

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

October 23, 2022

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude

Here, I Am Lord

-Carter

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Ka Guinn, Worship Leader

How lovely is the house of the Lord.

How beautiful to be gathered in the presence of God.

How lovely is the dwelling place of the Lord.

How beautiful is the image of God we behold in one another.

Let us worship God!

*Spirit divine, attend our prayers,
and make this house your home.
Descend with all your gracious powers.*

O come, great Spirit, come!

*Come as the light. To us reveal
our emptiness and woe.
And lead us in those paths of life
where all the righteous go.*

*Come as the fire and purge our hearts
like sacrificial flame.
Let our whole soul an offering be
to our Redeemer's name.*

*Come as the dove and spread your wings,
the wings of peaceful love.
And let the church on earth become
blest as the church above.*

*Spirit divine, attend our prayers.
Make a lost world your home.
Descend with all your gracious powers.
O come, great Spirit, come!*

***Call to Confession**

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

Loving God,

**too often we hide beneath the veil of religion
or trust too much in the good things we do.**

Smug and safe in our pews,

**we look down on those not here,
thankful we are not like them.**

Shatter us with the truth that all have sinned, even us.

We have failed to live as the people you call us to be.

Cleanse us and restore us,

for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Whether we are close or whether we are standing far off,

God's love in Jesus Christ seeks us out and gathers us in.

This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

our salvation is through faith in Christ Jesus.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Response of Praise** *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven (v. 1)*

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!

We Gather Around God's Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 18:9-14

Sermon

Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

From A Declaration of Faith

Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom

and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms.

He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first.

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us

lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom.

Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people

do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world,

but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom.

Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:

to serve as he has served us;

to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;

to walk by faith, not by sight,

to hope for what we have not seen.

*Response

We Lift Our Voices (selections)

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***We lift our voices;
we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering.***

Lord, use our voices;

Lord, use our hands;

Lord, use our lives;

they are yours:

we are an offering;

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We Respond to God's Word

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Invitation to the Offering

Special Music

Somebody's Prayin'

Elliot/Hayes

Somebody's prayin', I can feel it, somebody's prayin' for me.

Mighty hands are guiding me to protect me from what I can't see.

Lord, I believe, Lord I believe; somebody's prayin' for me.

Angels are watchin', I can feel it. Angels are watchin' over me.

Weary miles ahead 'til I get home, still I'm safely kept before the throne.

Lord, I believe; Lord I believe. Angels are watchin' over me.

Well, I've walked the barren wilderness where my pillow was a stone,

And I've been through the darkest caverns where no light has ever shone.

Still I went on 'cause there was someone who was down on their knees,

And I thank the Lord for people prayin' all the time for me.

Somebody's prayin', I can feel it, somebody's prayin' for me.

Mighty hands are guiding me to protect me from what I can't see.

Lord, I believe; Lord I believe. Somebody's prayin' for me.

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

Great God of Every Blessing

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*Great God of every blessing,
of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness,
the daily bread we share.*

How can we hope to thank you?

*Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

*Your Word is our salvation,
the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending
your covenant embrace.*

*In Christ we are one body;
each member has a part:*

sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

*Your Spirit is our teacher,
the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people
into the holy church.*

*For feeding us with mercy,
for wisdom you impart:*

sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *O God, You Are My God*

743

**Choir sings through once, congregation joins second time*

*O God, you are my God,
and I will ever praise you.*

*O God, you are my God,
and I will ever praise you.*

*I will seek you in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in your ways.*

*And step by step you'll lead me,
and I will follow you all of my days.*

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This Week At MPC

Sunday, October 23

9:00am	Adult Sunday School
9:30am	High School Breakfast
	<i>No Faith Village or Parent Fellowship today</i>
10:30am	Worship

1:00pm Family Cider Making at the
Wissingers
No Fun with Handbells today
No Evening Youth Group

Monday, October 24

7:00pm Massanutten Ringers
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, October 25

10:00am PW Coordinating Team (FH)
7:15pm Choir Room in use

Wednesday, October 26

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
10:30am Staff Meeting (FH)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 27

Friday, October 28 *Church Office Closed*

Saturday, October 29 *Church Office Closed*

Sunday, October 30

9:00am Adult Sunday School
9:30am Faith Village
Parent Fellowship
10:30am Worship
No Godly Play
11:45am LWW Lunch (FH)
5:00pm Fun with Handbells
6:00pm Youth Dinner & Fellowship

Serving October 23

Door Monitor:

Dwight William Newman (8:45-10:00)
Marc Davis (10-11:45)

Greeters:

Helen Groves and Jan Reser

Ushers and Water Pourers:

Harvey and Karen Mast

Nursery:

Katie Gray and Barbara Palmer

Faith Village:

No Faith Village today

Godly Play:

Karen Enslin and Emily Burkholder

Middle School Youth:

No Evening Youth Group

High School Youth:

No Evening Youth Group

Serving October 30

Door Monitor:

Skip Wissinger

Greeters:

Sally Brown and Ka Guinn

Ushers and Water Pourers:

Marc Davis and Mike Guinn

Nursery:

Erin Basgier and Sarah Rimer

Faith Village:

Jennifer Coffelt and Jean Kilby

Godly Play:

No Godly Play today—Communion

Middle School Youth:

Sarah Rimer

High School Youth:

Gus Scheidt

Family Apple Cider Making This Afternoon!

Sun., Oct. 23rd, 1-4 pm

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

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No Faith Village or Parent Fellowship today
9:30am *High School Breakfast*
10:30am Worship
Godly Play
1:00pm Family Cider Making with Skip and Kath
Wissinger
No Fun with Handbells today
No evening Youth Group today

Sunday, October 30

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10:30am	Worship <i>No Godly Play today</i>
5:00pm	Fun with Handbells
6:00pm	Youth Dinner and Fellowship

*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 on next 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.
- **We are searching for a Nursery Caregiver to join our staff on Sunday mornings.** Candidates must be at least 21 years of age, have experience with small children, submit to a background check, participate in our child protection training, and provide a resume and references. For more details, see our Blessings email newsletter or contact the church office.
- **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.