

Massanutten Presbyterian Church
A Service for the Lord's Day
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2022

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit

Greeting

Prelude *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross* -James Southbridge

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Kath Wissinger, Worship Leader

We do not proclaim ourselves;

we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake.

For God has shone in our hearts to give knowledge of the glory of God.

Siblings in Christ, praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

*Hymn

God Is Here!

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*God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.*

*Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.*

*Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.*

*Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (responsively)

**God who formed our inwards parts and knows our hearts,
forgive us.**

**Instead of acknowledging you as our God,
we make our own idols.**

**Instead of proclaiming Jesus Christ as our Lord,
we proclaim ourselves.**

**Instead of turning to the Holy Spirit,
we attempt to attain your way in our own understanding.**

**Redirect our wrong ways
and lead us to the ways that make Jesus visible in our lives.
Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

My friends, who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ lived for us.

Christ died for us. Christ rose for us.

Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us.

Hear and believe the good news – in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*Response of Praise

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (refrain)

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We Gather Around God's Word

Time with the Children

Rev. Elfie Finn-McKenzie

Scripture Readings

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18, Mark 2:23-3:6

Sermon

Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

From a Declaration of Faith

**Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor
to include those ordinarily despised and excluded.
His life in behalf of others led to persecution and death.
He commanded his disciples to live the same way.
We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
lives that recognize all people in all cultures
as our neighbors on this planet.**

**Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements
in serving and helping our neighbor,
to treat our neighbor's needs as our own,**

to care passionately for the other's good,

to share what we have.

It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity,

avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival.

We are obligated to speak the truth in love,

to listen with patience and openness,

to love our enemies,

to accept the risk and pain which love involves.

Invitation to the Offering

Special Music

Give Me Jesus

-Robert Lau

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and 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

Take My Life (vv. 1-5)

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*Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.*

*Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.*

*Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Take My Life (.v 6)

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*Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.*

Life at Massanutten

- **Looking ahead: It's PICNIC season!** This year's picnic will be held following worship on Sunday, July 17th in the picnic shelter. The picnic will feature *Newman's famous BBQ Chicken*—and delicious sides you bring to share.
- **We welcome Ed Glover** as our guest organist this morning.
- **Our Middle School Youth have returned from Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference (June 21-24).** Our 12 middlers and 3 adults had an amazing time at Massanetta's Middle School Conference, "Blessed Be." We played so many games, got to know youth and adults from other churches, ate great food, splashed in the springs, zoomed down the slip-n-slide, sang songs, danced to energizers, and learned a lot from some amazing leadership. We learned that we are each blessed by God, no strings attached. There is no requirement, no special gift we must have...we are blessed simply because we are each a child of God. We also learned that blessing is meant to be passed along! We are blessed to be a blessing to others, sharing God's love in the world.
- **Massanetta Springs is celebrating its Centennial!** And we're all invited to the fun. **Wednesday, July 27th is Centennial Day** when a variety of speakers,

events and worship opportunities, along with great food, will help us all give thanks to God for Massanetta's Ministry—and also experience the good fellowship we've come to enjoy through the years. This falls during the annual Bible and Church Music Conference July 24th—July 30th, to which we're also invited. Check out the full schedule of opportunities and registration details at www.massanettasprings.org.

- **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.*

Bold Faith + Extravagant Generosity

Changing Lives

On January 1, 2021 the balance on our mortgage was \$1,010,711. As of June 22, 2022, the balance was **\$436,654**. *This represents a \$574,057 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.

This Week At MPC

Sunday, July 3

9:00am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30am	Worship

Monday, July 4 *Church Office Closed*

Tuesday, July 5

Wednesday, July 6
7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)

Thursday, July 7

Friday, July 8 *Church Office Closed*

Saturday, July 9 *Church Office Closed*

Sunday, July 10
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Worship

Serving July 3

Greeters: Harvey and Karen Mast

Ushers: Greg and Ann Trobaugh

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: *MS Youth will resume in the Fall*

High School Youth: *HS Youth will resume in the Fall*

Serving July 10

Greeters: Julia Sensabaugh & Doug Smith

Ushers: TBD

Water Pourers: TBD

Faith Village: *Faith Village will resume in the Fall*

Godly Play: *Godly Play will resume in the Fall*

Middle School Youth: *MS Youth will resume in the Fall*

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Make a Joyful Noise - Sing through the Summer!

The Chancel Choir will rehearse on Sunday mornings
from 9-10 am through July 10th.

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

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:

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.*

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