



Worship for
Dedication Sunday
Twenty-First Sunday
after Pentecost
October 18, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m.

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE — *Arise, O Glorious Zion* - arr. Laurel Pederson

Yun Kang

WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Kyle Anderson

MINUTE for MINISTRY

A Stewardship Story

Ruth & Jim Levan

INTROIT — *God Is Calling through the Whisper* - W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

Chancel Choir

*God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,
through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.
Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:
God is calling—and we hear! God is calling—and we hear!*

CALL to WORSHIP

Micah Subers, Liturgist

One: Come, for God has called us together as one body.

All: We come, with many gifts and many hands.

One: Come, for Christ is at work among us, building us up in love.

All: We come, ready to receive and ready to serve.

One: Come, for the Spirit gives each of us a part to play.

All: We come, trusting that God can work through what we offer.

One: Let us worship the God who gathers us, gifts us, and sends us.

All: We are here. We are ready. Let us join God's work together.

HYMN — *The Church's One Foundation* (verses 1, 2 & 3)

AURELIA

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

*Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endured.*

*Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.*

PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla

Gracious God, you have given each of us gifts and called us to share in your work. Yet we confess that we sometimes hold back. We convince ourselves that what we have is too little, that someone else will do what needs to be done, or that the work of ministry belongs to someone else. Forgive us when we lose sight of your abundance. Forgive us when we settle for maintaining what is familiar rather than trusting you to make all things new. Open our eyes to what you are doing among us. Open our hearts to your Spirit. And make us willing to say, with joy and courage: “Here I am. Count me in.”

SILENT PRAYERS *of* CONFESSION

Here each worshiper may offer silent prayers of confession.

PROMISE *of* FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news: Christ has not called us because we are enough on our own. Christ calls us, equips us, forgives us, and gives us what we need.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

RESPONSE *to* GOD’S PARDON (back cover of hymnal) — *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

RESPONSIVE READING — *1 Corinthians 12:4-6*

One: There are different kinds of gifts,

All: But the same Spirit.

One: There are different kinds of service,

All: But the same Lord.

One: There are different kinds of working,

All: But the same God is at work in all of them.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM — *Thank You, Lord* - Mary Ellen Kerrick

*Thank you, Lord for what you’ve done for me.
I was down, and the Lord God lifted me up,
set my feet on the Solid Rock, took my sins and set me free,
life abundant He gave to me.
Thank you, Lord for what you’ve done for me.
I never shall forget that day when Jesus washed my sins away.
Thank you, Lord for what you’ve done for me.
O songs of praise I’ll ever sing, hymns of thanks to Christ, the King;
tell the mercy of the Lord; sing His love forevermore!
Thank you, Lord for what you’ve done for me.*

TIME *for* YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE READING — *Ephesians 4:1-7, 12-16*

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

I’m In! Are You?

Rev. Kyle Anderson

*"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
 Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
 Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"*

*"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
 Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
 Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"*

*"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
 Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
 Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
 and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
 Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
 In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
 This I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

AFFIRMATION of FAITH - based on 1 Corinthians 12 for Dedication Sunday

One: We confess: There are different gifts,
All: But the same Spirit.

One: There are different ways of serving,
All: But the same Lord.

One: There are different kinds of work,
All: But the same God is at work in all of them.

One: We are many members,
All: But we are one body in Christ.

One: We do not all have the same gifts,
All: But we share one calling.

One: We do not all serve in the same way,
All: But we serve one Lord.

One: We offer what we have,
All: Trusting that God will use our gifts for the sake of the whole body. We are the body of Christ, and each one of us is a part of it.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (page 35 in the hymnal, *debts and debtors*)

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
 Presentation of Gifts
 Offertory Music — *Fairest Lord Jesus* - Ruth Schram
 Doxology 606 — *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

SENDING

HYMN — *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

SCHUMANN

*We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

*May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our first-fruits give.*

*The captive to release,
to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace:
it is a Christ-like thing.*

*And we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be;
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.*

CHARGE *and* BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE — *Amen*

POSTLUDE — *Eight Interludes* - Caleb Simper

Announcements

TODAY IS DEDICATION SUNDAY

During today's final hymn, we invite you to complete an [Estimate of Giving card online](#). You will also have the opportunity to review the many ways you can be involved with MPC or ask for more information when you submit your form..

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

Today's Chancel flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given by Carol and Roberta Carroll "in memory of our Mother, Irene M. Carroll, on the anniversary of her birth." The second arrangement is given by Beth and Eric Becker on the joyous occasion of the marriage of their son, Troy Becker, to Alyssia Johnston on this past Friday, October 16, and in celebration of the October 19 birthday of their younger son, Blake.

CONTEMPLATIVE OFFERING: TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE, OCTOBER 27

All are welcome to join a MPC fieldtrip to Nassau Presbyterian Church for their Taizé worship service on October, 27 at 7:00 p.m. Taizé is a contemplative worship service incorporating meditative singing, silence, and other embodied practices. Taizé is also ecumenical, so they welcome people from all denominations and levels of experience. If you are interested or plan to attend, please RSVP with Alex at alexlester-abdalla@mpcusa.org so he can share more information and parking instructions.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS MEET TOMORROW

MPC's Monday evening Book/Study Group will start up again tomorrow, Monday, October 19. Join us at 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the conference room and via Zoom. Our first read this year will be *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi--perhaps you've already read it? Contact Shellie Stoddard at 215-510-5717 or at stoddard.shellie@gmail.com with questions. You are welcome whether you have read it or not! Please RSVP if you would like to join remotely.

FOOD CENTER REQUESTS

From now till the end of the year, the Food Center is requesting the following items: Any variety of cereal, soup, or pasta sauce (no glass jars, please). Donated items may be placed in the shopping bin located in the Welcome Center.

A WAY TO EXPRESS THANKSGIVING! CHANCEL FLOWERS NEEDED FOR NOVEMBER

If you would like to give flowers on a Sunday in November, 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, in celebration of a special event, or in gratitude (Thanksgiving) for an act of kindness or ministry. Not only do these flowers add beauty to our Sunday worship services, they also go forward as an outreach ministry to our MPC family.

MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION SUNDAY - RSVP NOW

Please join us on November 1 for the Membership Recognition Sunday (formerly Anniversary Sunday) luncheon following worship in Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP in the Welcome Center or by contacting the church office at 215-295-4191 or office@mpcusa.org.

CPR/FIRST AID CLASS OPPORTUNITY

The Board of Deacons is sponsoring a CPR/First Aid certification class on Saturday, December 5. Class will start at 9:30 a.m. and last for about three hours. Cost is \$80 and payment by check or cash is due the day of the class. Pre-registration is required. There will be sign up opportunities in the Welcome Center, during Fellowship Hour on Sundays, or by contacting Joy Rees directly at reesfam5@yahoo.com or by text at 215-280-4999.

COAT DRIVE AT MORRISVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Mission team at Morrisville United Methodist Church (MUMC) is organizing a "Coat Give Away" in October and would welcome donations of any outgrown or unneeded winter coats and accessories: hats, gloves, scarves, socks to help folks in the community stay warm through the cold winter months. Items can be dropped off from 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the United Methodist Church located at 501 West Maple Avenue in Morrisville or pick up can be arranged by calling Carol Young at 215-920-2683.

NEW! PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

Yellow prayer request cards have now been placed in the pew pockets in the sanctuary. Persons who wish to share a concern or joy may fill out the card and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. These cards are replacing the open notebook which had been in the Welcome Center. The pastors will follow up on prayer requests and share them with the congregation if permission is granted.

PRAYER SHAWL GATHERINGS - NOW MONTHLY

Gatherings to make handmade prayer shawls supporting our Code Blue guests will now meet monthly, on the second Sunday of each month in room 200, upstairs. All supplies will be provided. No experience needed as many will confirm it is very easy to learn. Bring a friend and join in the fun by gathering together to serve in this new way.

USHERS NEEDED

We need you for a new opportunity. Come join our Volunteer Ushering Team! Ushering at church is a simple, fun and meaningful way to serve. It's about showing up on a Sunday with a welcoming spirit, and lending a hand wherever needed. Would you like to try it out at MPC? No pressure, no long-term commitment -- just volunteers willing to give a little of their time, working side-by-side with deacons, to help create a warm and inviting experience for everyone who walks through our doors. Please see Robin Evans after the service, or contact her at robinevans310@gmail.com for more information. You must be at least twelve years of age and a church member.

HUNGER RELIEF BASKETS

On the last Sunday of each month, "Hunger Relief" baskets will be placed in the back of the sanctuary to help those beyond the walls of MPC. Your donations will benefit the MPC Food Center and the work of the presbytery. Thank you for your always generous contributions.

THANK YOU FOR THE CARE PACKAGES!

Thank you to all who donated to our Youth Club Alumni care packages! The youth and adults were able to assemble 17 packages to be sent to our young adults near and far. We are grateful for all who helped make this meaningful ministry possible.



MPC Pumpkin Painting

Sunday, October 25th

All are welcome to join us after worship in Fellowship Hall for painting and pizza!

Please RSVP by signing up in the Welcome Center
or by contacting the church office at
215-295-4191 or office@mpcusa.org

Come celebrate fall with MPC!



OUR PROGRAM

Weekday Nursery School offers a place for children to learn and grow intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically using play-based teaching techniques to foster a love of learning.

Half-Pints

2 years 7 months+ Program

Explorers

3 Year Old Program

Inventors

4 Year Old Program



OPEN HOUSE

November 17
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Come see our classrooms,
meet some of our staff and
learn about our wonderful
school!



(267)797-3665
www.WeekdayNursery.org

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MPC *Weekly Calendar* - mpcusa.org/calendar

SUNDAY, October 18 - Dedication Sunday

8:45 a.m.	God's Thunder Rehearsal	Room 121
9:30	Sunday School for Children & Youth	
9:30	Coffee & Connection	Lounge
10:30	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
11:30	Fellowship Time	Lounge
	Host: Finance & Stewardship Committees	
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Chapel

MONDAY, October 19

5:30 p.m.	Book Discussion Group	Conference Room
6:30	Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall
6:45	Cub Scout Pack 3	Rooms 122 & 220
7:00	Food Center Food Packing	Room 4

TUESDAY, October 20

9:00 a.m.	Food Center Produce Prep	Room 4
10:00`	Welcoming the Stranger	Room 208
3:00 p.m.	Ivins Outreach Center	Fellowship Hall
	Maternal Health Event	
6:00	Outreach Committee	Zoom

WEDNESDAY, October 21

9:00 a.m.	Food Center Distribution	Parking Lot
Noon	Brown Bag	Conference Room
	Bible Study	& Zoom
6:30 p.m.	Youth Club	Offsite
7:15	Chancel Chimes Rehearsal	Room 121

THURSDAY, October 22

10:00 a.m.	Thrift Store Open	Room 4
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Room

FRIDAY, October 23

SATURDAY, October 24

SUNDAY, October 25

8:45 a.m.	God's Thunder Rehearsal	Room 121
9:30	Sunday School for Children & Youth	
9:30	Coffee & Connection	Lounge
10:30	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
11:30	Fellowship Time	Lounge
	Host: Presbyterian Women	
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Chapel

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 to see when events take place and room availability.

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