

Massanutten Presbyterian Church
A Service for the Lord's Day
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 2022

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit

Spirit, Open My Heart

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude

Amazing Grace

-Eithun

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Janina Peachey, Worship Leader

No matter how far from God we seem to be,

we do not lose heart:.

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church,

we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice,

we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord,

when I will forgive and restore my people;

when I will equip them for every good work;

**and when I will grant justice,
for I hear their cries day and night.**

Let us worship God with all our heart!

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession (*unison*)**

Gracious God,

we confess that we do not meditate

on your commands and teachings all day long.

We do not keep your word before us always and in all things.

**Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth
and wander towards easier options.**

Forgive us, we pray,

for pursuing our own desires rather than yours.

Forgive us for growing weary in following you;

for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice;

for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world.

Tune our ears to the sound of your justice.

Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace.

Do not remember our sin,

but remember your mercy forever.

We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)**

Friends, God promises to forgive us, to put our sins out of God's own mind & heart.

In this way, God gives us not just a second chance,
but a new beginning. Believe the good news of the gospel:

our salvation is through faith in Christ Jesus.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Response of Praise *Hear the Good News of Salvation (v. 1)* 441

*Hear the good news of salvation:
Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.
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.*

Time with the Children

Pastor Ann Pettit

We Gather Around God's Word

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Sermon

Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from The Confession of 1967 (9.21-22)

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.

**His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope
for people when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.**

**In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all,
moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience,
and initiates the new life in Christ.**

The new life takes shape in a community

**in which people know that God loves and accepts them
in spite of what they are.**

**They therefore accept themselves and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand,
except God's grace.**

Invitation to the Offering

Special Music

Creation Sings

-Covington

Accompanying video created by Carol Lown

To you, O God, creation sings,

Beast of the field and bird on wing. Alleluia!

The dawn awakes with a song,

And stars in heaven sing along. Alleluia!

Oceans and rivers pure and clear chant freely for the Lord to hear. Alleluia!

All fish that swim, in praise, rejoice, trees of the forest lift their voice. Alleluia!

Let everything that has breath their Creator bless.

Let us worship the Lord our Maker with a song.

Heaven and earth send forth a joyful "Alleluia!"

And worship Him in humbleness. Alleluia!

From all that dwell below the skies,

Let the Creator's praise arise, Alleluia!

Anthems of joy and hymns of praise, Alleluia! Sing "Alleluia!"

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.

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn

Spirit, Open My Heart

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Refrain:

Spirit, open my heart

to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love,

in receiving and in giving.

Spirit, open my heart.

*God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.*

*All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. (Refrain)*

*Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory. (Refrain)*

*May I weep with those who weep;
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another. (Refrain)*

*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**

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This Week At MPC

Sunday, October 16

9:00am	Adult Sunday School
9:30am	Faith Village
	Parent Fellowship
10:30am	Worship
4:30pm	Session

5:00pm Fun with Handbells
6:00pm Youth Hosted Baby Shower

Monday, October 17

7:00pm Massanutten Ringers
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, October 18

7:15pm Choir Room in use

Wednesday, October 19

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

Thursday, October 20

Friday, October 21 *Church Office Closed*

Saturday, October 22 *Church Office Closed*

Sunday, October 23

9:00am Adult Sunday School
9:30am High School Breakfast
No Faith Village today
10:30am Worship
1:00pm Family Cider Making at the
Wissingers
No Fun with Handbells today
No Evening Youth Group

Door Monitor:

Paul Weve

Greeters:

Chris and Phyllis Hamilton

Ushers and Water Pourers:

Ben Craig and Nick Swartz

Nursery:

Barbara Palmer and Dana Mather

Faith Village:

Jennifer Coffelt and Nancy Wayland

Godly Play:

David and Valerie Cale

Middle School Youth:

Sarah Rimer

High School Youth:

Gus Scheidt

Serving October 23

Door Monitor:

Marc Davis (10-11:45)

Greeters:

Helen Groves and Jan Reser

Ushers and Water Pourers:

TBD

Nursery:

Katie Gray and Barbara Palmer

Faith Village:

No Faith Village today

Godly Play:

Karen Enslin and Emily Burkholder

Middle School Youth:

Sarah Rimer

High School Youth:

Gus Scheidt

Baby Shower Today!
6-8 pm, Fellowship Hall

Hannah & Scott Altman are expecting a baby, and MPC youth & their leaders are throwing a shower to welcome their little one.

We're ALL invited!

The shower begins with dinner at 6, then games, fun, and cake! To help Hannah & Scott get ready for the arrival of their little one, check out the registries at Target & Amazon.

Family Apple Cider Making
Sunday, October 23rd, 1-4pm

The whole family is invited for an afternoon of Fall fun making apple cider with Kath & Skip Wissinger. Families are invited anytime between 1-4 pm.

Everyone will leave with cider!
If possible, please bring your own empty bottles. Families can check their emails for more info.

Children and Youth Corner

Sunday, October 16

9:30am	Faith Village Parent Fellowship
10:30am	Worship Godly Play
5:00pm	Fun with Handbells

6:00pm Youth Hosted Baby Shower
6:00pm Youth hosted

Sunday, October 23

No Faith Village or Parent Fellowship today
10:30am Worship
Godly Play
1:00pm Family Cider Making with Skip and Kath
Wissinger
No Fun with Handbells or Evening Youth Group 10/23

*Seeking to nurture and empower our children and youth
to live and serve in the world as loving disciples of Jesus Christ.*

Life at Massanutten

- **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** is working in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian. Emergency grants have been disbursed and National Response Team members are deployed. If you would like to make a gift to help the response, checks should be made out to the church noting **DROOO194** in the memo line.
- **Mark your calendars for 6 pm, Thursday, October 27th.** Faith in Action is holding an assembly to move forward proposals to address transportation and childcare needs in the Rockingham and Harrisonburg area. The assembly will be held at **Wilbur Pence Middle School** and is open to all of us to learn more and show our support for our neighbors who will be helped by these efforts.
- **Service and Sabbath hosted by Massanetta Springs November 11th —13th.** This opportunity may be enjoyed in whole (arrive on Friday—leave on Sunday) or part (arrive Saturday morning and spend the day at Massanetta in both service and sabbath). For details, pick up an information sheet on the table near the office windows or go to www.massanettasprings.org.
- **Massanetta Springs is available to help you celebrate the holidays**—from a simple lunch to a catered banquet, Massanetta is now booking special events. Contact Rachael Brannock at rachaelb@massanettasprings.org or 540-434-3829.

- **A community adult treble choir** rehearses right here at MPC on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm, and is conducted by Terri Butler and Georgia Newlin. To learn more, contact Terri at tmbutler@rockingham.k12.va.us or Georgia at gnewlin123@gmail.com.
- **Presbyterian Women Circles** meet for Bible Study and prayer each 2nd Tuesday morning at 10:00 am (Fellowship Hall); 2nd Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 pm (Bethel Room in Sunnyside Assisted Living Area); and 2nd Wednesday evening at 4:00 pm (Fellowship Hall). To learn more, contact the church office
- **Safety Corner**—Do not unlock or prop open exterior doors. A door monitor from your group should let people in and latecomers can use the door bell.



On January 1, 2021 the balance on our mortgage was \$1,071,111. As of September 21, 2022, our loan balance was \$383,815 - a decrease of **\$687,296** in the last 21 months. Since the beginning of the Debt Reduction Campaign 12 months ago, \$566,950 has been paid on the mortgage. The decreases is 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!**