



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
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2022

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Choral Song* -Wesley

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Jody Humphreys, Worship Leader
Rejoice with me, people of God.
God has gathered us in from the wilderness.
Rejoice with me, people of God.
God has swept away the darkness of night.
Rejoice with me, people of God.
Today, there is joy in the presence of the angels.
Let us worship God together.

*Hymn *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* 619

*Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the Maker all your days!*

*Praise God for the grace and favor
shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing our Maker's faithfulness!*

*Like a loving parent caring,
God knows well our feeble frame,
gladly all our burdens bearing,
still to countless years the same.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All within me, praise God's name!*

*Angels, teach us adoration;
you behold God face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)
**Create in us clean hearts, O God,
cast out any transgression you find there—
ransack, renovate, redecorate!**

**Deep in our hearts,
remove fearful features
and restore your original design.**

**The old lamps are dim;
bring new light into the darkness.**

**Make your dwelling place deep in our hearts,
and teach us wisdom,
so the hearts you transform may rejoice.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ came into the world to save sinners. Believe the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are redeemed.

*Response of Praise *Hear the Good News of Salvation** 441
 **Sung to the tune of "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

*All the sins I have committed,
to my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish;
Christ forgives and so I sing:
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.*

We Gather Around God's Word

Time with the Children Jean Kilby

Scripture Reading Luke 15:1-10

Sermon Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

From a Brief Statement of Faith from our Books of Confessions

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God;
we hide from our Creator.**

**Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and in ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah
chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

Sharing Our Faith: Program Year Kickoff ... Faith Village and Parent Fellowship
Basgier Family

Invitation to the Offering

Special Music *Set Me a Seal* -Clausen

*Set me a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm.
For love is strong as death.*

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.

Concerns of the Congregation and 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 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak (vv.1-4)* 722

*Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children lost and lone.*

*O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.*

*O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths which you impart.
And wing my words that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.*

*O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.*

We Are Sent to the World

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* (v. 5) 722

*O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.*

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This Week At MPC

Sunday, September 11

*Program Tables available to view
before and after worship.*

9:00am Covenant Class (117)
Faithful Conversations
119)
10:30am Worship
*Fellowship and Tabling
continue after worship*
11:45am Worship Commission

Monday, September 12

10:00am Food Pantry
4:30pm Admin Commission
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 13

10:00am Morning Circle (FH)

Wednesday, September 14

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
10:30am Staff Meeting
2:00pm Bethel Circle (SS)
6:00pm Nurture and Discipleship
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 15

**Friday, September 16 and Saturday,
September 17**

Church Office Closed

Sunday, September 18

9:00am Adult Sunday School
9:30am Faith Village
10:30am Worship
5:00pm Fun with Handbells
6:00pm Youth Dinner & Fellowship
6:30pm Session

Serving September 11

Greeters:
Tom & Gina Holden

Ushers and Water Pourers:
Greg & Ann Trobaugh

Nursery:
Emily Burkholder & Jennifer Coffelt

Faith Village:
Faith Village will resume Sept. 18

Godly Play:
Godly Play will resume Sept. 18

Middle School Youth:
Youth will resume September 18

High School Youth:
Youth will resume September 18

Serving September 18

Greeters:
TBD

Ushers and Water Pourers:
Angela, Tori, Cameron & Corrina
Kaltenborn

Nursery:
Sharon Lam & Katie Gray

Faith Village:
Jennifer Coffelt

Godly Play:
Emily Burkholder & Karen Enslin

Middle School Youth:
Sarah Rimer

High School Youth:
Gus Scheidt

Life at Massanutten

- Join the Mission and Service Commission, and others from the Rockingham–Harrisonburg Community at the **Open Doors Food Truck Festival**, this Saturday, September 19th at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds. There will be a variety of food trucks for nourishment, artisans and displays from around the area and local bands to listen to as you enjoy the event. The gates open at 11:00 am and will remain so until 7:00 pm. Proceeds support the Open Doors Homeless Shelter.
- The Community Life Commission invites the congregation to gather on Saturday, September 24th from 2:00—5:00 pm at **White Oak Lavender Farm**. You are welcome to bring some refreshments to enjoy as we listen to Randy Black, the featured musician that day. You are also welcome to purchase a beverage from the Purple Wolf Tasting Room as you listen.
- The following **volunteer opportunities** continue to be available as we support the start of the new program year:

Drivers for those who would like to attend worship but would be helped by a ride;

Cooks for Sunday evening meals for MPC's youth group and,

Nursery attendants during worship each Sunday morning.

To volunteer for one (or all) of these opportunities, please contact the church office, or leave a note in the offering plate with your name and contact information. *Thank you for your support of Massanutten's ministry!*



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 BEGINS TODAY!

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,

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY!

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.

Fun with Handbells: Explore the fun of ringing handbells from the basics to beyond, learning several pieces of music and having the opportunity to ring in 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.