



*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
PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 13, 2025

GATHERING

WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla

MINUTE for MINISTRY

Mission Study

Ray Hendrickson

PRELUDE — *Peuples, Chantez* - Jean Baptiste Faure

Chancel Chimes & Piano

INTROIT — *Hosanna in the Highest* - ELLACOMBE

Chancel Choir

*“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.*

CALL to WORSHIP

Tom Smith, Liturgist

One: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion,

All: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

One: Lo, your king comes to you;

All: Triumphant and victorious is he,

One: Humble and riding on a donkey.

All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

One: Come, let us worship the Lord.

HYMN — *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Refrain:

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

*Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.*

Refrain

*The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.*

Refrain

*To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.*

Refrain

*Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!*

Refrain

PRAYER of CONFESSION

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are just as rebellious. Our faith is often more show than substance. Our hearts are not pure, and our souls are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Let us accept and believe the mercy you offer, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, and to go and sin no more. 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: Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Believe the good news of the gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

RESPONSE to GOD'S GRACE — *Jesus, Remember Me* - Jacques Bertier

REMEMBER ME

Je - sus, Re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff contains the first four measures of the melody, and the second staff contains the next four measures, starting with a measure rest. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**R E C E P T I O N of N E W M E M B E R S &
S A C R A M E N T of B A P T I S M**

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Holy God, we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our fellowship brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and Glory. Amen

HYMN of FELLOWSHIP — (Hymn 306) — *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

*Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.*

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

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — *Matthew 21:10-11*

One: When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?"

All: **The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM — *Fling Wide the Door* - John Yarrington

*Fling wide the door, unbar the gate; the King of glory comes in state;
The Lord of lords and King of kings, the Savior of the world who brings
His great salvation to the earth. So raise a shout of old mirth
And praise our God and Lord, Creator, Spirit, Word.*

*He is the rock of our belief, the heart of mercy's gentle self.
His kingly crown is holiness; His setter is his loveliness;
He brings our sorrows to an end. Now gladly praise our king and friend,
And worship him with song for saving us from wrong.*

*Oh, happy towns and blessed lands that live by their true king's commands
And blessed be the hearts he rules, the humble places where he dwells.
He is the rightful Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his,
Creator of the world, our only strength for good.*

Fling wide the door...

— Georg Weißel, tr. Gracia Grindal

TIME *for* YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — *Mark 11:1-10*

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Does Anyone Remember Holy Week?

Rev. Dr. Kort

HYMN — *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

ST. CHRISTOPHER

*Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
a home with the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.*

*Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.*

*I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.*

AFFIRMATION *of* FAITH — *Philippians 2:6-8*

Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

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 — *Via Dolorosa: Way of Suffering* - Bill Sprague

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 — *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

ST. DROSTANE

*Ride on! ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
thy humble beast pursues its road with palms and scattered garments strowed.*

*Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.*

*Ride on! ride on in majesty! The hosts of angels in the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.*

*Ride on! ride on in Majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.*

CHARGE *and* BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE — *Nothing Can Trouble* - Taizé Community

*Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.*

POSTLUDE — *Minuet from Music for the Royal Fireworks* - G. F. Handel

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 we celebrate the baptism of Sherrese McGill and welcome our new members into the fellowship of the church. We will be sharing more information about our new members in the weeks ahead.

COLLECTED TODAY! ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Offering will be collected on Sunday, April 13 during worship. Received during the season of Lent, each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations. This PCUSA special offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. If you would like to participate, please write "OGHS" on your check and use the envelopes located in your pew. You may also give online at mpcusa.org/give. Please include "OGHS" in the "Notes" box in the payment section. Thank you for your generosity and support.

**DEACONS EASTER FOOD BASKET -
LAST DAY TO GIVE**

Recognizing the ongoing food insecurity in our surrounding communities, the Deacons will once again provide a Holiday Basket for these families.

How You Can Help: Pick up an Easter Egg in our Welcome Center. Make a donation by returning the egg to the church with your donation inside by April 13 (Palm Sunday). Checks can be made out to MPC with the notation "Deacon's Easter Basket" in the memo line.

Your Generosity Matters: Your support helps us continue this vital food ministry. Thank you for making a difference!

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given by Jeff, Wendy, and Jackie in loving memory of Gino Moruzzi on what would have been his 98th birthday. The second arrangement is offered in gratitude and to welcome our new members who are being received into our church family today.

APRIL FOOD CENTER REQUEST

During April, the requested food donation will be canned tuna. A shopping cart has been put in the Welcome Center to receive your donations. As always, thank you for your generosity!

COME JOIN BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

Brown Bag Bible Study will be taking a Lenten journey through the Gospel of Luke. 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? No worries, join us on Zoom by calling the church office and adding your name to the email distribution list for the Zoom link sent out 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**

4/16: 19:11-27; 28-40; 41-48; 20:1-8

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE

No classes will be held next Sunday for Easter. On April 27, an open forum for people to stop by and learn more about Adult Education at MPC will be held. Suggestions for future topics for 2025/26 season will be welcomed and discussed.

Classes are held at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the Conference Room, located on the second floor.

CLOTHING CENTER

SPRING & SUMMER DONATIONS

The Clothing Center is only accepting clean and gently used spring and summer clothes, as well as spring and Easter decorations. Fall or winter clothing is no longer being accepted as there is no space to store off-season wear. We are also NOT accepting Christmas or winter decorations at this time. All donated items (housewares, linens, accessories, etc.) must be washed and clean.

We are also NOT able to accept computers, tablets, stereos, phones, baby strollers, carriers, car seats, or highchairs at any time.

Donations can be dropped off any time the church is open. Please place items on the shelves downstairs by the elevator. Do not leave items outside by the church doors!!!

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.

JOIN US IN THE NURSERY!

Looking for a flexible, fulfilling, and fun volunteer opportunity? Nursery volunteers are needed! Pick the Sundays that work for you and volunteer for as many (or as few) Sundays as you'd like. Two adults are needed to staff the nursery every week. This is a great opportunity to support MPC's ministry to children and young families. Come for the fruit snacks and stay for the lasting impact you will make on the littlest members of the MPC family. To volunteer, please contact Erin Aronson at enkernan@gmail.com.

MEMORIAL GARDEN DEDICATION & PICNIC

Join us on Sunday, May 4, for the dedication of Memorial Garden, followed by a picnic. The picnic will be held in Memorial Garden (weather permitting) or Fellowship Hall. Bring a side or dessert to share. Sign up in the Welcome Center or contact the church office at 215-295-4191 or office@mpcusa.org.



Holy Week at MPC

April 17 - Maundy Thursday

Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper
(Please RSVP by contacting the church office at
215-295-4191 or office@mpcusa.org)

6:30 p.m. Worship Service

April 20 - Easter Sunday

10:30 a.m. Worship Service*
Sermon: "Does Anyone Remember Easter?"

*Livestream available at mpcusa.org

2025 Easter Memorials & Honorariums

Consider honoring, celebrating, or remembering a family member, friend, or loved one this Eastertide. Contributions to these funds can be made in the name of a loved one who has passed or to honor someone in your life now.



EASTER TULIPS

Give the gift of Easter joy! Contributions toward tulips ensure that homebound members receive a tulip delivered to their home this Easter. Suggested donation of \$10.00 per flower.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Give the gift of music! Contributions to this fund help to supplement the music ministry program of the church. In the past, these funds have been used to invest in Orff instruments for enhancing the children's music program, handbell equipment, guest musicians, as well as ensure that "Word in Music" Sundays and other special musical offerings are possible.

DEACONS' FOOD BASKET PROGRAM

Give the gift of food where it's most needed! Several times each year, especially during holiday seasons, our Deacons ensure that almost 100 food insecure families are given the gift of groceries.

Please COMPLETE and PRINT CLEARLY the form below and return with your generous gift.

I (we) wish to make the following contribution(s) to:

_____ **Easter Tulips: The gift of Easter joy!**

Please find \$ _____ attached for this fund.
Suggested donation of \$10.00 per flower.

_____ **Music Ministry: The gift of music!**

Please find \$ _____ attached for this fund.

_____ **Deacons' Food Basket Program**

Please find \$ _____ attached for this fund.

TOTAL GIFT AMOUNT: \$ _____

Given by _____

Email Address _____

Home/Cell Phone _____

(Please circle one) "In loving memory of" "In celebration of" "To give thanks for"

Please PRINT CLEARLY exactly as you wish it to appear in the bulletin (use back if necessary).

*Please provide payment separate from your pledged giving.
Make checks payable to MPC with the type of memorial noted on the memo line.*

**In order to ensure inclusion in the Easter Sunday bulletin,
this form must be returned to the church office by Monday, April 14.**

STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, sponsored by the National Letter Carriers' Association, will be held on Saturday, May 10, at the Morrisville Methodist Church, located at 501 W. Maple Avenue in Morrisville. MPC and the Food Center have been involved for many years, and the Food Center benefits greatly from the large amount of food collected in the 19067 zip code. Help is needed from 10:00 a.m. thru 7:00 p.m. It's a fun day and a great community effort. Please join us and bring a friend! Sign up online at MPCusa.org/food-center. Email MPCfoodcenter@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

Circle meetings this week

DEBORAH CIRCLE

Deborah Circle meets tomorrow at noon
in the Lounge.

REBECCA CIRCLE

Rebecca Circle meets tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.
in the Lounge.

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

MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, April 13 - Palm Sunday

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| 8:30 a.m. | Chancel Chimes Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| 9:15 | Mission Study Team | Room 202 |
| 9:30 | Session Meeting with New Members | Lounge |
| 9:30 | Sunday School for all ages | |
| 10:00 | Boy Scout Troop 3 | Welcome Center |
| | Bake Sale | |
| 10:30 | Worship Service with- Receiving New Members | Sanctuary & Livestream |
| 11:30 | Fellowship Time | Lounge |
| 11:45 | Teen Choir | Music Room |
| Noon | Adonai Tabernacle | Room 220 |

MONDAY, April 14

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

TUESDAY, April 15

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| 9:00 a.m. | Produce Prep | Room 4 |
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WEDNESDAY, April 16

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| 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 | Ivins Outreach Center Board meeting | Lounge |
| 7:15 | Chancel Chimes | Sanctuary |

THURSDAY, April 17 - Maundy Thursday

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| 9:00 a.m. | Ivins Outreach Center | Lounge |
| 10:00 | Clothing Center | Room 4 |
| 6:00 p.m. | Maundy Thursday Supper & Worship Service | Fellowship Hall |
| 7:30 | Chancel Choir | Sanctuary |

FRIDAY, April 18 - Good Friday

Church Office closed

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| 11:00 a.m. | Ivins Outreach Center | Lounge |
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SATURDAY, April 19

SUNDAY, April 20 - Easter Sunday

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| 9:00 a.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| 9:15 | Mission Study Team | Room 202 |
| 10:30 | Worship Service | Sanctuary & Livestream |
| Noon | Adonai Tabernacle | Room 220 |

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.

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