he? Born out of wedlock to a teenage girl cast out from her rural Irish community and adopted by a well-to-do if eccentric Dublin couple via the intervention of a hunchbacked Redemptorist nun, he will spend a lifetime coming to know himself and where he came from – and over his three score years and ten, will struggle to discover an identity, a home, a country and much more. A story of Ireland from the 1940s to today through the eyes of one ordinary man, *The Heart's Invisible Furies* is a novel to make you laugh and cry while reminding us all of the redemptive power of the human spirit. (Goodreads)

MEMORIAL DAY HOSPITALITY - DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Communications and Evangelism Committee will host a hospitality table for participants in the Morrisville Memorial Day Parade as they prepare to step-off from the MPC parking lot at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 26. This has been a great success and appreciated by those walking the parade! We will offer water, coffee, and hand-held foods like granola bars and bananas, and make the downstairs rest rooms available.

Volunteers are needed on Monday, May 26, from 7:30 a.m. to set up until approximately 9:30 a.m. for any clean-up once the parade starts.

We are also looking for donations to help us welcome the parade participants as they gather to begin the parade. Donations requested include:

- Bottled Water
- Bananas and Apples
- Granola Bars
- Donuts or Small Baked Goods
- Bags of Ice
- Coolers to hold Bottled Water (with your name clearly marked so we can return them to you)

Please contact Curt Rimler at Curtisrimler@comcast.net if you are able to volunteer or donate any items.

Come and join us so we can welcome our fellow neighbors to our Church as they begin our community's Memorial Day celebration!

Circle meetings this week

DEBORAH CIRCLE

Deborah Circle meets tomorrow
at noon in the Lounge.

REBECCA CIRCLE

Rebecca Circle meets tomorrow
at 6:00 p.m. offsite.

All women of MPC are welcome to come for fellowship and faith enrichment.

MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, May 11

9:00 a.m.	Children's Sunday	Sanctuary
	Worship Rehearsal	
9:15	Mission Study Team	Room 202
9:30	Adult Education	Conference Room
10:30	Children's Sunday	Sanctuary &
	Worship Service	Livestream
11:30	Fellowship Time	Lounge
11:45	Teen Choir	Music Room
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Room 220

MONDAY, May 12

Noon	Deborah Circle	Lounge
5:30 p.m.	Food Packing	Room 4
6:00	Rebecca Circle	Offsite
6:30	Mostly Motets	Music Room
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Chapel
	Parent & Board Meetings	
7:00	Cub Scout Pack 3	Room 220

TUESDAY, May 13

9:00 a.m.	Produce Prep	Room 4
5:30 p.m.	Outreach Committee	Zoom
6:30	Educational Ministry	Zoom
7:00	Officer Training	Conference Room
7:30	Communications &	Zoom
	Evangelism Committee	

WEDNESDAY, May 14

9:00 a.m.	Food Center Distribution	Parking Lot
6:00 p.m.	Youth Club	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Girl Scout Troop 2888	Room 220
7:00	Mission Study Session	Zoom
7:15	Chancel Chimes	Sanctuary

THURSDAY, May 15

9:00 a.m.	Ivins Outreach Center	Lounge
10:00	Clothing Center	Room 4
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

FRIDAY, May 16

10:45 a.m.	Weekday Nursery School	Room 220
11:00	Ivins Outreach Center	Lounge

SATURDAY, May 17

SUNDAY, May 18

8:30 a.m.	God's Thunder	Room 121
9:15	Mission Study Team	Room 202
9:30	Sunday School for All Ages	
10:30	Worship Service with	Sanctuary &
	Teacher Appreciation	Livestream
11:30	Fellowship Time	Lounge
11:30	Youth in Mission	Parking Lot
	Car Wash & Bake Sale	
11:45	Teen Choir	Music Room
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Room 220

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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Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

William Parker

STORIES OF JESUS

Frederic Challinor

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Tell me the sto - ries of Je - sus I love to hear: _____
First let me hear how the chil - dren stood 'round his knee, _____



Things I would ask him to tell me if he were here: _____
And I shall think of his bless - ing rest - ing on me; _____



Scenes by the way - side, tales of the sea, _____
Words full of kind - ness, deeds full of grace, _____



Sto - ries of Je - sus, tell them to me.
All in the love - light of Jes - sus' face!