MORRISVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship *for*
All Saints' Sunday
Member Recognition Sunday
November 1, 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

G A T H E R I N G

PRELUDE — *Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir* - Johann Pachelbel — Yun Kang

WORDS *of* WELCOME — Rev. Kyle Anderson

INTROIT — *God Welcomes All* - THEMA AMEN — Chancel Choir

God welcomes all, strangers and friends,
God's love is strong and it never ends.

CALL *to* WORSHIP — Patrick Gilbride, Liturgist

One: Come, let us remember the saints who have gone before us.
All: We give thanks for those whose lives have shaped our own.
One: Come, let us celebrate the saints here among us.
All: We give thanks for those whose lives continue to shape us.
One: For all that has been given, and all that is still being given—
All: With grateful hearts, let us worship God, together.

HYMN — *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* (verses 1 & 2) — HOLY MANNA

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

PRAYER *of* CONFESSION — Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla

Merciful God, we confess that we too often look for greatness in the places the world tells us to look. We overlook the quiet acts of love, the unseen work of mercy, the courage of those who mourn, and the faithful work of those who make peace. Forgive us when we seek recognition rather than faithfulness, certainty rather than compassion, and our own way rather than the way of Christ. Open our eyes to your presence among us. Shape us into people who notice, who welcome, who love, and who bear one another's burdens. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS *of* CONFESSION

Here each worshiper may offer silent prayers of confession.

PROMISE *of* FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news: God does not wait for us to become perfect before loving us. God meets us with mercy and calls us beloved.
All: In Christ, we are forgiven, made new, and welcomed again into the life of God's people. 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

ANTHEM — *Canticle of Fellowship* - Craig Courtney

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Forgive each other as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love." — Col. 3:12-14

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

Before the throne we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Love.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Love.

From sorrow, toil, and pain and sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and joy shall reign throughout eternity.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Love.

—John Fawcett

TIME *for* YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING — *Matthew 5: 1-12*

One: This is the Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY *Ordinary Saints* Rev. Kyle Anderson

HYMN — *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* (verses 1 & 4) KINGSFOLD

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

May we in service to our God act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

RECEPTION *of* NEW MEMBERS

OFFERING

Invitation to Give
Presentation of Gifts
Offertory Music — *For All the Saints* - arr. Dean Nichols
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.

SACRAMENT *of the* LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION *to the* TABLE

Kyle: Room for every story.
Alex: Room for every generation.
Congregation: Room for every one of us.

PRAYER *of* GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS *of* INSTITUTION

COMMUNION *of the* PEOPLE

MUSIC *during* COMMUNION — *Taste and See* – James Moor Jr.

PRAYER *after* COMMUNION

SENDING

HYMN — *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in Thee for all are Thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

CHARGE *and* BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE — *Canticle of Fellowship* - Craig Courtney
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The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
Before the throne we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Love.

POSTLUDE — *Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals* - Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Announcements

TODAY IS ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
In the reformed tradition, a saint is not someone who led a perfect life, but a believer who sought to faithfully follow Christ. Today we remember:

Mary Ellen Scheppach
Llywellon (Lew) Mohr
Marion Rea

The Morrisville Presbyterian saints who from their labors rest, and now in glory shine. Thanks be to God

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS
Today's Chancel flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given by George Mershon in loving memory of his wife, Wendi. The second arrangement is given by Ross and Alice Gray "in celebration of the birth of our great-grandson, Conrad, born on October 18 in Fairfax, Virginia."

MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION SUNDAY
Membership Recognition Sunday (formerly Anniversary Sunday) luncheon will be held in Fellowship Hall following worship.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE
There is so much to celebrate in the way our congregation has responded to this year's Stewardship Campaign. So far we have received 102 Estimates of Giving—including 18 new EOGs this year!—totaling $420,839. We're on track to reach 140 Estimates of Giving and ~$500,000. It's not too late to participate; EOG cards and envelopes are available in the Welcome Center. You can also submit your EOG on our website at mpcusa.org/give. We hope you'll prayerfully consider participating; your participation is part of the story we are telling together about who we are and the ministry we hope to share in the year ahead. Thank you for your generosity!

DISCOVER WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MPC!
Have you ever wondered what the Worship Committee does or how many volunteers it takes to run the Food Center each week? Join us on Sunday, November 15, following worship for the MPC Committee Fair! Browse the halls and lounge to discover what our committees do, meet the people who make it all happen, and learn how you can get involved. You'll have a chance to ask questions, explore opportunities to serve, and discover all the wonderful things happening at MPC—all while enjoying our usual Fellowship Hour snacks! Plan to attend the Committee Fair and see how you can be part of the life and ministry of MPC!

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.

MPC Thrift Store - Open This Saturday!

The MPC Thrift Store will have its first Saturday opening on November 7 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Start your Christmas shopping early and stop by to see what the Thrift Store has to offer!

The Thrift Store is still looking for volunteers who would be willing to work on a Saturday morning. This would be a great opportunity for students who need community service hours. Ideally, three volunteers are needed to assist shoppers, take payments and bag purchases, and put away merchandise at closing. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Foster at kathleenf949@gmail.com.

Of course you can stop by on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. during the regular store hours and keep in mind the store is now accepting clean, fall/winter clothing & shoes, seasonal home décor (fall/autumn, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas). Please do not leave off-season clothing and items; we do not have the space to store them.

Your shopping at the Thrift Store supports MPC outreach. All profits are donated to other community non-profit agencies and organizations through the MPC Outreach Committee.

Blue Jean Saturday

You read that right! The Building and Grounds Committee is planning a Blue Jean Saturday on November 14 from 9:00 a.m. to noon followed by pizza lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Bill Miller, Chairperson of the Building and Grounds Committee, with any questions at billmiller180@gmail.com.

Time for Young Disciples Training

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to lead a children's message? Do you love children's presence in worship as much as we do? Join the pastors and members of the worship committee for an information and training session. We will meet on Sunday, November 15, at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel. We hope to idenfity a group of folks who are willing to lead children's messages from time to time. It can be a gift to create meaningful opportunities for our young people to know and be known by the many adults who make up their church family. If this is something you are interested in or have any questions about, we hope you will join us! Please RSVP with Christi Anne DeSciscio at cambac@gmail.com or Pastor Alex at alexlester-abdalla@mpcusa.org. If you can't make it, you can still let us know you're interested by contacting either.

Volunteers Needed for the Thanksgiving Food Basket Distribution

The Deacons Food Basket program has been distributing meals to families for many years. Each Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter a dedicated group of volunteers, church members, and youth come together to help make this task possible. We are looking for help to pack and distribute the Thanksgiving Food Baskets on Saturday, November 21, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., at the church parking lot. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow church members and help pack holiday meals for 84 families.

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. Our next gathering will be next Sunday, November 8.

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.

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.

Welcome New Members

Please extend an especially warm welcome to our New Members joining Morrisville Presbyterian Church today: John Oetting. What a joy it is to welcome new friends into our mission and ministry here at MPC.

John Oetting and his fiancé Susan Annenberg (MPC member) split their time between New Hope & Zionsville, PA. John has worshiped with Susan at MPC for five years. A native of the Ozarks, John has worshipped and served in a variety of leadership and ministry creation/incubation capacities at half a dozen churches over the years. He is retired from a career in technology R&D with Bell Labs/AT&T and has spent the last seven years developing a nonprofit community arts and innovation center in Emmaus, PA (JuxtaHub).

In his spare time, John designs, builds, teaches and uses small skin-on-frame paddle craft. He embraces the words of Ratty from the book *The Wind In The Willows*: "…there is nothing, absolutely nothing, half so much as worth doing as simply messing around in boats."

Devin and Jim Rentschler live in Yardley with their son, Colin who is 6 months old, and their corgi, Rocky. Devin grew up in Philadelphia where she attended the Art Institute and received a Bachelor's Degree in marketing. She has been a real estate agent for eight years now, and works locally here in Bucks County at Keller Williams. Jim grew up outside of Atlantic City in Northfield, NJ and attended Stockton University where he received a Bachelor's Degree in economics. He currently works as a software engineer for the federal government. Jim plays rugby locally for the Levittown Hibernians where he learned about MPC through a few active members. They are excited to get Colin baptized at MPC later this month, and are thankful for the welcoming community of MPC!

Membership Recognition Sunday—Celebration *of* Church Membership

Today we celebrate Membership Recognition Sunday when we recognize those who are observing their 5th, 10th, 15th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 45th and "50th plus" anniversary of membership in our Church. We give thanks to God, for your service and dedication to the work of this Church, and we pray that your example may be an inspiration to all of us, as together we serve the Lord.

5 years (2021)
Christopher Bannister
Jane Detraz
David Hough
Kathryn Jervis
James Lytle
Bill Miller
Christy Stephenson

10 years (2016)
Ruth Amah
Peter Beidler
Benjamin Dous
Jack Fancher
Georgeanna Flook
Kathryn Gilbride
Charlotte Harrington
Jim Harrington
Austin Massey
Eric Moyer-Harrington
Elizabeth Pingor
Henry Yost

15 years (2011)
Emily Zazzu
Sarah Zazzu

25 years (2001)
Diane Johnson
David Powers
Nancy Powers

30 years (1996)
Mary Angela Feehan
Robert Foster
Jim Levan
Ruth Levan

40 years (1986)
Howard Barley
Joan Barley
Bill Hughes
Carl Lang
Cynthia Lang
Debbie Ryan
Robert Ryan
Ronald White

45 years (1981)
Rich Drabb
Bob Innis

50 years (1976)
Connie Kusiak
Clark Martin
Joanne Ranson

51 years (1975)
Susan Annenberg
Curtis Rimler

52 years (1974)
Heather Bray
Diane Marseglia
Patricia Sheffer

53 years (1973)
Gail Hunger
Dee Ann Martin
Nancy Stoner

54 years (1972)
Dorothy Carr
Stephen Cope
Glenn Mangold

56 years (1970)
Dorothy Hann
Lynn Vitali

57 years (1969)
LuAnn Drabb
Craig Hill
Nancy Kernan

58 years (1968)
Linda Moculak
Marilyn Queen

59 years (1967)
Joan Ashmen
Bill Burgess

60 years (1966)
Lynne Faridy
Lawrence Low
David Schoenthaler
Marilyn Schoenthaler

61 years (1965)
Nancy Anderson
Shirley DeAngelis
Kathy Foster
Blythe Kropf
George Mershon
Doug Traub

62 years (1964)
Joan Cope
Sheldon Cope
Dotty Hunger
Cynthia Laird

63 years (1963)
Gail Flesch
Elizabeth Parker
Marian Schleicher
Joyce Willever
Joan Young

64 years (1962)
Roger Anderson
Harry Morris

65 years (1961)
Alice Gray
Ross Gray
Loretta Whiteside

66 years (1960)
R Michael Demech
Connie Hill
Barbara Hughes
Chuck Hughes

67 years (1959)
Drew Hunger
Joan Ketaner

68 years (1958)
Janne Fowler
Karen Huggins

69 years (1957)
Marge Dyott
Eleanor Franke
Diane Jablon
Joan Marks
Kay O'Brien

70 years (1956)
J'Ann Ellis
Carolyn Hart

71 years (1955)
Jan Cook

72 years (1954)
Bill Anderson
Dolores Morris
Mary W. Moyer
Doris Roberts

78 years (1948)
Charles Johnson

79 years (1947)
Carol Evans

80 years (1946)
Charl Warburton

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MPC *Weekly Calendar* - mpcusa.org/calendar

SUNDAY, November 1
Membership Recognition Sunday

8:45 a.m.	God's Thunder Rehearsal	Room 121
9:30	Sunday School for Children & Youth	
9:30	Coffee & Connection	Lounge
10:00	Special Session Meeting	Room 200
10:30	**Worship Service**	**Sanctuary & Livestream**
11:30	Membership Recognition Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
Noon	Deacons Meeting	Conference Room
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Chapel

MONDAY, November 2

6:30 p.m.	Faith Formation Committee	Conference Room
6:30	Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall
6:45	Cub Scout Pack 3	Room 220
7:00	Food Center Food Packing	Room 4

TUESDAY, November 3

9:00 a.m.	Food Center Produce Prep	Room 4
10:00`	Welcoming the Stranger	Room 208
Noon	Fellowship Committee	Zoom
7:00 p.m.	Food Center Distribution	Parking Lot

WEDNESDAY, November 4

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

THURSDAY, November 5

9:00 a.m.	Ivins House Meeting	Lounge
10:00	Thrift Store Open	Room 4
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Room

FRIDAY, November 6

Women's Retreat begins		Ocean Grove, NJ

SATURDAY, November 7

Women's Retreat		Ocean Grove, NJ
9:00 a.m.	Thrift Store Open	Room 4

SUNDAY, November 8
Women's Retreat returns

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 Hour Host: Property Committee	Lounge
11:45	Prayer Shawl Gathering	Room 200
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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