



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
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2022

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Thy Holy Wings, O Savior, Spread Gently Over Me* -Cherwien

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Doug Sensabaugh, Worship Leader

God calls us to service rather than honor.

God calls us to love the unknown rather than the familiar.

We come to this time of worship trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,

who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* 610

*O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace!*

*The name of Jesus charms our fears,
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life, and health, and peace.*

*Christ speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice;
the poor in heart believe.*

*My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.*

*To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, forgive us

for we exalt ourselves and mock the humble.

**We chose to believe that we are self-sufficient
rather than trust in your strength.**

**Open us to your Spirit,
that we might serve all people
without regard to the outcome,
devoting ourselves to your honor alone.**

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

God rejoices when we repent and return.

Let us rejoice for we have been reconciled to God and to one another.

With joy, let us seek the honor of God's service. Thanks be to God!

*Response of Praise

We are Forgiven

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*We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God!
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God!*

We Gather Around God's Word

Time with the Children

Pastor Ann Pettit

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon

Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*responsively*) *Adapted from The Confession of 1967 (9.31)*

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.
His service to men and women commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.
His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering
so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.
His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment
on the inhumanity that marks human relations,
and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice.**

**In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.
The church follows this pattern in the form of its life
and in the method of its actions.
So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.**

Sharing Our Faith

Youth Group
Kristen Enslin, Tori Kaltenborn

Invitation to the Offering

Special Music

Whoever Would Be Great Among You

-Nelson

*Whoever would be great among you must become your servant,
And whoever would be first among you must be the slave of all.
For the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve.
And to give His life as a ransom for many.*

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People

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.**

*Hymn

God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (vv. 1-4)

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*God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Bind to myself the Name of Holy,
great cloud of witnesses enfold;
prophets, apostles, angels witness:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,
flashing of lightning, strength of wind,
depth of the sea to soil of planet:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

We Are Sent to the World

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* (v. 5)

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*Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session and Staff

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Melissa Caldwell	Ka Guinn	Jan Arnold
Matt Hamblen	John Kaltenborn	Ben Craig
Janet Morris	Bill Kilby	Bill Frazier
Doug Smith	Ron Matthews	Chris Hamilton
Skip Wissinger	Janina Peachey	Julia Sensabaugh

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Life at Massanutten

- 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:**

Youth Group Meals: *We need individuals or families to provide meals for our Sunday evening youth gatherings. Contact Julia Sensabaugh for more details.*

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 to let us know!*

Transportation: *We are aware of church members living at Sunnyside and 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 help 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.*

- Open Doors Food Truck Festival** will take place on Saturday, September 17th at the Rockingham County Fair Grounds, 11:00 am—7:00 pm. Volunteers are needed—but so are attendees! For more information, check out the Open Doors website. *Open Doors is a low-barrier shelter for men and women in our area.*



**Bold Faith + Extravagant Generosity
= Changing Lives**

On January 1, 2021 the balance on our mortgage was \$1,071,111. As of August 23, 2022, our loan balance was \$402,621 a decrease of **\$668,460** in the last 20 months. Since the beginning of the Debt Reduction Campaign 11 months ago, \$548,114 has been paid on the mortgage.

These decreases are 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!**

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS BEGIN SEPT. 11TH AT 9AM!

COVENANT CLASS *(Rm. 117)*

Similar to a traditional Sunday School model, a biblical concept, book, or person will be explored for a 6-8 week series, four a year. A pastor or group member will lead each series using helpful study materials. The first topic will be on the book of Genesis using the book *Genesis from Scratch*.

FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS *(Rm. 119)*

A congenial group seeking to foster a spirit of Christian community as we explore Scriptural passages in a thoughtful, current, and personal way. Turns are taken to facilitate discussions. Prayer requests and joys are shared each week. The first two topics will be hospitality and angels.

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

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH BEGIN SEPT. 18TH!

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 (Pre-K—2nd grade): 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.***

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 orange, masks will be required inside the building.