



*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
SECOND SUNDAY
after EASTER
APRIL 12, 2026 ~ 10:30 A.M.

GATHERING

WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla

PRELUDE — *Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott* - Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

Yun Kang

INTROIT — *These Things Did Thomas Count as Real* - KEDRON

Chancel Choir

*These things did Thomas count as real: the warmth of blood, the chill of steel,
The grain of wood, the beft of stone, the last frail twitch of blood and stone.*
*May we, O God, by grace believe, and thus the risen Christ receive,
whose raw imprinted hands reached out and beckoned Thomas from his doubt.*

CALL to WORSHIP

Kathleen Foster, Liturgist

One: The good news resounds:
All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
One: We celebrate our God who is life,
All: From generation to generation!
One: Jesus Christ is risen!
All: He is risen indeed!

HYMN — *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*

LLANFAIR

*"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!
Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!*

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

Embodied God, you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, imbuing us with the grace and patience that you have shown to us time and again. We experience your presence, but are quick to judge those who do not believe as we do. We look down on those who ask for proof, we scorn those who scoff at our faith. Forgive us and soften our hearts. Remind us of our own human doubts, that we might have compassion for all and freely share your grace.

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

PROMISE of FORGIVENESS

One: God has given us a new birth into a living hope. Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ we are released from all that weighs us down and born into unending grace. 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

RESPONSIVE READING — *Psalm 16*

One: I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

All: I keep the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

One: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

All: For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit.

One: You show me the path of life.

All: In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM — *This Joyful Eastertide* - Psalmen Davids, arr. Alice Parker

*This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow.
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow:*

Refrain:

*Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen.*

*My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:
till trump(et) from east to west shall wake the dead in number:*

Refrain

*Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver:*

Refrain

— George Woodward

TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE LESSON — *John 20:24-29*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Those Who Have Not Seen

Rev. Lester-Abdalla

HYMN — *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

DUNLAP'S CREEK

*We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."*

*We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice
and cry, "My Lord and God!"*

*Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found.*

*And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.*

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.

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 — *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* - Chuck Marohnic

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 — *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.*

*Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.*

*Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!*

CHARGE and BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE — *The Risen Christ* - WOODLANDS

*May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand
with the oppressed in this and every land,
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,
restored in Christ to true humanity.*

POSTLUDE — *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* - arr. Paul Manz

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.***

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Lynne Faridy and family, on the death of her brother, David Blewett, who died on April 5. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory to eternal life.

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given by the George Pingor family in loving memory of Patricia Kish, wife of Allen Kish, mother of Joanne Pingor and grandmother of Jessica and Elizabeth. The second arrangement is given by Nancy Powers in memory of her dear mother, Ruth Schoeberlein.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Interested in exploring membership at Morrisville Presbyterian Church? Our spring new member classes will be held on May 14 and May 31. To sign up or for more information, please contact the church office at office@mpcusa.org or 215-295-4191.

FOOD CENTER'S APRIL REQUEST

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

MPC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP MEETS TOMORROW

The group's next reading is *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman. Discussion on the book will take place on Monday, April 13, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. You can also attend by Zoom. Contact Shellie Stoddard at stoddard.shellie@gmail.com or the church office at office@mpcusa.org for link and more information.

The final reading this session will be *Almost Everything: Notes on Hope* by Anne Lamott. In this profound and funny book, Lamott calls for each of us to rediscover the nuggets of hope and wisdom that are buried within us that can make life sweeter than we ever imagined. Divided into short chapters that explore life's essential truths, *Almost Everything* pinpoints these moments of insight as it shines an encouraging light forward (Goodreads). The book will be discussed at the scheduled May 18 meeting.

Circle
meetings
this week

DEBORAH CIRCLE

Deborah Circle meets Monday at **noon** in the Lounge.

REBECCA CIRCLE

Rebecca Circle meets Monday night at **7:00 p.m.** in the Lounge..

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

MAD SCIENCE PARTY COMING SOON!

Calling all young families with future scientists! Come join in the fun on Sunday, April 26, after worship for a pizza lunch and lots of exciting science experiments to explore and enjoy! Gluten free lunch options will be available on request.

Interested? Sign up in the Welcome Center or contact the church office at office@mpcusa.org or 215-295-4191 to RSVP so we can plan experiments and food accordingly.



MPC CLOTHING CENTER'S SPRING OPEN HOUSE

We will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. We have so much more than just clothing, though we certainly do have a lot of clothing! When was the last time you shopped at the [MPC Clothing Center](#)? Have you ever been to the CC? Now is your opportunity before we close in June for our summer hiatus. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, May 2.



BUNCO NIGHT

The next Bunco event will be hosted by Cindy and Steve Moskow on Saturday, May 2 at 6:00 pm. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. To RSVP and get details, please contact Cindy at 215-431-3540.



SCOUT TROOP 3 CLOTHING DRIVE

Scout Troop 3 is hosting a Clothing Drive through May 3. Along with clean clothing, you can donate books and clean houseware items for this fundraiser. The goal is to reach 4000 lbs. of soft items. You can drop off your donations on Monday evenings in Fellowship Hall from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. If it's more convenient to drop off items on Sunday before or after service, we will have a trash can marked for the Scout Drop-Off at the bottom of the steps outside of room 4. Thank you for your participation during this fundraiser.

5K & FUN RUN TO SUPPORT IVINS OUTREACH CENTER

Support the Ivins Outreach Center's "Run Through History 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run" on Saturday, June 13, 2026, by participating as a runner, walker, or donor. Proceeds from the race support Ivins Outreach Center's Cancer Care and Staying at Home initiatives. The Run Through History 5K begins at 7:30 a.m. and invites participants to become part of a living story that connects Morrisville, Bucks County, Trenton, and Philadelphia to the birth of the United States.

The race will start in Williamson Park, which was originally an island with several mills built in the mid-1700s along the raceway between the riverbank and the island. The race crosses the Delaware Canal State Park and to Summerseat. Summerseat served as George Washington's headquarters between December 8 and 14, 1776, and was later purchased by Robert Morris, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. The race reverses back to the canal for a brief run to the Calhoun Street Bridge, then atop the flood-control dike to the Trenton Makes Bridge and returns to Williamson Park and the finish.

To register for the event online, use the QR code or [click here](#). Details and race-day or mailable registration may be [found here](#).



The choirs of Morrisville Presbyterian Church
and Newtown Presbyterian Church present:

Illuminare

by Elaine Hagenberg
with chamber orchestra

At Newtown Presbyterian Church:

Sunday, April 26th

10:00 AM

25 N Chancellor St.

Newtown, PA

At Morrisville Presbyterian Church:

Sunday, May 3rd

10:30 AM

771 N. Pennsylvania Ave.

Morrisville, PA

Coffee & Conversation

At Weekday Nursery School
on the playground!

Thursday, April 23
9:00 - 10:00 am



New:

Snack Swap!

Bring your kids rejected snacks
to coffee (bars, pouches, etc)
and swap them out with others
that your kids *might* eat later.



*RSVP at the
Sign Up
Genius Link!*

SAVE THE DATE: MEMORIAL DAY PARADE HOSPITALITY

The Communications and Evangelism committee will host a hospitality table for participants in the Morrisville Memorial Day Parade as they prepare to step-off from the MPC parking lot on Monday, May 25. This continues to be a great success each year! Setup begins at 7:30 a.m. and we are usually cleaned up by 9:30. Details on requested donated food items and volunteer sign-up will be coming in the weeks ahead. Stay tuned!

MPC AT TRENTON THUNDER

Save the date! MPC is heading to the ballpark for a Trenton Thunder baseball game on June 13 at 6:00 p.m. Sign up in the Welcome Center beginning in May.

MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, April 12

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

MONDAY, April 13

Noon Deborah Circle Lounge
 Noon Worship Committee Zoom
 5:30 p.m. Book Discussion Conference Room & Zoom
 6:30 Mostly Motets Music Room
 6:30 Cub Scout Pack 3 Rooms 220 & 122
 6:30 Scouts Troop 3 Fellowship Hall
 7:00 Food Center Food Packing Room 4
 7:00 Rebecca Circle Lounge

TUESDAY, April 14

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

WEDNESDAY, April 15

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 Girl Scout Troop 2888 Room 220
 7:15 Chancel Chimes Rehearsal Room 121

THURSDAY, April 16

10:00 a.m. Clothing Center Room 4
 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

FRIDAY, April 17

SATURDAY, April 18

SUNDAY, April 19

8:30 a.m. God's Thunder Rehearsal Room 121
 9:30 Sunday School for all ages
10:30 Worship Service Sanctuary & Livestream
 11:45 Youth Choir Music Room
 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 takes place and room availability.

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