

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** — The Lord Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23) - Robert Lau

#### WORDS of WELCOME

**INTROIT** — Come, Sing to God with All Your Heart - MORNING SONG Come sing to God with all your heart; give thanks to God, Most High,

who makes the ruthless fall from power and rescues those who cry.

You are a shelter for the poor; a stronghold in distress. You care for all who trust in you and all who are oppressed.

--Psalm 9: 1, 2, 18 adapted

CALL to WORSHIP — Psalm 108:1-5

Pastors Rachel Rhodes & Alex Lester-Abdalla

All:	Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!
Lectern Side:	For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
Pulpit Side:	I will sing praises to you among the nations.
Lectern Side:	I will awake the dawn! I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;
Pulpit Side:	Awake, O harp and lyre!
Lectern Side:	I will sing and make melody with all my being!
Pulpit Side:	My heart is steadfast, O God!

**HYMN** — All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make; we are his folk; he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

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.

For why? The Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure; his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

#### PRAYER of CONFESSION — adapted from Psalm 139; 1-3, 7, 23-24

- One: We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.
- All: O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. And, yet, I try to hide my thoughts and actions from you. I don't even want to acknowledge my faults and fears to myself. But, where can I go from your s p i r i t? Or where can I flee from your presence? Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

OLD HUNDREDTH

Adrienne Poissant, Pastoral Intern

Yun Kang

Pastor Rachel Rhodes

Chancel Choir

WORSHIP for NOVEMBER 19, 2023

WORD IN MUSIC SUNDAY

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

#### **PROMISE** of FORGIVENESS

One: Beloved children of God, remember you are fearfully and wonderfully made by the Creator of all that is. Because God knows you, live your life remembering that you are loved and 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

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 — Beatus Vir (Psalm 112) - Antonio Vivaldi

#### Chancel Choir, Soloists, & Instrumentalists

Solo Beatus vir, qui timet Dominum: In mandatis eius rolet nimis.

Duet Potens in terra erit semen eius; Generatio rectorum benedicetur.

Chorus Gloria et divitiae in domo eius; Et justitia eius manet in saeculum saeculi.

- Solo Exortum est in tenebris lumen rectis: Misericors, et miserator et justus.
- Duet Jucundus homo qui miseretur et commodat. Disponet sermones suos in judicio: Quia in aeternum non commovebitur.
- Chorus In memoria aeterna erit justus. Ab auditione mala non timebit.
- Solo Paratum cor eius sperare in Domino; Confirmatum est, cor eius: Non commovebitur, Donec despiciat inimicos suos.
- Duet Dispersit, dedit pauperibus: Justitia eius manct in saeculum saeculi, Cornu eius exaltabitur in gloria.

Chorus Peccator videbit, et irascetur; Dentibus suis fremet et tabescet. Desiderium peccatorum peribit.

- Solo Gloria Patri, Patri et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto
- Duet Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper Et in saecula saeculorum.

Chorus Amen

#### PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

#### TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord: He delights greatly in his commandments.

His seed will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed.

Glory and riches are in his house; And his righteousness endures for ever and ever.

Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness: He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

Good is the man who is full of compassion and lends. He will guide his affairs with discretion: Because he will not be moved forever.

The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance. He will not be afraid of evil tidings.

His heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord; His heart is established: He will not be moved, Until he gazes at his enemies.

He has dispersed, he has given to the poor: His righteousness endures for ever and ever, The strength of his soul will be exalted with honour.

The sinner will see it, and will be grieved; He will gnash with his teeth, and melt away.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning shall now and always be, world without end.

Amen

GLORIA PATRI

#### **PSALTER READING** — *Psalm 8:1, 5-9* - paraphrased by Leslie Brandt

Pulpit Side:	O God, how full of wonder and splendor You are!
Lectern Side:	And yet You have made me in Your image.
Pulpit Side:	You have called me Your child.
Lectern Side:	You have ordained me Your priest,
Pulpit Side:	And chosen me as Your servant.
Lectern Side:	You have assigned to me the fantastic responsibility of carrying on Your creative activity.
All:	O God, how full of wonder and splendor You are!

ANTHEM — Psalm 8 - Dan Forrest

Women's Ensemble with violin

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

#### AFFIRMATION of FAITH - Adapted from the Apostles' Creed by Kathleen Henrion

- One: Together let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God, our creator?
- All: I believe in God, creator of all things, whose heavenly song sent the planets into motion. Even when we go astray, God calls us back, showing us the fullness of life, and giving us new songs of praise for each and every day.
- One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
- All: I believe in Jesus Christ who lived for us and among us, healing the sick, easing the burdens of all people, and teaching us the new song of God's kingdom. He showed His love for all God's children in His death and the hope for eternal life in His resurrection.
- One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of life who sings God's grace through all time and space. I listen for the Holy Spirit through the history of songs sung by all the communion of saints and through the unwritten songs of all who are to come in the future. I believe that God has a song for my life and all our lives.

#### **PSALTER READING** — Psalm 121

- One: I lift up my eyes to the hills from where will my help come?
- All: My help comes from the Lord who made the heavens and the earth.
- One: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
- All: He who keeps you 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.
- One: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
- All: The Lord will keep your going out and coming in from this time on and forevermore.

#### 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.

**HYMN** — Great God of Every Blessing

Great Gof of every blessing, of faithful, loving care, you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share. How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart. AURELIA

Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace, in death and life extending your covenant embrace. In Christ we are one body; each member has a part: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search, transforming broken people into the holy church. For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

**ANTHEM** — Laudate Pueri (Psalm 113) & Laudate Dominum (Psalm 117) - W. A. Mozart From Solemn Vespers of the Confessor

Laudata augri Dominum	Project the Lord O children			
Laudate pueri Dominum, Laudate nomen Domini.	Praise the Lord, O children Praise the name of the Lord.			
Sit nomen Domini benedictum ex hoc	May the name of the Lord be blessed			
Nunc et usque in saeculum.	from henceforth and forevermore			
A solis ortu usque et ad occasum,	From the rising of the sun to its setting,			
Laudabile nomen Domini.	The name of the Lord is praiseworthy.			
Excelsus super omnes gentes Dominus,	The Lord is exalted above all people,			
Et super coelos gloria ejus.	And His glory is above the heavens.			
Quis sicut Dominus Deus noster,	Who is like the Lord our God,			
Qui in altis habitat,	Who dwells on high			
Et humilia respicit in coelo et in terra?	And regards the lowly in heaven and on earth?			
Suscitans a terra inopem	Supporting the needy on the earth,			
Et de stercore erigens pauperem:	And raising up the poor from the dust;			
Ut collocet eum	In order to place them			
Cum principibus populi sui.	With the princes of His people.			
Qui habitare facit sterilem	Who makes the childless one to dwell			
In domo, matrem filiorum laetantem.	In a house as the happy mother of children.			
Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.	Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,			
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper.	As it was in the beginning, is now, and forever,			
Et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.	And for generations of generations. Amen			
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Solo Laudate Dominum omnes gentes;	Praise the Lord, all nations;			
Laudate eum, omnes populi.	Praise Him, all people.			
Quoniam confirmata est	For He has bestowed			
Super nos misericordia ejus,	His mercy upon us,			
Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.	And the truth of the Lord endures forever.			
Chorus Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.	Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,			
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper.	As it was in the beginning, is now, and forever,			
Et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.	And for generations of generations. Amen			
OFFERING				
Invitation to Give				
Offertory Music — Psalm 33	String Quartet			
Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;	8			
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.				
Praise the Lord with the harp;				
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.				
Sing to him a new song;				
play skillfully, and shout for joy.				
Doxology — Praise God From Whom All Blessings FlowOLD HUNDREDTH				
	vhom 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** — Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled: to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth; by morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth. Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing, an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing, as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band: to God all praise and glory!

This all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises, that all may hear the grateful song, my voice unnearied raises. Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part: to God all praise and glory!

**CHARGE** and **BLESSING** — 1 Corinthians 14:15 & Colossians 3:16-17

One: The Apostle Paul writes: "I am therefore determined to pray with my spirit and my mind, and if I sing I will sing with both spirit and mind."

"Let Christ's teaching live in your hearts, making you rich in the true wisdom. Teach and help one v another along the right road with your psalms and hymns and Christian songs, singing God's praises with joyful hearts. And whatever you may have to do, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, thanking God the Father through him."

- One: This is the Word of the Lord
- All: Thanks be to God!
- One: Amen and Amen
- All: Amen!

**POSTLUDE** — Non Nobis, Domine (Psalm 115:1) - Patrick Doyle

Soloist, Chancel Choir & Instrumentalists

Non nobis, Domine, non nobis; sed nomine tuo da gloriam.

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us; But to your name be glory MIT FREUDEN ZART

# \*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.net.

### **Regarding Today's Service**

In addition to our own organist, Yun Kang, our guest instrumentalists are: Alex Yavtuhovich and Nelly Federova, violins; Dennis Krasnokutsky, viola; Elina Lang, 'cello; Steve Kyle, bass; and Julian Clement, bassoon. On the *Non Nobis, Domine* they will be joined by Eliana Song, violin; and Elijah Song, 'cello.

Our soloists this morning are Emilie Beals, Maureen Kyle, Carol Carpenter, and Kyle St. Sauveur.

Choral singers for this service are: Emilie Beals, Carol Carpenter, Dori Clough, Kathryn Gilbride, Laura Goe, Betsy Jurey, Nancy Kernan, Maureen Kyle, Cynthia Lang, Ashley Librizzi, Nancy McHenry, Nancy Powers, Karl Helland, Drew Hunger, Christian Johnson, Brett Keys, Clark Martin, Seth McHenry, Eric Moyer-Harrington, and Kyle St. Sauveur.

### TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given by David and Sandy Yantz in celebration of their wedding held at MPC 50 years ago. The second arrangement is given by Howard and Joan Barley in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary. Your church family extends its congratulations to you both, as these milestones are truly worth celebrating!

#### AFTER TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE!

### MPC BOOK DISCUSSIONS FOR FELLOWSHIP, LEARNING AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARENESS

Our next meeting and discussion of *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City,* by Matthew Desmond, will be led by Pastor Alex. All are welcome today at noon in the conference room, located on the second floor. The next group will meet in January discussing *The Reading List,* by Sara Nisha Adams; something light and uplifting for after the holidays.

#### TODAY! ORDINATION OF TORI PAQUETTE

Our former Pastoral Intern, Tori Paquette, is being ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on Sunday, November 19, at 3:00 p.m. at <u>West Trenton Presbyterian Church</u>, where Tori has been called to serve as Pastor. All are welcome to attend! West Trenton Presbyterian Church is located at 490 Grand Ave, Ewing Twp, NJ 08628. You are also welcome to send cards to Tori's attention at the church's address. What a gift to see all that God is doing through Tori!

#### NOW AVAILABLE! CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

We are excited to announce our first Children's Ministry Newsletter is now available! You can view the newsletter by clicking the 'Children's Ministry Newsletter' button in the weekly updates email, on the <u>MPC website</u> under Quick Links, or the <u>Sunday School webpage</u>.

#### NOVEMBER'S FOOD CENTER REQUEST

Our Food Center is asking for pasta during the month of November. A shopping cart has been put in the Welcome Center to receive your generous donations.

#### ISRAEL AND PALESTINE AID

As violence escalates in and around Israel and Palestine, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has approved solidarity grants and will continue supporting their partners providing humanitarian assistance. The MPC Outreach Committee has continued to support the PDA and if you would like to help you may do so by writing a check made out to MPC and place "Israel and Palestine Aid" on the comment line. There will also be baskets in the sanctuary labeled "Disaster Relief". To learn more about PDA, please visit <u>pda.pcusa.org</u>.

#### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Habitat for Humanity is in Levittown and MPC welcomes volunteers! A group from MPC (Bill M., Tom E., Rich R., Carol C. and Ray H.) has already volunteered for the December 8 date, but there are additional dates available. Visit the Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County website at habitatbucks.org to learn more on how you can help and to volunteer. Please contact Ray Hendrickson at 215 495-3114 or at <u>hrh1453@gmail.com</u> for questions.

#### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thank you to those who have returned an Estimate of Giving card for 2024. Your generosity toward the missions and ministries of MPC is such a gift to our life together. We have heard from over 80% of the members who provided an Estimate of Giving for 2023 and have already seen 17 new giving units provide an estimate this year! We are hoping to conclude our campaign and finalize our 2024 budget in the next few weeks. Therefore, we invite you to turn in your Estimate of Giving if you have not done so already.

In the coming weeks, the Stewardship Committee will be following up with those who have not returned an Estimate of Giving card, but from whom we expected to hear from. We understand that life gets in the way and the card could have easily been misplaced, but we appreciate your efforts to return an estimate as soon as you are able. In addition to your financial estimates, we also hope you will take the time to fill out your "Time and Talent" contributions to the church on the back of the card. We recognize that the stewardship of your time, energy, and resources takes many forms, and we are grateful for every contribution you are able to make!

If you have not participated in our Stewardship program in the past and would like to begin, there are Estimate of Giving cards available in the Welcome Center, as well as in the narthex as you enter and exit the sanctuary. Thank you for your generosity! We are so grateful for you!

#### BOOK DISTRIBUTION - BOOKSHELVES NEEDED (3 DOWN, 97 TO GO)

The Trenton schools receiving books from us need more bookshelves in their classrooms to hold their permanent book collections. The students in these schools need bookshelves at home to store their own private book collections. If you have any bookshelves, milk crates, or other cubes, you no longer need, please contact Susan Light at 215-801-8185 to will arrange for pick up.

Always flexible about the ways the Lord answers our prayers, we were delighted to receive a bedside stand and lovely antique dresser having immediately realized how beautifully they could accommodate not only books, but papers and other classroom items.

Alice Garcia and her helper, Joy Rees, filled bags with books for this month's Food Center distribution and hope to continue this service once a month. Alice's fluency and Joy's knowledge of friendly Spanish makes them both effective assets to the program. We are grateful to them both for making it possible to resume distributing books to Food Center clients.

#### PHISHING EMAILS AND TEXTS

Please be aware that recently text messages to cellphones and emails appearing to come from Pastor Rachel are a scam and should be deleted. Do not reply to the text or email.

In the future, should you receive text messages or emails asking you to contact a church staff member because they have a favor or request and specifically asks for you to respond by text or email only, please do not reply and delete the email.

Should you have any doubts, be safe, and contact the member directly by either calling the church or sending a new email or text from you to follow up.



# **CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE**

It's that time of year again! Our Angel Tree will be displayed in the Welcome Center beginning November 26. We will provide toiletry bags for the many individuals we serve each week at the Food Center from lower Bucks County and greater Trenton areas. Anyone interested in participating in this ministry is asked to please take a white angel from the tree and fill a one-gallon Ziplock bag (provided) with the following items:

- 2 toothpastes (regular size)
- 2 toothbrushes
- 2 bars of wrapped soap (neutral scent)
- 2 deodorants (neutral scent)

This year, you will also find red and green angels on the tree for those who prefer to make a check or cash donation. Please know that the toiletries bag is preferable. Checks can be made out to The Food Center at MPC and we ask that those donations be placed in the morning offering plate or mailed to the church office.

A "blessing" from MPC is printed on one side of each angel, the items list is printed on the other side. Please include the angel in each Ziplock bag along with the items. We know how generous our congregation is! We ask, however, that you not include extra items in the bag. Instead, perhaps fill another bag.

Bags can be dropped off Monday nights from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Tuesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. or before/after the Sunday worship service in the box marked "Angel Tree" in the Welcome Center. All bags need to be delivered no later than December 26 for distribution to our Food Center clients beginning in the New Year! We are so grateful and thankful to all of you for all you do each year to make our Christmas Angel Tree such a success!



# SCOUTS BSA TROOP 3 Christmas TREE SALE

A Morrisville tradition for over 80 years, Scouts BSA Troop 3 will be selling Christmas Trees starting on November 25 at 5pm.

**OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK** until we sell out

WEEKDAYS 6-9 SATURDAYS 9-9 SUNDAYS 10-9

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## MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, November 19 -			WEDNESDAY, November 22		
Word in M	Iusic Sunday		9:00 a.m.	Food Center	Parking Lot
8:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 3	Room 220
9:30	Sunday School for all ages	5	7:00	Girl Scout Troop 2888	Room 220
10:30	Worship Service	Sanctuary	THURSDAY, November 23 - Thanksgiving <i>Church office closed</i> FRIDAY, November 24		
10:30	Worship Service	Livestream			
11:30	Fellowship Hour	Lounge			
	Host: Trustees				
Noon	Book Discussion: 0	Conference Room	Church off	ice closed	
	Evicted: Poverty and Profit in	the American City	6:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Lounge
MONDAY, November 20		SATURDAY, November 25			
9:30 a.m.	Ivins Outreach Center	Lounge	SUNDAY	November 26	
5:30 p.m.	Food Packing	Food Center	8:30 a.m.	God's Thunder	Chapel
6:00	Cub Scout Pack 3	Room 220	9:30	Sunday School for all ages	Chaper
6:30	Mostly Motets	Music Room	10:30	Worship Service	Sanctuary
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall	10:30	Worship Service	Livestream
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Chapel	11:45	Teen Choir	Music Room
	Parent & Board Meeting		11.15		Music Room
TUESDAY	Y, November 21		<b></b>		
9:00 a.m.	Produce Prep	Food Center	To view upcoming events and meetings,		
5:30 p.m.	Outreach Committee	Zoom	please visit www.mpcusa.org and		
6:30	Butterfly Essential	Room 220	1 1 0		0
	Wellness Class			in Galerician Holli the R	nie page.

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