



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
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2022

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Holy, Holy, Holy* - Page

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Ron Matthews, Worship Leader

However you're feeling today

Jesus says, 'Come to me.'

Wherever you're worshiping today,

Jesus says, 'Come to me.'

If you're celebrating something in your life

Jesus says, 'Come to me.'

If you've made mistakes in your life,

Jesus says, 'Come to me.'

If you are worried or weary,

Jesus says, 'Come to me.'

If you are bursting with energy and excited,

Jesus says, 'Come to me.'

However you're feeling today

Jesus says, 'Come to me.'

Let us worship the Lord who welcomes us however we are.

*Hymn

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

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*God the sculptor of the mountains,
God the miller of the sand,
God the jeweler of the heavens,
God the potter of the land:
you are womb of all creation;
we are formless; shape us now.*

*God the nuisance of the Pharaoh,
God the cleaver of the sea,
God the pillar in the darkness,
God the beacon of the free:
you are fount of all deliverance;
we are aimless; lead us now.*

*God the dresser of the vineyard,
God the planter of the wheat,
God the reaper of the harvest,
God the source of all we eat:
you are host at every table;
we are hungry; feed us now.*

*God the unexpected infant,
God the calm, determined youth,
God the table-turning prophet,
God the resurrected truth:
you are present every moment;
we are searching; meet us now.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God,

**We are quick to presume your pardon,
your approval of the way we live.**

**Yet, we turn away from neighbors in need,
offering only the fragments of what remains
when our own cravings have been met.**

**We are slow to speak to each other
when we are hurt or upset and instead,
talk about each other to those who will listen.**

**We are reluctant to consider new ideas,
ways of doing things,
opportunities for serving and instead,
cling to what we know.**

**Merciful God, you created us for better use; remake us now.
Where we are distorted, re-center and reshape us,
bring us low and raise us up.
Then fire our hearts until we shine with your glory
and find our place in your purpose.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new. Friends, through Jesus our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Let us live as those reborn and made new.

*Response of Praise

Jesus Christ is Risen Today!

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*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

We Gather Around God's Word

Time with the Children

Hannah Altman

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Sermon

Pastor Ann Pettit

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

**God created all the worlds that are
and upholds and rules everything.**

**We affirm that the universe exists
by the power of God's Word and Spirit.**

**God has chosen to give it reality
out of the love we have come to know in Christ.**

**God still works through the processes that shape and change the earth
and the living things upon it.**

**We acknowledge God's care and control in the regularity of the universe
as well as in apparently random happenings.**

**There is no event from which God is absent
and his ultimate purpose in all events is just and loving.**

**That purpose embraces our choices
and will surely be accomplished.**

**The Creator works in all things
toward the new creation that is promised in Christ.**

Sharing Our Faith

Music Ministries

Deidre Lenderking and Jacob Burkholder

Invitation to the Offering

Special Music

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

-Martin

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

Called as Partners

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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,
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.*

*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.*

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.*

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.

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.

This Week At MPC

Sunday, September 4

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

10:30am Worship
*Fellowship and Tabling
continue after worship*

Monday, September 5

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6

Wednesday, September 7

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
6:00pm Mission and Service
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 8

Friday, September 9

Church Office Closed

Saturday, September 10

**Big Event—Massanetta Springs
Conference Center**

Church Office Closed

Sunday, September 11

9:00am Covenant Class (117)
Faithful Conversations
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10:30am Worship
11:45am Worship Commission

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session and Staff

Class of 2023

Melissa Caldwell
Matt Hamblen
Janet Morris
Doug Smith
Skip Wissinger

Class of 2024

Ka Guinn
John Kaltenborn
Bill Kilby
Ron Matthews
Janina Peachey

Class of 2025

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Chris Hamilton
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