



*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*
NINTH SUNDAY
after PENTECOST
JULY 26, 2026 ~ 10:30 A.M.

GATHERING

WORDS *of* WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

MINUTE *for* MINISTRY

Introducing Rev. Kyle Anderson

David Hough & Nancy McHenry

PRELUDE — *Come Unto Jesus* - Orson Pratt Huish, arr. S. Martineau

Kyle St. Sauveur

INTROIT — *On the Journey to Emmaus* - Irish Folk Tune

Summer Choir

*On the journey to Emmaus with our hearts cold as stone -
the One who would save us had left us alone.*

*Then a stranger walks with us and, to our surprise,
he opens our stories and he opens our eyes.*

*On our journey to Emmaus, in our stories and feast,
with Jesus we claim that the greatest is least:
and His words burn within us - let none be ignored -
who welcomes the stranger shall welcome the Lord.*

— text by Marty Haugen

CALL *to* WORSHIP

Ray Hendrickson, Liturgist

One: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me praise his holy name.

All: **From the rising of the sun, to the going down of the same, let the name of the Lord
be praised.**

One: Come, let us worship the Lord our God.

HYMN — *Here in This Place*

GATHER US IN

*Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.*

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung through-out all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.*

*Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.*

*Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.*

*Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts. Forgive the sins we keep hidden within us. Forgive the hardness of our hearts and the callousness of our concern for others. Show us the path that runs pure and good and kind. Unseal within us the wellspring of your grace, as silently we confess our sin.

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

PROMISE *of* FORGIVENESS

One: Listen to the promise of the scriptures and make it your own. God so loved the world that he sent his son to us, not to condemn us, or scold us, or punish us, but love us and forgive us. Friends 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.*

S A C R A M E N T *o f* B A P T I S M

LITANY *of the* SACRAMENT

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.

HYMN *of* BAPTISM — *Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

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

PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING — *Psalms 121*

One: I lift my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?

All: **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

One: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

All: **He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

One: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

All: **The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.**

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One: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

All: **The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM — *Alleluia!* - Randall Thompson

SCRIPTURE READING — *Luke 24:13-25*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

While They Were Walking

Rev. Kyle Anderson

HYMN — *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.*

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 — *Day by Day* - Oscar Ahnfeldt, arr. Greg Howlett

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 — *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

I'M GONNA LIVE

*God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Bind to myself the Name of Holy,
great clod of witnesses enfold;
prophets, apostles, angels witness:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,
flashing of lightning strength of wind,
depth of the sea to soil of planet:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

CHARGE and BLESSING

**THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (SEE ANNOUNCEMENT BELOW)
WILL BEGIN SHORTLY AFTER THE CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**ONLINE VOTING IS FOR MEMBERS OF MPC ONLY.
CAST YOUR VOTE BY EMAILING VOTEMPCSENIORPASTOR@GMAIL.COM**

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.*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

The Morrisville Presbyterian Church Session has called for a congregational meeting to be held immediately following today's worship service for the purpose of receiving the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee and voting to elect the next Senior Pastor/Head of Staff of Morrisville Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Kyle Anderson.

Members who are unable to attend the worship service or congregational meeting in person may watch the service online at www.mpcusa.org and cast their vote by emailing votempcseniorpastor@gmail.com. If approved, Rev. Anderson would start on Monday, August 31.

MEET OUR NEW PASTOR

After the congregational meeting, there will be an all-church picnic in the Memorial Garden to celebrate and welcome Rev. Kyle Anderson to MPC. All members of the congregation are welcome to attend.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Receiving the sacrament of baptism today is Jace Tyler Patterson, child of Shea and Tyler Patterson, and grandchild of Geoffrey and Sharon Smith. The participating elder is Christi Anne DeSciscio. Please join us in welcoming the newest member of Christ's church.

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given by Curt Rimler in memory of his father, Jack Rimler, on his heavenly birthday. The second arrangement is given by Geoffrey and Sharon Smith in honor of the baptism of their grandson, Jace Tyler Patterson. Jace is the son of their daughter and son-in-law, Shea and Tyler Patterson. The windowsill flowers are given "by Sandy, in memory of David and his love of celebrating birthdays, especially his own. Happy Birthday!"

REGARDING TODAY'S SERVICE

Yun Kang, our faithful organist and pianist, is in South Korea visiting her family. In her stead we welcome our multitalented bass section leader, Kyle St. Sauveur, as our pianist of today's service.

CHANCEL FLOWERS NEEDED FOR AUGUST 23

If you would like to give an arrangement for Sunday, August 23, please contact DeeAnn Martin at 215-493-3865 or email deemar918@aol.com. The cost of an arrangement is \$37 and may be given in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special occasion or in gratitude for a ministry or act of kindness. These flowers not only add beauty to our worship service, but they also go forward as an outreach ministry to our church family.

ON-LINE MEMBER DIRECTORY

MPC rolled out Realm to the congregation back in September 2025. One of the features of Realm is an on-line Member Directory that is only accessible to active members of MPC who have created a Realm log-in. Beginning on August 1, all active members will be added to the directory whether you have created a log-in or not. If you do not wish to be in the directory, please contact the church office by emailing office@mpcusa.org or calling 215-295-4191. Please note that printed copies of the directory will no longer be available. If you want to access the member directory, you will need to create a Realm log-in.

DISPOSABLE FLATWARE PACKETS FOR TASK

Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) routinely needs to purchase more than 10,000 packets of plastic flatware to distribute with their food. If you have a supply of unopened packets at home from takeout food purchases, we will gladly take them off your hands. A basket for your donations will be on the cabinet in the narthex as you exit the sanctuary.

FOOD CENTER'S SUMMER REQUEST

Over the next few summer months, the requested food donation is whatever you may wish to donate. Items should be shelf-stable and non-perishable. Donated items should not be in glass containers. A marked shopping bin has been put in the Welcome Center to receive your donations. Thank you for your continued generosity!

YOUTH IN MISSION TRIP 27 SAVE THE DATE!

If you know of any youth interested in going on a meaningful trip of service and fun, please save the date for our trip next year: July 10 to July 17, 2027. Please contact Heidi Dous at heididous@gmail.com or Pastor Alex Lester-Abdalla at alexlester-abdalla@mpcusa.org for more information or questions.

DEACON'S BACKPACK DRIVE

Now is the time to help gather school supplies for our Deacons' Backpack Drive! These donations will directly support elementary students in our community who face financial hardship and need extra help preparing for the school year. A collection bin will be available in the Welcome Center for donated items starting in July. Cash donations may be placed in the offering plate or sent to MPC by mail or online.

If you'd like to purchase a new backpack to fill, here's a list of requested items:

- No 2 pencils
- Black or blue pens
- 1 permanent marker
- Pencil sharpeners
- Small pack of crayons
- Small pack of colored pencils
- Pack of graph paper
- Ruler
- 2 three-subject spiral notebooks
- 5 plastic subject folders
- Pack of wide-ruled notebook paper
- Scotch tape



All backpacks will be blessed during our service on August 16 and distributed before the start of the new school year. If you have any questions, please contact Paula Marseglia at 267-303-6133 or email Paula307@comcast.net. Thank you for your generosity and for helping our local students begin the year equipped and ready to learn!

MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, July 26

9:30 a.m. Meet & Greet New Pastor, Lounge
Rev. Kyle Anderson

10:30 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary &
Livestream

11:30 All-Church Picnic Memorial Garden

Noon Adonai Tabernacle Chapel

MONDAY, July 27

6:30 p.m. Mostly Motets Music Room

7:00 Food Center Food Packing Room 4

TUESDAY, July 28

9:00 a.m. Food Center Produce Prep Room 4

WEDNESDAY, July 29

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

THURSDAY, July 30

FRIDAY, July 31

4:00 p.m. Prep & Serve Fellowship Hall
Community Meal

SATURDAY, August 1

9:00 a.m. Newtown Quilters Conference Room
Guild

11:00 Scout Troop Annual Fellowship Hall
Planning Conference

SUNDAY, August 2

10:30 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary &
Livestream

Noon Adonai Tabernacle Chapel

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