



*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
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
after PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 9, 2025 ~ 10:30 A.M.

GATHERING

WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla

PRELUDE — *How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place* - Robert Lau

Yun Kang

INTROIT — *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* - OLD HUNDREDTH

Chancel Choir

*All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell. Come ye before him and rejoice.*

*O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.*

CALL to WORSHIP

Caroline Thompson, Liturgist

One: Soon parched lands will blossom into life

All: And burst into joyful song.

One: Soon every creature will have what it needs in abundance.

All: All peoples will shout for joy.

One: A highway stretches heavenward, smooth and level.

All: All may travel there unimpeded.

HYMN — *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

*Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:*

*Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.*

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Magnificent God, it is easy to rejoice at the wilderness bursting into bloom and the hungry being filled with good things. But we may not want to admit we are there: lost in our lives, searching for something, looking for You. Forgive us, merciful God, and hear our humility. Refocus us and help us let go, so that we may follow your way of life and truth.

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

PROMISE *of* FORGIVENESS

One: There is nothing and no one that is too far gone for God to redeem. There is no land too parched that God cannot make streams of living water flow. Beloved, we are forgiven! 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.*

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

PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING — *Psalm 146*

One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

All: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, an all that is in them;

One: Who keeps faith forever;

All: Who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

One: The Lord watches over the strangers;

All: The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,

One: The Lord will reign forever,

All: Your God, O Zion for all generations. Praise the Lord!

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM — *Hear My Words* - Stephen Paulus

*Hear my words, O gracious Lord, to my thoughts attentive be;
Hear my cry, my King, my God, I will make my prayer to Thee.*

*With the morning light, O Lord, Thou shalt hear my voice arise,
And expectant I will bring prayer as morning sacrifice.*

*Thou art holy, O my God. Thou delightest not in sin;
Evil shall not dwell with Thee, nor the proud Thy favor win.*

*Hear my words, O gracious Lord, to my thoughts attentive be;
Hear my cry, my King, my God, I will make my prayer to Thee.*

--from Psalm 5

TIME *for* YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE READING — *Isaiah 35:1-10*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION

Dry Land

Rev. Lester-Abdalla

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.*

AFFIRMATION of FAITH — from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. 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 women and men 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 — *Be Still, My Soul* - Jean Sibelius

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 — *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

*My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.*

*Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.*

*From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread; every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.*

CHARGE and BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE — Dresden Amen

POSTLUDE — Lift High the Cross - arr. Larry Shackley

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.***

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given by Ross and Alice Gray “in celebration of the birth of our great-grandson, Grayson Benjamin Wood on October 19. He is the son of of Stephanie and Dr. Brendon Wood.” The second arrangement is given by our MPC Presbyterian Women to thank Beth Curtiss for once again working so hard and giving so generously of her time (and many talents) to organize this weekend's Women's Retreat in Ocean Grove, NJ. Beth's dedication and determination, along with Sally Sue Scheidemantel's generous donation to PW, provided a weekend of faith sharing, love, laughter, and spiritual enrichment for those women blessed to attend.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

Thank you to all members who have made a pledge for 2026. As of October 21, 85 members have completed their Estimate of Giving (EOG) cards, totaling \$351,200. This is a great start and your support and generosity are appreciated.

Of those received:

- 12 are new pledges
- 36 have increased their pledges
- 32 are the same as last year
- 5 are lower

Next week, an updated report will be made. If you have not pledged, you can do so by completing an EOG card using either the one mailed to you or one available in the Welcome Center. Please place the EOG card in an envelope and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. You may also [give online](#). Thank you again.

JOIN BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

Join members of MPC as we explore the Book of Acts together with Carter Lester on Wednesdays at noon in the conference room, located on the second floor. **This week we will discuss Acts 11.** It's never too late to join! You can bring a lunch or not, join by Zoom or in person, and come for the first time or hundredth time. To get the Zoom link, contact Kim in the church office at office@mpcusa.org or 215-295-4191.

SAY “THANK YOU” WITH FLOWERS! CHANCEL FLOWERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

If you would like to give flowers on this Sunday (Thanksgiving week) 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 for a person, act of kindness or ministry. These flowers not only add beauty to our worship service, but they also go forward as an outreach ministry to our MPC family.

Circle meetings this week

DEBORAH CIRCLE

Deborah Circle meets Monday at noon
in the **Conference Room**.

REBECCA CIRCLE

Rebecca Circle meets Monday night
at 6:30 p.m. in the **Conference Room**.

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

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Join us on Sunday, November 19, at 4:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for dinner and a movie. A pasta dinner will be served, followed by the movie "Migration". Bring a dessert or fruit to share. Please RSVP in the Welcome Center or by texting Nancy McHenry at 215-514-9685. Bring your comfy pillows, blankets, and chairs for this fun family event!



LADIES BUNCO NIGHT!

Ladies Bunco Night hosted by Lisa Zazzu on Wednesday, November 19 from 6:30 - ?. Text Lisa at 267-994-2153 to RSVP. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share.



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 22, between 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., at the church.

If you can volunteer, please contact the church office at 215-295-4191 or office@mpcusa.org or Curt Rimler at 609-638-6670 or CurtisRimler@comcast.net. We appreciate your ongoing support.

JOIN THE (CHURCH) FAMILY CHOIR FOR THE LATE SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS EVE!

The, now traditional, Family Choir will begin to rehearse on December 7, immediately after worship for the 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service. We will also rehearse on December 14 and 21 immediately after worship and again before the service on Christmas Eve.

All adults and teens are welcome to be part of this. You do not need to bring a family member with you - but please know that they are invited and we will be delighted to welcome them into the group. It is not necessary to attend all rehearsals, but all singers are encouraged to attend as many of these short rehearsals as possible.

If you have questions or would like more information, please see Tim Carpenter or email him at timcarpenter@mpcusa.org.

NOVEMBER FOOD CENTER REQUEST

Shelf stable milk or canned evaporated milk is the requested item for the month of November. Donated items may be placed in the shopping cart located in the Welcome Center. As always, thank you for your generosity and continued support!

MPC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP'S NEXT READING

The next meeting will be on December 1 to discuss *Man's Search for Meaning* by Viktor E. Frankl. Psychiatrist Viktor Frankl's memoir has riveted generations of readers with its descriptions of life in Nazi death camps and its lessons for spiritual survival. Based on the author's own experience and the experiences of others he treated later in his practice, Frankl argues that we cannot avoid suffering but we can choose how to cope with it, find meaning in it, and move forward with renewed purpose.

More reading selections will be announced soon. For more information, please contact Shellie Stoddard at stoddard.shellie@gmail.com.

MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, November 9

Women's Retreat ends	Offsite
8:30 a.m. God's Thunder Rehearsal	Room 121
9:30 Sunday School for all ages (No Adult Sunday School)	
10:30 Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
11:30 Fellowship Time	Lounge
11:45 Youth Choir	Music Room
Noon Adonai Tabernacle	Room 220

MONDAY, November 10

Noon Deborah Circle	Conference Room
6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 3	Rooms 122 & 220
6:30 Mostly Motets	Music Room
6:30 Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall
6:30 Rebecca Circle	Conference Room
7:00 Food Packing	Room 4

TUESDAY, November 11

9:00 a.m. Produce Prep	Room 4
10:00 Weekday Nursery School Projects	Room 220

WEDNESDAY, November 12

9:00 a.m. Food Center Distribution	Parking Lot
Noon Brown Bag Bible Study	Conference Room & Zoom
6:00 p.m. Youth Club	Fellowship Hall
7:00 Budget Committee	Room 200
7:15 Chancel Chimes Rehearsal	Room 121

THURSDAY, November 13

10:00 a.m. Clothing Center	Room 4
11:00 Code Blue Host Meeting	Lounge
6:00 p.m. Weekday Nursery School	Room 225
Board Meeting	
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Room

FRIDAY, November 14

SATURDAY, November 15

SUNDAY, November 16

8:30 a.m. God's Thunder Rehearsal	Room 121
9:30 Sunday School for all ages	
10:30 Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
11:30 Fellowship Time	Lounge
11:45 Youth Choir	Music Room
Noon Adonai Tabernacle	Room 220

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 takes place and room availability.

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!

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