



*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

WORSHIP for
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
after PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 ~ 10:30 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE — *Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich* - Johann Gottfried Walther

Yun Kang

WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Kyle Anderson

CALL to WORSHIP

Kathryn Jervis, Liturgist

One: The night is far gone; the day is near.

All: Let us awaken to the presence of God.

One: Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

All: Christ is among us, calling us into the light.

One: Let us put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Let us worship God with love for one another and hope for the world.

HYMN — *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

BEECHER

*Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.*

*Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.*

*Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.*

*Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.*

*Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.*

*So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.*

*Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.*

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla

Merciful God, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves, yet we often turn away from those who need us. We cling to anger, nurture resentment, and place our own concerns before the well-being of others. Awaken us from all that keeps us from love. Clothe us again in Christ, that we may walk in the light and reflect your grace in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

PROMISE of FORGIVENESS

One: In Jesus Christ, the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free to love. 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.*

LITURGY of the WORD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING — *Psalm 149:1-9*

One: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful. Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

All: Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre. For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.

One: Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches. Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,

All: To execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron, to execute on them the judgment decreed.

One: This is glory for all his faithful ones.

All: Praise the Lord!

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM — *The Great Commands* - Janice Detweiler / arr. Tim Carpenter

Summer Ensemble

*Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
with all thy soul, with all thy might,
all thy mind for Love is of God.*

Love one another, for love is of God.

One who loves is born of God and knows God.

One who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Love bears all things, believes all things.

Love hopes all things, endures all things.

Text - Peggy West, adapted from scripture

TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE READING — *Romans 13:8-14*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

IOU: Love

Rev. Kyle Anderson

HYMN — *O for a World*

AZMON

*O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.*

*O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.*

*We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.*

*The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.*

*O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.*

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.

OFFERING

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music — *Jesus Paid It All* - John Grape

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.*

S A C R A M E N T o f t h e L O R D ' S S U P P E R

INVITATION

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.**

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.

WORDS of INSTITUTION

COMMUNION of the PEOPLE

MUSIC during COMMUNION — *Nearer, Dear Savior, to Thee* - William Clayson, arr. Martin Green

PRAYER after COMMUNION

S E N D I N G

HYMN — *We Are One in the Spirit*

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:*

Refrain:

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:*

Refrain

*We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:*

Refrain

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:*

Refrain

CHARGE and BLESSING

POSTLUDE — *Trumpet Air* - Henry Purcell

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.***

NO FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY

During the summer months, fellowship hour after worship will be held on a limited basis. There will be no Fellowship Hour held today. Please save the date for the Rally Day Picnic on September 13 after worship.

PASTOR OF VISITATION UPDATE

Rev. Dr. Carter Lester is on a planned leave throughout the fall as he enjoys a trip and then undergoes knee replacement surgery and physical therapy. Carter welcomes your prayers for a successful surgery, and patience while he gets back to full speed. MPC is blessed to have Rev. Jack McAnlis stepping in to provide visitation during this time with his wisdom, steady and comforting presence, and experience. Details about coverage for the Brown Bag Bible Study will be provided separately in the near future. Thanks to Rev. Lester and Rev. McAnlis for their ministry to MPC. Rev. Jack McAnlis can be reached at revjasm@comcast.net.

NEW BEGINNINGS...AND CHANCEL FLOWERS NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER

If you would like to give an arrangement of flowers on a Sunday in September, 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 an act of kindness or ministry. These flowers not only add beauty to our Sunday worship but they also go forward as an outreach ministry to our MPC family.

PRAYER SHAWL GATHERINGS ARE BACK

We have had wonderful turnouts for our handmade prayer shawl gatherings supporting our Code Blue guests. The next gathering will be on Sunday, September 27, immediately after service in room 220. 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. Contact Katie McHenry at 419-348-7954 or Beth Becker at 215-262-1556 with any questions.

SCOUT MARKET AND COMMUNITY DAY CANCELLED

Scout Troop 3 regrets to announce that the previously advertised Market and Community day on September 12 has been canceled.

UPCOMING WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Women's Retreat will be held November 6-8 at the Sisters of St. Joseph Center for Spirituality in Ocean Grove, NJ. MPC women are blessed to have retreats subsidized by a fund established in memory of Dorothea Scheidmantel, by her daughter Sally. Not only does this fund greatly reduce the cost to attend the retreat, but it also offers two scholarships that can be used to offset expenses related to retreat participation, such as child care, registration fee, or transportation. Brochures with retreat details and registration forms will be available in the coming weeks. We are limited to twenty-five attendees. If you have any questions, or would like to submit your name to hold a place, please contact Nancy Kernan at nankernan@gmail.com.

MPC CLOTHING CENTER - NEW SEASON, NEW NAME, MORE HOURS

As we prepare to open for a new season on September 24, 2026, the **MPC Clothing Center** will now be known as the **MPC Thrift Store**. Why change the name? Changing the name better depicts who we are, a store which sells all sorts of merchandise at reduced prices.

Another big change, we will be opening the Thrift Store the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to noon beginning Saturday, November 7. This will provide an opportunity for those who work, are in school, or just can't come during our normal schedule. We hope this will also attract new customers, increase revenue for the Outreach Committee to distribute to non-profits and other agencies/organizations within the community, and move merchandise and inventory.

We would love to have volunteers who would be willing to work at the Thrift Store on a Saturday morning. This would be a great opportunity for students who need community service hours. Ideally, we need three volunteers who would assist shoppers, take payments and bag purchases, and put away merchandise at closing. Saturday volunteers would not be responsible for pricing, changing displays, etc. If we have enough volunteers that could be rotated, it would be quite feasible for everyone to work only one to two Saturdays a year, especially since we are closed from mid-June to mid-September. Another volunteer or two to have on the Thursday roster would also be great, as it can be a challenge to fill the schedule from time to time. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, please contact Kathy Foster at kathleenf9@gmail.com.

We will begin to accept clean, fall/winter clothing & shoes, seasonal home décor (fall/autumn, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas) on September 8, 2026. **Please do not leave off-season clothing and items, we do not have the space to store them.**

Come and see us on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on Saturday, November 7 from 9:00 a.m. to noon! All profits are donated to other community non-profit agencies and organizations through the MPC Outreach Committee



Join us when Sunday School begins



Sunday
September
13
9:30 a.m.

Then after worship, the celebration
of a new program year continues!



Bring a
salad
or
dessert
to share!

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



VACCINATION DRIVE MOBILE MAMMOGRAM

Protect Yourself & Your Family



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Mammograms: 9am-3pm

****BY APPOINTMENT ONLY - LIMITED AVAILABILITY ****

Vaccinations: 2pm-5pm

****BY APPOINTMENT ONLY - LIMITED AVAILABILITY ****

Ivins Outreach Center
80 W. Trenton Ave. | Morrisville, PA | 215-428-0500

Available Vaccines:



- COVID-19
- FLU
- HPV
- Polio
- Hepatitis B
- TDAP
- MMR
- Varicella

**VISIT THE
WORKFORCE
ON WHEELS**



Springfield
PHARMACY
Your Destination for Health & Wellness



BCHIP
Bucks County Health
Improvement Partnership
Improving Health ~ Enhancing Lives



Penn Medicine

**Vaccination
Registration**



**Mammogram
Registration**



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!

MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, September 6

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Sanctuary &
Livestream
Chapel

Noon Adonai Tabernacle

MONDAY, September 7

Labor Day - Offices closed

7:00 p.m. Food Center Food Packing Room 4

TUESDAY, September 8

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

10:00 Welcoming the Stranger Room 208

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Committee Zoom

WEDNESDAY, September 9

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

THURSDAY, September 10

9:00 a.m. Ivins Outreach Center Parking Lot

Mobile Mammogram

2:00 p.m. Ivins Outreach Center Parking

Vaccination Drive

FRIDAY, September 11

SATURDAY, September 12

SUNDAY, September 13 - Rally Day

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 **Worship Service** Sanctuary &
Livestream

11:30 Rally Day Picnic Memorial Garden

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.

CONTACT US

MORRISVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

771 North Pennsylvania Ave. | Morrisville, PA 19067 | 215.295.4191 | Office@MPCusa.org | www.MPCusa.org

Kyle Anderson, *Senior Pastor & Head of Staff* KyleAnderson@MPCusa.org
Alexander Lester-Abdalla, *Associate Pastor (ext. 225)* AlexLester-Abdalla@MPCusa.org
Jack McAnlis, *Interim Pastor of Visitation* revjsm@comcast.net
Timothy Carpenter, *Director of Music* TimCarpenter@MPCusa.org
Yun Kang, *Principal Organist* YunKang@MPCusa.org
Kevin Subers, *Coordinator of Christian Education* KevinSubers@MPCusa.org
David Sterling, *Property Manager (ext. 231)* DavidSterling@MPCusa.org
Amanda White, *Financial Support Administrator* AmandaWhite@MPCusa.org
Damon Miller, *Communication Coordinator* DamonMiller@MPCusa.org
Kimberly Turner, *Administrative Assistant (ext. 0)* Office@MPCusa.org