



*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  
TENTH SUNDAY  
after PENTECOST  
JULY 28, 2024

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE** — *The Greatness of the Lord* - Richard Miles

Yun Kang

**WORDS of WELCOME**

Pastor Rachel Rhodes

**INTROIT** — *This is the Day* - Alice Parker

Summer Choir

*This is the day the Lord hath made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

--Psalm 118:24

**CALL to WORSHIP**

Tim Carpenter, Liturgist

One: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

**All: Jesus calls us to worship.**

One: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;

**All: Jesus calls us to love.**

One: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;

**All: Jesus calls us to justice.**

One: Let us heed the call of Christ.

**All: Let us worship together with joy.**

**HYMN** — *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

*Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who bear, now to his temple draw near;  
join me in glad adoration!*

*Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?*

*Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly for aye we adore him.*

**PRAYER of CONFESSION**

Pastor Alex Lester-Abdalla

Merciful God, you have called us to live in sincere faith and to suffer for the gospel. We confess that we do not come before you with a clear conscience. Our faith is clouded by sin and uncertainty. We shrink from your call to live sacrificially on behalf of others. Too quickly, we seek our own ease and comfort first. We confess that in our own lives, and in the church, we rely on our power rather than yours, and we let fear get in the way of faithfulness. Forgive us, we pray, for we are fractured and fearful disciples. Take away from us a spirit of cowardice, and restore to us the spirit of power rightly used, of love unconditionally offered, and of self-discipline gracefully lived. In new mercy, forgive us and increase our faith, that we may be faithful servants at your table.

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

## PROMISE of FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, with whom we are reconciled through Christ. Together, let us proclaim the good news of the gospel:

**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.*

## LITURGY of the WORD

### PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — *Psalm 37:1-9*

One: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

**All: Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

One: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

**All: Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.**

One: Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil. For the wicked shall be cut off,

**All: But those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### ANTHEM — *Who Shall Separate Us from the Love of Christ?* - Hal H. Hopson

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Who shall take away his tender care?  
Shall pain or sword, or deep despair, or darkest sorrow in the night?*

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Who shall take away his tender care?  
Through all these things our faith is tried; we live in Christ, who loves us all;  
We conquer still each passing day; his love shall be our stay.*

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Who shall take away his tender care?  
Shall death or life, or worlds unknown, or all the powers yet to be?*

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Who shall take away his tender care?  
Through all these things our faith is tried; we live in Christ, who loves us all;  
We conquer still each passing day; his love shall be our stay.*

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Who shall take away his tender care?  
Through all these things our faith is tried, he loves us all.*

Romans 8:35, 37-39, paraphrased by Hal H. Hopson

### TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

*Guard the Good Treasure*

Pastor Rhodes

## HYMN — *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

## PROFESSION of FAITH — from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls people to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

## 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 — *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* - John Rutter

Elijah Song, cello

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

### BLESSING *for* PASTOR RACHEL — *Blessing* - Natalie Sleeth

*O may the peace of God be with you evermore,  
and may the power of His great love your soul again restore.  
And may you feel his hand upon you day by day  
to strengthen and sustain you along your way.*

*O may He be your guide as long as life shall last,  
and in the time of Trial, may His strong arm hold you fast.  
And may you always know His never-ending care,  
and may His gracious Spirit be with you everywhere.*

*The one eternal God is King o'er all the earth,  
He made the universe so vast and gave to all their birth;  
but though He reigns supreme, His Love surrounds us all,  
and from His throne He tends His own, His creatures great and small.*

*So may the peace of God be with you evermore,  
and may the power of His great love your soul again restore.  
And may you always know His never-ending care,  
and may His gracious Spirit be with you everywhere.*

--text by Natalie Sleeth

## S E N D I N G

### HYMN — *Come! Live in the Light!*

WE ARE CALLED

*Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God.*

Refrain:

*We are called to act with justice;  
we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.*

*Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
so hatred and violence will be no more.*

Refrain

*Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers united in love.*

Refrain

## **CHARGE and BLESSING**

### **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** — *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* - Peter Lutkin

*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.*

--Numbers 6:24-26

### **POSTLUDE** — *March* - G. F. Handel

## 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.net](mailto:Bulletin@MPCusa.net).***

### **TODAY WE BLESS PASTOR RACHEL ON HER WAY**

Today we mark the seven years Rachel has served as our head pastor at Morrisville Presbyterian Church. We will have an opportunity to bless her and her family on their way to the new journey God is calling them forth. There will be a special moment in worship today, as well as a fellowship opportunity following the service in the lounge to share memories and say our goodbyes. You can submit any cards or notes to the office. If you would like to give towards the congregational purse you can write a check to Morrisville Presbyterian Church with the word "Purse" in the memo line by tomorrow, Monday, July 29. We give thanks to God for calling Rachel and the Rhodes to our congregation and for the time we have had together in this community.

### **TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The Chancel Flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given in memory of Michael Mocolak by his parents, Bill and Linda Mocolak, and family and friends. The second arrangement is given by John Damiani III in recognition of the birthday of his wife, Donna, and the 100th birthday of his late father, John Damiani Jr., who served on Normandy Beach in WWII. These flowers also serve as a symbol of the warm thoughts and memories for John's late brother Mark, upon his passing.

### **THANK YOU ROSIE, WELCOME BACK LAURIE**

Rosie Sheahan is leaving her role as financial secretary with her last day being Monday, 7/29. While we are sad to see Rosie go, we are grateful for her time here. The Personnel Committee, Rachel, and Alex are working diligently to find a new person for the position. In the meantime, our previous financial secretary, Laurie Jacobsen, has agreed to fill the position through the summer or until we find a new person before then. Thank you Rosie and welcome back Laurie!

### **CHANCEL FLOWERS NEEDED FOR AUGUST**

If you would like to give flowers on a Sunday in August, please contact DeeAnn Martin at 215-493-3865 or email [deemar918@aol.com](mailto:deemar918@aol.com). An arrangement is \$35 and may be given in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a person or special event, or in gratitude for a ministry or act of kindness. These flowers not only add beauty to our worship service, but they also serve as an outreach ministry to our church family.

## **2024 WOMEN'S RETREAT**

The information and registration brochures for the upcoming Women's Retreat are now available and can be found in the Welcome Center. The retreat will be held on Oct. 25-27 in Ocean Grove, NJ with Pastor Molly Ramsey leading on the topic of *The Pursuit of Happiness*. All the details can be found in the brochure or by contacting Beth Curtiss at [curtissfam@gmail.com](mailto:curtissfam@gmail.com).

## **THIS SUMMER'S FOOD CENTER REQUEST**

The requested food donation for the summer continues to be macaroni and cheese. A shopping cart has been put in the Welcome Center to receive your donations. Thank you for your continued generous help!

## **IVINS OUTREACH CENTER'S 2024 GOLF OUTING**

Save the date for the IOC Annual Golf Outing to be held on Monday, September 16, 2024 at the Yardley Country Club. This is our major fundraiser which allows us to continue the many programs available for youth, families, and older adults in Lower Bucks County. If you are not a golfer, consider the many other ways in which you can volunteer and help us make this event a success. You can:

1. Volunteer to be on the organizing committee
2. Volunteer the day of the event
3. Consider being a sponsor if you are a business owner; there are many different levels and opportunities for sponsorship – we have brochures listing and explaining the various Sponsorship Opportunities
4. Be a Patron or perhaps you frequent a business and would be willing to approach them about sponsoring our golf outing
5. Ask businesses for items to be raffled

If you have any questions or need further information about sponsorship or volunteer information, please contact Kathleen Foster at [kathleenf9@comcast.net](mailto:kathleenf9@comcast.net) or Christy Stephenson at [Stephenson.christy@gmail.com](mailto:Stephenson.christy@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing many of you on Monday, September 16 at the lovely YCC. Thank you for your continued support!

## **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Childcare at church is an amazing gift to young families, providing a safe, fun space for small children, and enabling parents to participate in worship in our sanctuary. We are reliant on volunteers to staff the nursery and we need your help. To volunteer, please add your name to the sign-up sheet outside the Nursery, or contact Cynde Jacobus at [cyndej127@gmail.com](mailto:cyndej127@gmail.com) or Rich Ryan at [rryanphd@comcast.net](mailto:rryanphd@comcast.net) or 215-527-3401. Thank you for considering this wonderful way to support young families and the mission of MPC.

## **BOOK DISTRIBUTION SUMMER PLANS**

We have decided to take a summer break from trips to Baltimore and ask folks to hold off on making donations of books for adults.

We are happy to accept books for children from ages 1 month to 18 years. We, of course, will continue to accept dictionaries, bibles, pocket-sized New Testaments, toys, puzzles, all writing implements, paper of all types, crayon containers (coffee, candy & cookie tins), and games.

Have a great summer,  
Alice, Joy, Susan, and Todd

## **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!

iPhone



Need help?  
Email to  
[Office@mpcusa.org](mailto:Office@mpcusa.org)

Android



## DEACON BACKPACK DRIVE

Now is the time to gather school items 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 18 so they can be distributed before school begins next fall. Thanks in advance for helping our local kids begin the year well prepared for school! Questions? Ask any deacon or call Jen Jones at 215 962-3655.

Kindly fill a new backpack with the following:

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

### MPC Weekly Calendar

#### SUNDAY, July 28

10:30 a.m. Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
	Lounge
11:30 Fellowship Time	Room 220
Noon Adonai Tabernacle	

#### MONDAY, July 29

9:30 a.m. Ivins Outreach Center	Lounge
5:30 p.m. Food Packing	Food Center
6:30 Mostly Motets	Conference Room

#### TUESDAY, July 30

9:00 a.m. Produce Prep	Food Center
6:00 p.m. Community Meal	Fellowship Hall

#### WEDNESDAY, July 31

9:00 a.m. Food Center Distribution	Parking Lot
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#### THURSDAY, August 1

#### FRIDAY, August 2

6:30 p.m. Women's AA Meeting	Lounge
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#### SATURDAY, August 3

10:00 a.m. Newtown Quilters Guild	Conference Room
11:00 Harry Dent Memorial Service	Sanctuary
11:45 Harry Dent Memorial Service Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Youth in Mission Trip Party	Offsite

#### SUNDAY, August 4

10:30 a.m. Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
	Room 220
Noon Adonai Tabernacle	

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](http://mpcusa.org/calendar) to see when events takes place and room availability.

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