



WORSHIP *for*
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 17, 2019
10:30 A.M.

*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*



By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Luke 21:19

Welcome to Morrisville Presbyterian Church

WE WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS to our service today. If you are not a member, we invite you to consider membership with us. If you would like more information about how we can serve you, please speak to a pastor.

FRIENDSHIP PAD: During the Words of Welcome, please pass the red Friendship Pad to the outside aisle and back again to the center. This allows worshipers to recognize people in their pew, and helps staff members identify those who may need attention.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are offered to the glory of God and are given by Jim Gaston in memory of a great lady and strong woman who loved and served MPC for many years, Anne Orazi. The flowers are also given in gratitude for all those who gave their hearts and hands to make Blue Jeans Sunday a wonderful day of stewardship. Our building sparkled after all the cleaning, scrubbing, raking, and hauling was completed. Thank you all!

USHERING AT TODAY'S SERVICE: Head Usher Alastair Brunton, Alice Garcia, Helen Hill, Patricia Sheffer, Tom Smith, and Tim Stover. Junior Deacons are Brandon Keys and Lizzie Pingor.

HYMNALS, BIBLES, & BULLETINS WITH LARGE PRINT are available during worship each Sunday morning from a Deacon in the Narthex. Please return the Hymnal and/or Bible after the service.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available for use anywhere in the sanctuary during worship. These pocket-sized receivers are available from Deacons in either Narthex and are to be returned after the service.

CHILDCARE is provided in the Nursery/Pre-School room from 9:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. each Sunday. Children, aged 0-2, are welcome in the nursery during our education hour (9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.). Children, aged 0-4, are welcome in the nursery during worship. Parents, please feel free to use our nursery, or keep your children with you in worship. If you need help locating the nursery, please don't hesitate to ask an usher.

WORSHIP NOTE

** The asterisk indicates that those who are able may please stand.*

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Please forward any announcements for weekly Bulletin by noon Tuesday of each week to
Bulletin@MPCusa.net.

Please note: Due to the church office being closed for Thanksgiving, the deadline for December 1, 2019 Bulletin is by noon Monday, November 25.

Articles for the December edition of "Currents" are due by November 10.
Send articles to **Currents@MPCusa.net.**

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

G A T H E R I N G

PRELUDE — Morning Has Broken - arr. Arnold B. Sherman

God's Thunder

WORDS *of* WELCOME

Pastor Lester-Abdalla

*CALL *to* WORSHIP

Hope Massey

One: Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;

All: Let us sing God's praises throughout all the earth.

One: Shout aloud and sing for joy,

All: From the highest peaks, to the deepest caverns.

One: Shout aloud and sing for joy,

All: Let us come to worship God of all creation!

*HYMN 33 — *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*

LLANFAIR

*PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

Rev. Jack McAnlis

God of Mercy, we confess that we are not perfect. We have grown weary of doing what is right. We have been selfish in our actions. We have not honored the tradition of the apostles, or imitated the example of your saints. Forgive us, we pray. Show us the way of wholeness, free us from our idols, and strengthen us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

*SILENT PRAYERS *of* CONFESSION

Here each worshiper may offer silent prayers of confession.

*RESPONSE 601 — *Amen* (DANISH)

Congregation

*PROMISE *of* FORGIVENESS

One: Siblings in Christ hear the good news: through grace Christ gave us eternal comfort and good hope. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE *to* GOD'S PARDON (back cover of hymnal) — *Glory to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI

*THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another with the Peace of Christ.

As a sign of their reconciliation in Christ, the people share the Peace of Christ, greeting one another with these or similar words: "The Peace of Christ be with you," "Peace be with you," or simply, "Peace."

*Let us pray for peace, for the healing of creation.
May God's truth and justice mend every breach; may we learn to live as one.*

*Let us pray for love, for the grace to offer mercy.
May compassion guide our way in the world; may forgiveness heal division.*

*We pray for peace, we pray for understanding.
Pray that hatred cease, and God's reign is known on earth.*

*Hear our prayer for peace. Hear our prayer for love.
Hear our voices, Lord, this day, we pray.*

*You know our hearts; you know our selfish struggles.
Take away our pride and fill us all with you.*

*Fill us with your peace. Fill us with your love.
Fill us all this day, O Lord, we pray.*

*May your will be done, here on earth as is in heaven.
May your reign of love be known in our lives.
May your will be done among us.
May we do your will, amen.*

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

PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION

PSALTER READING — *Psalms 98*

(Old Testament, page 521)

One: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

All: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**

One: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

All: **Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME *for* YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Lester-Abdalla

GOSPEL READING — *Luke 21:5-19*

(New Testament, page 80)

One: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Matthew Rhodes

*HYMN 738 — *O Master, Let me Walk with Thee*

MARYTON

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

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. 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. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

PRAYERS *of* THANKSGIVING *and* SUPPLICATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (page 35 in the hymnal, *debts and debtors*)

OFFERING

Invitation to Give

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Music — *Simple Gifts* - arr. Hal Hopson

Chancel Chimes

*Doxology 606 — *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

S E N D I N G

*HYMN 331 — *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

NATIONAL HYMN

*CHARGE *and* BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE — *Amen*

Congregation

*POSTLUDE

Jason Vodicka

Announcements

ADULT EDUCATION IN NOVEMBER

Are you tired? Are you looking for more energy, maybe a center, or reinvigorating moment in your week? If so, you may be interested in Adult Education's month-long conversation centering on the subject of Sabbath.

November 24 — *Let's try it*; Molly Ramsey will lead a workshop on creating our own Sabbath.

All adults are invited to grow and learn together at Adult Sunday School from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the Conference Room, and feel free to bring a friend.

HURRICANE DORIAN RELIEF

MPC, for many years, has supported the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and is committed to continue supporting this spirit-loving program. Why? Because when natural or human-caused disasters impact communities, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is always there to respond and work closely with congregations and local mission partners to bring Christ's love and healing.

PDA is "THE" emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The core budget, including staff and administrative costs, is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing, and its program work is additionally funded through designated gifts. The Outreach Committee of MPC is again supporting the PDA, specifically to help those affected by hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas. MPC has always been a most generous church, reaching out to those in need. Should you wish to donate to this cause you may do so by sending your check to MPC, making sure you designate "PDA Bahamas/Dorian Relief" on the comment line of your check. Please submit your donation by November 17. As always, thank you! - The MPC Outreach Committee

MPC CLOTHING CENTER OPEN HOUSE

The MPC Clothing Center will host its 6th Annual Open House on Sunday, December 8, 2019 for your shopping convenience, at the conclusion of worship service. Located in the basement and Room 4, we have a variety of Christmas items, and an extensive assortment of clothing for all, at reasonable prices. Please come and see for yourself what great things we have to offer. See you on the 8th.

TROOP 3 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

It's that time of year to pick out your wreath and a Christmas tree for your Christmas celebration. This is our largest fund raiser and benefits the Scouts and Troop 3 as a whole. We've appreciated your support in past years and are hopeful we will see you once again this year. Scouts will be selling Pre-sale tickets at \$2.00 each or \$20.00 per sheet in the Communications Center on today, November 17, and on next Sunday, November 24. These are as good as cash, and can be turned in when you purchase your wreath or tree. Thank you for your support. - Bill Burgess, COR

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

The second annual Young Adult Environmental Mini-Mission Trip will be held January 2-4, 2020. An approximate headcount is necessary to book appropriate accommodations. Please email Caroline Thompson at c.lang.thompson@gmail.com to indicate your interest in attending.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

Once again, the Deacon's would like to dedicate the Angel Tree gifts this year to our MPC Food Center clients. We would like to collect family care bags that will include basic, greatly needed, household items. You will see a list of these items on the back of the Angels hanging from the tree in the lounge beginning Sunday, December 1. Please select a Care Angel (or even two!!!) and put the unwrapped items on the list into a securely tied plastic bag. Please attach the Angel to the outside of the bag and return it to the MPC lounge by Sunday, December 22. These bags will be given to our clients when they come to the Center to shop for their food items! Once again, we appreciate your generosity in making Christmas a special time for those less fortunate who come to our Food Center each month!

THANK YOU!

Because of your generous contributions we were able to send goodies and gift cards to 22 MPC college students. We know that these care packages from MPC will be like a hug from home. We appreciate each and every one of you! - The Young Adult Committee

THANK YOU TO THE BLUE JEANS SUNDAY CREW

Many thanks to all who participated in the 4th Annual Blue Jeans Sunday last week. Much was accomplished to improve God's church.

Blessings,
Rich Drabb

Help is Needed to Continue MPC 's Outreach!

FOOD CENTER VOLUNTEERS

If you have ever considered volunteering at the Food Center, now would be a great time to give it a try. Our mission of feeding hungry families in Bucks County and the Greater Trenton area is Christ-driven and personally gratifying, but it is also **labor intensive!** We need more bodies to help set up food distribution; pick up, transport and store boxes of food from our local suppliers (**Lifting required!**); walk clients through the shopping area and help them choose their food; and help breakdown, clean and put away the Wednesday Food Center operation. If you can help in any of these areas, please email the FC at MPCfood-center@gmail.com for more details. We would gladly welcome you ... and you'll get a Food Center t-shirt!

CLOTHING CENTER VOLUNTEERS

The MPC Clothing Center has been operating out of our church basement for 50 years and is a vibrant mission of our church, but one which requires the time and dedication of volunteers to run smoothly. We need more helping hands and strong backs, for much lifting is often required. We need help to price incoming clothing and merchandise; to change merchandise seasonally; to straighten the racks/shelves and begin to set-up for Tuesday's opening (usually lifting heavy bags); to assist shoppers; to check-out customers; and to put everything away.

Please consider helping out, and fitting us into your schedule, even if it is only one day a week or month, or be "on-call" when needed; that would give our regular volunteers a much needed break, and ensure that the Clothing Center remains open to our community. For further information or to volunteer, please contact Betsy Jurey at 215-295-6521 or Kathleen Foster at 215-493-1565. Thank you!

MPC *Weekly Calendar*

SUNDAY, November 17

8:30 a.m.	God's Thunder	Chapel
9:30	Sunday School for All Ages	
10:30	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:30	Fellowship Time Reception	Fellowship
	Host: Trustees	Hall
11:45	Teen Choir	Music Room
11:45	High School Sunday	Room 220/222
	School Teacher Training	

MONDAY, November 18

9:00 a.m.	Clothing Center Setup	Room 4
12:30 p.m.	Ivins Outreach	Conference Room
	Board of Directors	
6:00	Cub Scout Pack 3	Rooms 220/222
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Food Center Packing	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Board of Trustees	Conference Room
7:30	Mostly Motets	Music Room

TUESDAY, November 19

9:30 a.m.	Food Center Setup	Fellowship Hall
10:00	Clothing Center	Room 4
12:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
7:00	Transition Team Meeting	Room 200
7:30	Alcoholics Anonymous	Room 220

WEDNESDAY, November 20

9:00 a.m.	Food Center	Fellowship Hall
Noon	Brown Bag & Bible	Conference Room
1:00 p.m.	Weekly Prayer Group	Room 200
6:00	Youth Club	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Cub Scout Pack 3	Rooms 220/222

THURSDAY, November 21

Noon	Alcoholics Anonymous	Room 220
1:00 p.m.	Food Center Stocking	Room 4
6:00	Oakville Girl Scouts	Room 220
6:45	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
8:30	Chancel Chimes	Chapel

FRIDAY, November 22

11:00 a.m.	Food Center Stocking	Room 4
6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 3	Rooms 220/222
7:00	Cub Scout Pack 3	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Alcoholics Anonymous	Lounge

SATURDAY, November 23

8:00 a.m.	Deacons' Food	Fellowship Hall
	Basket Set-up	

SUNDAY, November 24

8:30 a.m.	God's Thunder	Chapel
9:30	Sunday School for All Ages	
10:30	Worship Service & Baptism	Sanctuary
11:30	Fellowship Time Reception	Fellowship
	Host: Deacons	Hall
11:45	Teen Choir	Music Room
12:15 p.m.	Worship Committee	Room 202

To view upcoming events and meetings,
please visit www.mpcusa.org
and click on "Calendar" from the home page.

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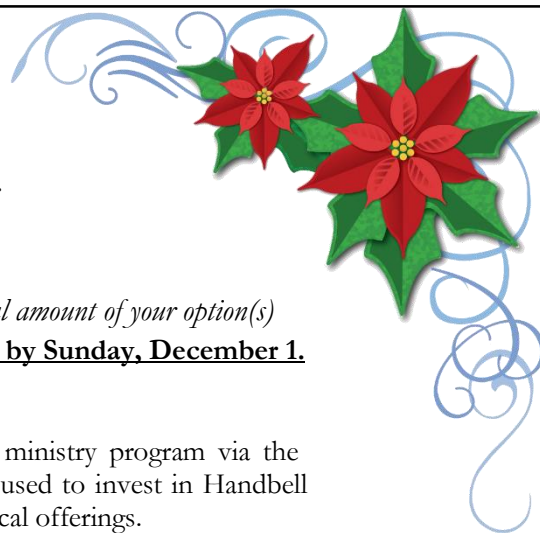
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2019 Christmas Memorials & Honorariums

The following opportunities are available for people desiring to make memorial/ honorarium/ celebration contributions during the Christmas season:

Please note changes to the Memorial donation form for Poinsettias.



POINTSETTIAS

Please fill in the tear-off below and return it with your check in the *total amount of your option(s) below*. **Poinsettia orders need to be submitted to the church office by Sunday, December 1.**

MUSIC FUND

Memorial contributions to this fund help to supplement the music ministry program via the Memorial Committee's oversight. In the past, these funds have been used to invest in Handbell Equipment, Guest Clinicians, and additional musicians for special musical offerings.

DEACONS' FOOD BASKET PROGRAM

In addition to free-will donations received by the Deacons, you are welcome to contribute to the Food Basket Program as a gift or memorial to loved ones by using the form below.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

*Please do not add the memorial contribution amount to your pledge payment!
Make checks payable to MPC with the type of memorial noted on the memo line.*

I (we) wish to make the following contribution(s) to:

_____ **Poinsettias** Number of Plants: _____ Amount attached _____

_____ I would like to purchase a poinsettia for the Deacons to deliver to a shut-in during the Advent season. The cost is \$7.00.

_____ I would like to purchase a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas Eve services. The cost is \$15.00 each. (You may take it home after services.)

_____ **Music Fund** Please find \$ _____ attached for this fund.

_____ **Deacons' Food Basket Program.** Please find \$ _____ attached for this fund.

Given by: _____

Phone: _____

"In loving memory of" "In celebration of" "To give thanks for" (circle one)

*Please print exactly as you wish it to appear in the bulletin and
return to the Church Office*

Deadlines for Submission

Poinsettia Orders-Sunday, December 1, 2019

Music and Food Basket Contributions-Sunday, December 8, 2019

