



Our mission:
to nurture disciples of Jesus Christ
who join boldly with the Spirit's
work in the world.

A Service for the Lord's Day
Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Amazing Grace* -Carter

Greeting

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Jody Humphreys, Worship Leader

We come to worship God in our need,

bringing with us the needs of the world.

We come to God, who comes to us in Jesus,

and who knows by experience what human life is like.

We come with our faith and with our doubts,

we come with our hopes and with our fears.

We come as we are because it is God who invites us to come,

and God has promised never to turn us away.

*Hymn *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* 81

*Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God.*

*God, whose word cannot be broken,
formed thee for a blest abode.*

*On the rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?*

*With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.*

*Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which God gives them when they pray.*

*See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows, their thirst to assuage?
Grace, so like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of grace, for our failure to love others as you have loved us,

forgive us.

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods,

forgive us.

For losing heart and abandoning hope,

forgive us.

For all the ways we turn from you,

forgive us.

(A time for silent prayer)

We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Grace flows like a river; mercy like a never-failing stream. Let us celebrate the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Response

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Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name

*Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)*

We Gather Around God's Word

Time with the Children

Ellen Blose

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Acts 16:16-34

Sermon

Pastor Ann Pettit

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

(Romans 8: 1, 28, 38, 39)

*False idols rise to claim
the weakness of our pride,
but cannot touch the faithful ones,
for God stands at our side. (Refrain)*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*The radiance of God's light
beams joy into our days;
now filled with God's own peace and love.
Our hearts resound with praise.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
God reigns! Let earth rejoice!*

Invitation to the Offering

Special Music *How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place* -Shepperd

*O Lord, how lovely is your dwelling place.
My soul yearns, even faints for the courts of the Lord;
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
Even the sparrow has found a home
And the swallow has a nest where she may have her young.
O Lord Almighty, my King and my God.
Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
They are ever praising you.*

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and 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.

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn *God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice! (v. 1-3)* 365

*God reigns! Let earth rejoice!
Let oceans shout God's might!
Borne up by truth and righteousness,
God's throne is our delight.*

*Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice!
God reigns! Let earth rejoice!*

Life at Massanutten

This Week At MPC

Sunday, May 29

9:00am Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Worship

Monday, May 30

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, May 31

Wednesday, June 1

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (GA)
6:45pm Mission and Service (FH)

Thursday, June 2

Friday, June 3

Church Office Closed

Saturday, June 4

Picnic Shelter in use 11am-3pm
Church Office Closed

Sunday, June 5

9:00am Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Worship
7:30pm Bonfire for Families of Youth and Children

- **Next Sunday is Pentecost**—wear your reds, yellows and oranges to celebrate the *Holy Spirit*. During the service we will share the Lord's Supper, bless our summer program youth and adult participants, ordain and install officers and celebrate our High School seniors. The Spirit is leading in many ways—thanks be to God!
- **Next week we will also receive the Pentecost Offering.** This offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share faith, ideas and unique gifts with the church and the world. 40% of gifts received remain at Massanutten to make an impact in the lives of young people within our community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.
- A graveside service of Witness to the Resurrection for **Nancy Lu Irvine** will be held at Tinkling Spring Cemetery, 30 Tinkling Spring Road in Fishersville on Saturday, June 4th at 11am. Nancy Lu, a member of our church family, died on November 1, 2020 following a short illness.
- **The Massanutten Brass Band** will hold a Free Live Concert on Sunday, June 5th at 6pm on the lawn area next to the JMU Music building. Free parking is available in the Warsaw or the Mason Street Parking Decks. Come bring a picnic meal, blanket and chairs and prepare to enjoy a program of music for brass. In the event of rain, the concert will be moved to Sunday June 11th.
- **High School seniors...**please note the deadline for submitting applications for college scholarships is coming soon: June 7th. Contact the church office if you need assistance.
- **COVID information:** Masking is optional as long as the CDC reported COVID levels remain in the low (green) or medium (yellow) area. When the level moves to red, masks will be required inside the building. *The Session and COVID Advisory group remind everyone that though masking is optional in certain conditions, our focus on caring for one another remains the foundation of how we gather. Please consider how your choice may affect others around you and respond with an eye toward kindness and welcome.*

Serving May 29

Greeters:

Greg and Ann Trobaugh

Ushers:

Helen Groves and Doug Smith

Water Pourers:

Greg and Ann Trobaugh

Faith Village:

Faith Village will resume in the Fall

Godly Play:

Godly Play will resume in the Fall

Middle School Youth:

No Youth Activities this evening

High School Youth:

No Youth Activities this evening

Serving June 5

Greeters:

Tom and Gina Holden

Ushers:

Ron and Janet Morris

Water Purer:

TBD

Faith Village:

Faith Village will resume in the Fall

Godly Play:

Godly Play will resume in the Fall

Middle School Youth:

Youth and Family Bonfire

High School Youth:

Youth and Family Bonfire



May 2022 Update

On January 1, 2021 the balance on our mortgage was \$1,010,711. As of May 23, 2022, the balance was **\$454,068**. This represents a **\$556,643**

decrease since January 1, of 2021 as a result of budgeted mortgage payments, additional giving to reduce debt through the year, and gifts made toward campaign commitments. To God be the Glory!

The **Dream Team**, established to define and refine ideas shared through the *Kite Dream* part of the campaign, continues to do its work. As they move forward, updates will be shared with the session and the congregation. The Spirit continues to lead and inspire—if you have something new to add—please send your ideas to the church office or contact Cheryl Henderson.

Make a Joyful Noise - Sing through the Summer!

The Chancel Choir will rehearse on Sunday mornings from 9-10 am throughout the summer. You are invited to take part in the good fellowship and fun spirit of this group! Each rehearsal will include music for that morning along with a look at what's ahead. Come and share the joyful gift of your voice with the worshipping community at MPC.

Children and Youth Corner

Sunday, May 29

10:30am Worship
No Evening Programming

Sunday, June 5

10:30am Worship
7:30pm Family End of the Year Bonfire

While the educational year programming has ended until the fall, there are opportunities ahead for us to remember in prayer, and or support in other ways:

Massanetta Middle School Conference: June 21-24

Our middle school youth have been attending—and LOVING— this conference for a number of years. This year's theme is *Blessed Be*; participants will explore what Jesus has to say in Matthew 5:1-11 through Bible study, recreation, art, music and the gift of fellowship and relationship building. Thanks for your help in sending our youth to Massanetta in June!

Youth Mission Trip: (July 19-22)

O.U.R. – Outreach, Understanding, Rejoicing – Hearts is a short-term mission experience for churches and youth groups. Groups are housed in the Craigsville Presbyterian Church, which has full shower facilities. Throughout the week our youth and adult chaperones will:

- ◆ Prepare for their visit through a study of the culture of generational poverty and food insecurities
- ◆ Participate in and help lead in creative worship and devotion experiences during the week
- ◆ Plan and complete service work needed in the community
- ◆ Use the food pantry to understand how it supports those who need the extra support to alleviate hunger

This is the first year Massanutten has sent an overnight group to this mission opportunity—and it's not too late for youth to sign-up. Contact Hannah if you'd like more information!

Seeking to nurture and empower our children and youth to live and serve in the world as loving disciples of Jesus Christ.

MPC Book and Yard Sale

Saturday, June 11th
7:30 am – 1:00 pm

Spring Cleaning?

Save your items and reserve a space for the yard sale in the church parking lot. The set-up fee is \$15.00 for two parking spaces. Contact the church office by June 6th to reserve your space. All fee donations will go toward children and youth programming.

Looking for Summer Reading?

Stop in the Fellowship Hall and explore the offerings at the Book Sale. All books are available on a 'pay what you will' basis.

Did you know?

The first book sale was held in 1998?
Read more about the history of this good effort.



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The idea of providing our food pantry kids with school supplies was the brainchild of Janice Liskey in the 1996/1997 school year. She was teaching the middle high Sunday school and wanted to create a mission project that the kids could become active in. At that time, school supplies given out by other organizations were limited to pencils and paper. She started the new idea of giving out just about one of everything that the schools were requesting at the time.

Originally, donations were requested from church members as well as stores. Within a year or two, the idea of having books donated for sale emerged. After Jan gave up teaching the middle schoolers it became a largely Liskey family project made possible by the support of the church member's donations both of books and money. Many times the books returned the following year to be resold and new books bought. At its zenith approximately 75 - 80 were given out each year. Each kit included about \$20.00 worth of supplies.

The Mission and Service Commission is grateful to Jan Liskey and her family for the generous commitment of time and energy to both the book sale initiative and providing children with needed school supplies.

The commission is organizing this final book sale and will be donating any remaining books to another organization. If someone in the church feels a call to continue this ministry, please contact the church office by June 7th.