



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
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Brother James' Air* -Wright
The Lord's My Shepherd

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) John Kaltenborn, Worship Leader
With songs of praise -
let us worship God!
Because of the love we have received -
let us worship God!
With our voices, hearts and hands -
let us worship God!

*Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* 611
*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.*

*All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)
O God, thank you, for loving us.
We confess to holding onto your love
instead of letting it move through us.
We don't listen when people are talking to us.
We turn away from someone who needs help.
We don't always say what is true.
We use words that are hurtful to others.
We put our wants and needs first.

Forgive us, God, when what we do doesn't show your love.
Help us to share your goodness with others.
In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)
Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. He hears our confession and forgives us.
Thanks be to God for Jesus, who covers us in grace. Alleluia –amen!

*Response of Praise *Praise Ye the Lord (v.1)* 35
*Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!*

Time with the Children

Janina Peachey

We Gather Around God's Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 16:1-13

Sermon

Pastor Ann Pettit

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
 fully human, fully God.
 Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
 preaching good news to the poor
 and release to the captives,
 teaching by word and deed
 and blessing the children,
 healing the sick
 and binding up the brokenhearted,
 eating with outcasts,
 forgiving sinners,
 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
 Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
 Jesus was crucified,
 suffering the depths of human pain
 and giving his life for the sins of the world.
 God raised this Jesus from the dead,
 vindicating his sinless life,
 breaking the power of sin and evil,
 delivering us from death to life eternal.**

A Brief Statement of Faith

Invitation to the Offering

Special Music

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

-Forrest

*Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure,
 Through a world that would deceive us, where to sin our hearts are lured.
 Ever in His footsteps treading, living here, yet home above,
 Full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Father's bidding,*

*Faithful Lord, abide with me, Savior, lead, I follow Thee.
 Let us also die with Jesus, by His cross he conquered death,
 Freed us from our souls' destruction, quickened us with life's new breath.
 Let us mortify, while living, self and pride, and die to sin,
 And the grave that shuts us in shall but prove to be the gate to heaven.
 Jesus here I die to Thee, there to dwell eternally.*

*Let us gladly live with Jesus, He is risen from the dead.
 Death is swallowed up in victory, Jesus, Thou art not now our Head.
 Living members of Thy body, where Thou lives we shall be,
 Thou wilt keep us constantly.*

*Even so, dear Lord come quickly, Jesus here I live to Thee,
 There to dwell eternally.*

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

The Church of Christ in Every Age 320

*The church of Christ in every age,
 beset by change but Spirit-led,
 must claim and test its heritage
 and keep on rising from the dead.*

*Across the world, across the street,
 the victims of injustice cry
 for shelter and for bread to eat,
 and never live before they die.*

*Then let the servant church arise,
 a caring church that longs to be
 a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
 and clothed in Christ's humanity.*

*For Christ alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.*

We Are Sent to the World

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

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*We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread Christ's liberating word.*

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session and Staff

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Melissa Caldwell	Ka Guinn	Jan Arnold
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Janet Morris	Bill Kilby	Bill Frazier
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ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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.

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

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

CHILDREN (THRU 5TH GRADE)

Faith Village: Explore Bible stories through learning styles such as art, music, science, cooking, drama, & games. 9:30 am each Sunday

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. 6:00 pm each Sunday evening.

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. 5:00 pm each Sunday evening.

*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.

Life at Massanutten

- 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.
- Fall Mums to support the 2023 Shenandoah Presbytery Baja Mission Trip** can be purchased for \$20.00 by contacting Doug Sensabaugh (cdsensabaugh@gmail.com). Mums will be available October 1st.
- Blessings in a Bag**, our Food for the Weekend program for children at South River Elementary School in Grottoes, is in full swing. This week 41 bags of food were delivered for children to take home on Friday—an increase over last week. This ministry is made possible entirely by gifts from the congregation. For the 2022-2023 school year, the anticipated cost is \$5000.00. You may make a gift online at any time, or by cash or check, noting its purpose as Blessings in a Bag. Thank you for the generosity and care you continue to extend to these young people.
- 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!**

This Week At MPC

Sunday, September 18

9:00am Covenant Class (117)
Faithful Conversations (119)
10:30am Worship
9:30am Faith Village
10:30am Worship
5:00pm Fun with Handbells
6:00pm Youth Dinner & Fellowship
6:30pm Session

Monday, September 19

6:00pm Faith in Action (GA)
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 20

7:00pm Safety Team (FH)

Wednesday, September 21

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
9:00am Legacy Meeting (FH)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 22

Friday, September 23

Church Office Closed

Saturday, September 24

Church Office Closed

Sunday, September 25

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

Serving September 18

Door Monitor:

Frank Gearing

Greeter:

Jean Gearing

Ushers and Water Pourers:

Angela, Tori, Cameron & Corrina
Kaltenborn

Nursery:

Sharon Lam & Katie Gray

Faith Village:

Jennifer Coffelt

Godly Play:

Emily Burkholder and Karen Enslin

Middle School Youth:

Sarah Rimer

High School Youth:

Gus Scheidt

Serving September 25

Door Monitor:

Fred Good

Greeters:

Cheryl Henderson

Ushers and Water Pourers

Larry and Pam French

Nursery:

Erin Basgier and Barbara Palmer

Faith Village:

Jennifer Coffelt

Godly Play:

Jack and Sarah Rimer

Middle School Youth:

Sarah Rimer

High School Youth:

Gus Scheidt