



*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  
FOURTH SUNDAY after EPIPHANY  
FEBRUARY 2, 2025

## GATHERING

### WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla

### PRELUDE — *Es ist das Heil uns kommen her* - J. S. Bach

Yun Kang

### INTROIT — *Sing a New Song* - Daniel Schutte

Chancel Choir

*Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing Hallelujah!*

### CALL to WORSHIP

Caroline Thompson, Liturgist

One: God is the one who calls us to worship.

All: **We come to celebrate the love and grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

One: Come, the time is at hand. Let us worship the Lord.

### HYMN — *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

*O for a thousand tongues to sing, my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!  
The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.  
Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;  
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.  
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.  
To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.*

### PRAYER of CONFESSION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Help us not to try and hide from your presence, or ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been. Help us to amend what we are and direct us to what we shall be. May we delight in your will and walk in your ways, as silently we confess our sin.

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

### PROMISE of FORGIVENESS

One: The love and grace of our God shines like a beacon, guides us to forgiveness, and shows us resting peace. 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.*

# LITURGY of the WORD

## PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — *Psalm 34:1-3*

One: I will bless the Lord at all times;

**All: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

One: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

**All: Let the humble hear and be glad.**

One: O magnify the Lord with me,

**All: And let us exalt his name together!**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM — *Cantata Domino* - Hans Leo Hassler

*Cantate Domino, canticum novem: cantate Domino  
omnis terra.*

*Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini ejus; annunciate  
de die in diem salutem ejus.*

*Annunciate inter gentes gloriam ejus, in omnibus populis  
mirabilia ejus.*

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord  
all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, and bless his name: announce  
his salvation from day to day.

Announce among the nations his glory, and his  
wonders to all peoples.

## TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — *Jeremiah 9:23-24*

Thus says the Lord: Do not let the wise boast in their wisdom, do not let the mighty boast in their might, do not let the wealthy boast in their wealth; but let those who boast boast in this, that they understand and know me, that I am the Lord; I act with steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the Lord.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## MEDITATION

*Bragging Rights*

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

### HYMN — *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* (verses 1, 2, & 3)

QUEBEC

*Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,  
thou fount of life, thou light of all,  
from the best bliss that earth imparts  
we turn, unfilled, to heed thy call.*

*Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;  
thou savest those that on thee call;  
to them that seek thee thou art good,  
to them that find thee, all in all.*

*We taste thee, O thou living bread,  
and long to feast upon thee still;  
we drink of thee, the fountainhead,  
and thirst our souls from thee to fill.*

## 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 — *This is My Father's World* - arr. Marianne Kim

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 — *One Bread, One Body* - John Foley

## PRAYER *after* COMMUNION

## S E N D I N G

HYMN — *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.*

## **CHARGE and BLESSING**

## **BENEDICTION RESPONSE — Amen**

## **POSTLUDE — Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken - Robert Hughes**

### **WHO MAY RECEIVE COMMUNION IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?**

“The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding.

Worshippers prepare themselves to celebrate the Lord’s Supper by putting their trust in Christ, confessing their sin, and seeking reconciliation with God and one another. Even those who doubt may come to the table in order to be assured of God’s love and grace in Jesus Christ.”

*-Book of Order W-3.0409*

## **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](mailto:Bulletin@MPCusa.org).***

### **TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The Chancel Flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given by Howard and Joan Barley in loving memory of Howard's sister, Gay Lindsay, who died January 3, 2025. The second arrangement is given in loving memory of Norman Underwood by his wife, Polly, and son, Bill.

### **MPC-LOGOED SPORTSWEAR - LAST DAY TO ORDER!**

Support the Deacon’s Holiday Food Basket program with your purchase of sportswear with the MPC logo. There are a number of items available:

- 1/4 zip fleece - \$16
- Full zip fleece - \$31
- Nylon Jacket - \$17
- Polos from four different manufacturers - \$23 to \$36

Orders are being taken through today, February 2, cash and checks only, in the Welcome Center. Thank you for giving the gift of food to almost 100 food-insecure families in our area.

### **MISSION STUDY TEAM**

The Session is excited to announce the formation of the Mission Study Team: Alice Garcia, Ray Hendrickson, Nancy Kernan, Brett Keys, Julie Kroon, Paula Marseglia, and Austin Massey. This dedicated group will work to discern God's plan for MPC by engaging in a thoughtful and prayerful process. The findings from the Mission Study Team's work will play a vital role in our search for a new Head Pastor. Please keep the Mission Study Team in your prayers.

### **FEBRUARY FOOD CENTER REQUESTS**

For the month of February, the requested food donation is soup. A shopping cart has been put in the Welcome Center to receive your donations. Thank you for your generosity!

### **WEEKDAY NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

Weekday Nursery School registration for the 2025-26 school year is now open. Register [at this link](#). Email [weekdayabc123@gmail.com](mailto:weekdayabc123@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## Today is Scout Sunday!

We wish to thank MPC for supporting Boy Scout Troop 3 and Cub Scout Pack 3 as our chartered organization for 114 continuous years. Throughout that time, Troop 3 has been mentoring young boys, ages eleven to eighteen years of age, in scouting.

In Cub Scouts, boys and girls, ages 5-10, start with their current best selves and grow into their very best future selves. For more information about Pack 3, please email [morrisvillepack3@gmail.com](mailto:morrisvillepack3@gmail.com).

Next Sunday, we will be hosting Fellowship Hour in the Lounge, serving lots of goodies. Our Cub Pack 3 will also be selling baked goods as a fundraiser for the Pack in the Welcome Center after the service.

As always, thank you for your support.

Bill Burgess

Charter Organization Rep., Troop 3

### UPDATE ON ADULT EDUCATION OFFERINGS

After worship service today, Adult Education will be continuing their discussion of Christian Nationalism in room 210. All are welcome to attend whether you attended Kevin Subers presentations the past three weeks or not. We will be discussing the effects of Christian Nationalism on society today and in the future.

Drew Hunger will conclude leading the Adult Education course on C. S. Lewis's book, *Mere Christianity*, next Sunday, February 9. This book has retained popularity over many decades among Christians from various denominations. It has been translated into over thirty languages, and cited by many people as the reason for their conversion to Christianity.

Lewis, who once was an atheist, is an author of more than thirty books, including *The Chronicles of Narnia*. Come, learn, and discuss the author's arguments of why God, Good, and Evil exist, and why Jesus Christ was God's messenger to us.

This class begins at 9:30 a.m. and will be held in the Conference Room located on the second floor.

Recently, Adult Ed discussed the book, *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*, by W. Phillip Keller. Books were distributed to the class to revisit and discuss the book again on March 30. If you would like a copy of the book to take part in the discussion, there are extra copies in the mailbox of Kathryn Jervis outside the Conference Room on the second floor, or see Christopher Bannister on Sunday to get a copy.

### SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

This March, Morrisville Presbyterian Church will once again be hosting Code Blue in partnership with Advocates for the Homeless & Those In Need, or AHTN. If you are interested in supporting the Code Blue effort with a financial contribution, our youth will be holding soup pots for any cash donations as you exit the sanctuary after Youth Sunday service, next Sunday, February 9. Your contribution will go directly to the food we will serve. Thank you for your continued generosity of this important mission!

### MPC BOOK DISCUSSIONS' NEXT READ

The next read for MPC Book Discussion group is *Rough Sleepers*, by Tracy Kidder, a nonfiction book about caring for Boston's homeless. Discussion for that book will be on Monday, February 17, at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

### REBECCA CIRCLE

Looking for a way to share faith, fun and fellowship? Come give Rebecca Circle a try! We are meeting through May on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the lounge, for a spiritual, informative or just plain fun program. Come as you are and no experience necessary. All women of MPC are welcome. For information call or text Jen Jones at 215 962-3655.



## Code Blue Preparations

In this extreme cold and frigid weather, we hope you are staying warm! Code Blue preparations are under way for the month of March. As we have done in the past, MPC will open its doors providing shelter to those in need as we support Advocates for the Homeless and Those in Need (AHTN). We will be preparing meals ahead of time, to be kept in the freezer, and used as needed. This cook day will be on Sunday February 16. If you are interested in cooking meals on February 16, would like to volunteer to cook and serve meals in March, or would like to be added to the email chain, please email [mpccodeblue@gmail.com](mailto:mpccodeblue@gmail.com). Your support of this ministry is greatly appreciated. Please reach out to Beth Becker or Dawn Flook with any questions.



## BUNCO NIGHT HOST

Back by popular demand! We are getting lots of requests to schedule another Bunco Night but we need a host! Hosting is simple:

- All participants bring appetizers and desserts to share
- Advertising/sign-ups will be handled for you
- Card tables, chairs, score cards, and bunco bell can be provided as needed
- Game rules are easy to learn!



If you would be willing to host this fun event, please call Nancy McHenry for more information at 215-514-9685

---

## JOIN MPC for Elmwood Zoo-On-Wheels and Potluck Dinner



**Sunday, February 23 at 4:30 p.m.  
in Fellowship Hall**

**Taco Night - Bring a Dessert to share!**

**RSVP to Nancy McHenry at  
215-514-9685**

**All are welcome! Bring a friend!**

---

## WEEKDAY NURSERY SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENT & FUNDRAISER

Grab your Weekday friends and meet us at  
**Delorenzo's The Burg** on **Wednesday, February 5**  
Mention Weekday Nursery School and a percentage of  
sales will be donated back to our school!

**Can't make it in person?**  
**Mention Weekday on your**  
**take out order!**

(215) 943-2605  
[www.theburgonlineordering.com](http://www.theburgonlineordering.com)



8919 New Falls Rd  
Levittown, PA

**Please share with family and friends!**



Westminster Choir College of Rider University presents:

# Celebration OF BLACK MUSIC

[RIDER.EDU/ARTS](http://RIDER.EDU/ARTS)

## Thula Sizwe

### ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Resonating from deep within the musical traditions of South Africa, the voices of Thula Sizwe Sizwe call out with songs of peace and hope. Reminiscent of the harmonies of Ladysmith Black Mambazo heard on Paul Simon's Graceland album, Thula Sizwe's arrangements are rich, soulful, and uplifting. Blending their tuneful singing with traditional dance and drumming, this ten-man ensemble brings and authentic snapshot of Zulu culture to the eyes and ears of the American public.



#### SUNDAY, MARCH 2

**4 p.m. – In Concert**  
**Morrisville Presbyterian Church**  
771 N Pennsylvania Ave  
Morrisville, PA 19067

*This event is open to the public. In lieu of tickets a free will donation will be collected.*

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 8

**9 a.m. – Professional Development Session**  
**Rider University - Fine Arts 110**

*This event is open to the public. Pre-registration is required.*

**2 p.m. – Community Sing**  
**Rider University - Yvonne Theater**

*This event is open to the public. Pre-registration is not required.*

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 9

**2:30 p.m. – In Concert**  
**Nassau Presbyterian Church**  
61 Nassau St, Princeton, NJ 08542

*This event is open to the public. In lieu of tickets a free will donation will be collected.*

#### Our Partners



*This program is made possible, in part, by the Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission through funding from the Mercer County Board of Commissioners, and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment of the Arts.*

## MPC Weekly Calendar

### SUNDAY, February 2 - Scout Sunday

8:30 a.m.	God's Thunder	Room 121
9:30	Sunday School for all ages	
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary &amp; Livestream</b>
11:30	Cub Scout Bake Sale	Welcome Center
11:30	Fellowship Hour	Lounge
11:45	Budget Committee	Room 200
11:45	Teen Choir	Music Room
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Room 220
3:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 3 Banquet	Fellowship Hall

### MONDAY, February 3

5:30 p.m.	Food Packing	Room 4
6:30	Mostly Motets	Music Room
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Lounge
	Parent Meeting	
7:30	Personnel Committee	Zoom
7:30	Youth Ministry	Conference Room

### TUESDAY, February 4

9:00 a.m.	Produce Prep	Room 4
11:00	Deacons Holiday Baskets	Room 200
7:00 p.m.	Food Center Distribution	Parking Lot

### WEDNESDAY, February 5

9:00 a.m.	Food Center Distribution	Parking Lot
9:00	Ivins Outreach Center	Lounge
6:00 p.m.	Youth Club	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Girl Scout Troop 2888	Room 220
7:15	Chancel Chimes	Room 121

### THURSDAY, February 6

10:00 a.m.	Clothing Center	Room 4
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Music Room

### FRIDAY, February 7

10:45 a.m.	Weekday Nursery School	Room 220
11:00	Ivins Outreach Center	Lounge

### SATURDAY, February 8

### SUNDAY, February 9 - Youth Sunday

8:30 a.m.	God's Thunder	Room 121
9:30	Sunday School for all ages	
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary &amp; Livestream</b>
11:30	Fellowship Hour	Lounge
11:30	Youth in Mission Meeting	Sanctuary
11:45	Nominating Committee	Conference Room
11:45	Teen Choir	Music Room
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Room 220

To view upcoming events and meetings, please visit [www.mpcusa.org](http://www.mpcusa.org) and click on "Calendar" from the home page.

## Introducing 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.

Android



Need Help? email [Office@mpcusa.org](mailto:Office@mpcusa.org) and ask that your questions be forwarded to the stewardship committee.

### CONTACT US

#### MORRISVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

771 North Pennsylvania Ave. | Morrisville, PA 19067 | 215.295.4191 | [www.MPCusa.org](http://www.MPCusa.org) | [Office@MPCusa.org](mailto:Office@MPCusa.org)

J. Thomas Kort, <i>Transitional Pastor</i> .....	<a href="mailto:TomKort@MPCusa.org">TomKort@MPCusa.org</a>
Alexander Lester-Abdalla, <i>Associate Pastor (ext. 225)</i> .....	<a href="mailto:AlexLester-Abdalla@MPCusa.org">AlexLester-Abdalla@MPCusa.org</a>
Timothy Carpenter, <i>Director of Music</i> .....	<a href="mailto:TimCarpenter@MPCusa.org">TimCarpenter@MPCusa.org</a>
Yun Kang, <i>Principal Organist</i> .....	<a href="mailto:YunKang@MPCusa.org">YunKang@MPCusa.org</a>
David Sterling, <i>Property Manager (ext. 231)</i> .....	<a href="mailto:DavidSterling@MPCusa.org">DavidSterling@MPCusa.org</a>
Damon Miller, <i>Communication Coordinator</i> .....	<a href="mailto:DamonMiller@MPCusa.org">DamonMiller@MPCusa.org</a>
Rachel Zobel, <i>Christian Education Coordinator</i> .....	<a href="mailto:RachelZobel@MPCusa.org">RachelZobel@MPCusa.org</a>
Kimberly Turner, <i>Administrative Assistant (ext. 0)</i> .....	<a href="mailto:Office@MPCusa.org">Office@MPCusa.org</a>