



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
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2022

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Chiming of the Bells

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude

Come, Thou Almighty King

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Words for Reflection

*"Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Your eyes are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands with which he blesses the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.*

Christ has no body now on earth but yours." -Saint Teresa of Avila

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Kathy Frakes, Worship Leader

People of God, what are we here to do?

To love the Lord our God
with heart and soul,
strength and might.

What are we here to do?

To love our neighbors as ourselves.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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*Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God,
Jesus tells us that our lives are enriched
by loving you and loving our neighbors.
We confess that love is hard for us.
We are too selfish or too pessimistic,
too hollow or too hardened,
or just too tired to give ourselves to love's
demands.

Forgive our arrogance and our listlessness.

Cleanse our hearts
that we might find the strength
to do what love requires
and the grace to receive what love has to give.

We pray in the name of Jesus,
whose love has no boundary.
Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Mercy ceaselessly flows from the heart of God.

This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*Response of Praise

Just as I Am, without One Plea (v. 3)

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*Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!*

Time with the Children

Jean Kilby

We Gather Around God's Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25-37

Sermon

What Does It Mean to Follow Jesus from the Crossroads?

"Walking the Walk"

Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

From A Brief Statement of Faith (11.4)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Special Music

Come Thou Font

Nancy Davis and Doug Sensabaugh

We Are Fed at God's Table

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (*responsively*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is our right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God...

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Pouring of the Cup

*Communion of the People

(Please move toward the center of the church, maintaining space between you and other worshippers, then move to the station serving your section. Servers will offer you a piece of bread—please cup your hands to receive it and move to the next server to take a cup from the tray. After you receive the elements, please return to your seat to eat the bread and drink the cup. You may leave your cups in the chair racks or dispose of them as you leave the sanctuary. For those who would be helped by a gluten free bread, please come to the center aisle and receive the element from the server in the middle.)

Prayer After Communion (*unison*)

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world - because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. Amen

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn

Called as Partners in Christ's Service (vv. 1-3)

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*Called as partners in Christ's service,
called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring
to fulfill God's chosen end.*

*Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth.*

*Men and women, richer, poorer,
all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together
gracious gifts from God unfold.*

*Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,
in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens,
breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action,
make us colleagues, free and fair.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Called as Partners in Christ's Service (v. 4)

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*So God grant us for tomorrow
ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow
with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving
hope and confidence and peace.*

This Week At MPC

Sunday, August 14

10:30am Worship
11:45am Worship Commission

Monday, August 15

Church Office Closed
4:00pm Administrative
Commission

Tuesday, August 16

Wednesday, August 17

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
10:30am Staff Meeting (GA)

Thursday, August 18

Friday, August 19

Church Office Closed

Saturday, August 20

Church Office Closed

Sunday, August 21

9:00am Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Worship—Blessing of the
Backpacks
11:30am Lunch (FH)

Serving August 14

Greeters:

Rebecca Arthur

Ushers:

Doug Smith and Denny Arthur

Water Pourers:

Doug Smith and Denny Arthur

Nursery:

Dana Mather and Hannah Altman

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 August 21

Greeters:

Helen Groves and Jan Reser

Ushers:

Marc Davis and Mike Guinn

Water Pourers:

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Nursery:

TBD

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Life at Massanutten

- Today we conclude the sermon series: *What does it mean to follow Jesus from the Crossroads?* You may view past Sundays on our website in the worship drop-down menu.
- **The Chancel Choir is rehearsing again**—and you're invited to join at any time. Rehearsals are 9:00-10:00am Sunday mornings through August. Wednesday night rehearsals resume in September. Welcome back, choir!
- **The Presbyterian Women's Potluck Dinner** will be held on Tuesday, August 23rd at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall; please bring a dish to share. During our time together we will re-connect after the summer break, hear about plans for this year's program, and learn about the 2022-2023 Bible Study: Celebrating Sabbath. Questions can be directed to Jean Gearing or the church office.
- As ministries gear up for the new program year, there are opportunities to support and share ourselves. Please take some time to give prayerful consideration to these **current volunteer needs:**

Nursery: *Each Sunday morning during worship, two adults provide hospitality and care to our youngest children. Would you offer yourself one Sunday a month as part of this team of two? Contact Pastor Ann or the church office!*

Transportation: *Prior to the pandemic, a Sunnyside vehicle was used to transport church members residing on their campus to Sunday worship. However, this service is no longer available to us. In addition, we are aware of church members living in other places who wish to attend in-person worship, but are unable due to transportation challenges. Many of these same church members also cannot access worship virtually. To ensure these members remain engaged in the church, the Community Life Commission, along with church staff, is looking to pilot a transportation program. During this small-scale implementation, we will match volunteer drivers with those needing a ride. If you are interested in serving as a driver once or more each month, please contact the church office. Every effort will be made to match the volunteer driver with a church member that lives near them.*

Blessings in a Bag: *Our food-for-the-weekend ministry helps children at South River Elementary School receive nourishment on days there is no school. At the end of May, MPC was providing food for 35 children. An increase in need is anticipated for the 2022-2023 school year. You are invited to help in two ways:*

- *Support the program financially— make a gift by check or online.*
- *Join the team that purchases, organizes and packs food. Contact the church office to express your interest.*



Blessing of the Backpacks

Next Sunday, August 21st—During Worship

Teachers, Students, Administrators -
the whole learning community is invited to gather around the Baptismal Font
as we pray for and bless the year ahead.
Grab your backpack, briefcase or bag of choice as you head to worship.

Following Worship

Lunch in the Fellowship Hall
You don't have to be heading back to school to participate!
Everyone is invited to a light and fun lunch
to connect with new and long time friends!

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH BEGIN MID-SEPTEMBER!

CHILDREN (THRU 5TH GRADE)

Faith Village: Explore Bible stories through learning styles such as art, music, science, cooking, drama, & games. Occurs before worship.

Godly Play: Learn Bible stories through simple & inviting storytelling with wooden figures & felt underlays. Occurs during worship.

YOUTH (6TH-12TH GRADE)

Youth Group: Enjoy Sunday supper, fellowship, & fun while learning about your faith and how to live it out through mission and service.

Confirmation (starts early October): Program for youth 8th grade & up who want to explore their faith & decide whether to make a public commitment to follow Jesus Christ. Occurs before worship.

***Learn more: speak to Hannah Altman,
visit massanuttenchurch.org, or call (540) 434-6194.***