

Massanutten Presbyterian Church
A Service for the Lord's Day
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 2022

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Festive Promenade* -Kath Wissinger

Massanutten Ringers and Fun with Handbells

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Kathy Frakes, Worship Leader

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

and all your faithful shall bless you.

O Lord, let us speak of the glory of your realm, and tell of your power.

Let us make known to all people your mighty deeds,

and the glorious splendor of your realm.

Your realm is an everlasting realm,

and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Siblings in Christ, citizens of God's blossoming, glorious realm,

let us worship God together!

*Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!*

*What God's almighty power has made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might,
lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!*

*The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!*

*Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,*

*that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of wonder, we confess our sins and pray for your help

so that we can truly repent and turn from evil.

Deliver us from the temptation to hide from you, to lie to you,

or to excuse ourselves because of the harm we have done to others.

Forgive us for the curse we have brought upon the earth.

Restore your creation to full health

and feed the multitudes from the abundance of your merciful power.

Grow in us a deeper desire to love Christ

with the fullness of your love, and to glorify him,

along with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God

and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*The name of Jesus charms our fears,
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life, and health, and peace.*

We Gather Around God's Word

Time with the Children

Pastor Ann Pettit

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

Sermon

Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.1

The Holy Spirit brings God's forgiveness to people, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death.

Adapted from The Confession of 1967, 9.20 and 9.24

Christ is restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for God's benefits, so that God may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living, our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

Adapted from The Heidelberg Catechism, 4.086

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks, and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.4

Special Music *But the Lord Is Mindful of His Own* -Mendelssohn

*But the Lord is mindful of His own,
He remembers His children.*

*Bow down before Him, ye mighty,
For the Lord is near us!*

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

Invitation to Stewardship

*Hymn

Take My Life

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*1) Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*2) Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.*

*3) Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.*

*4) Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.*

5) *Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.*

6) *Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Creator God, it was you who formed our inward parts;
you knit us together in our mothers' wombs.

We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Redeeming God, through you we have been adopted as children of God;
in you we live and move and have our being.

We praise you, for your love has saved us.

Sustaining God, your power at work within us

is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.

We praise you, for your love is transforming us.

We present these commitments to you,

asking that you would bless all your children through them.

May these commitments help us

to take the next step in our journeys of discipleship.

We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

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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, Nov. 13—Commitment Sunday

9:00am Adult Sunday School
9:30am HS Youth Breakfast
Faith Village
Parent Fellowship
10:00am Coffee Fellowship
10:30am Worship
Godly Play
11:30am Celebration (FH)
5:00pm Fun with Handbells
6:00pm Youth Dinner & Fellowship

Monday, Nov. 14 *Church Office Closed*

7:00pm Massanutten Ringers

Tuesday, Nov. 15

9:30am Presbytery Meetings (Massanetta Springs)
9:00am Preschool (FH)
7:15pm Choir Room in use

Wednesday, Nov. 16

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
11:00am Preschool (FH)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Nov. 17

8:30am Preschool (119)
5:00pm Crossroads Farms Annual Meeting (FH)

Friday, Nov. 18 *Church Office Closed*

Saturday, Nov. 19 *Church Office Closed*

9:00am Faith in Action (FH)

Sunday, Nov. 20

9:00am Adult Sunday School
9:30am *No HS Breakfast today*
Faith Village
Parent Fellowship
10:30am Worship
Godly Play
5:00pm Fun with Handbells
6:00pm Youth Dinner & Fellowship
6:30pm Session Meeting (GA)

Serving November 13

Door Monitor: Barbara Palmer

Greeters: Tom and Gina Holden

Ushers and Water Pourers: Denny and Rebecca Arthur

Nursery: Emily Burkholder & Sharon Lam

Faith Village: Jennifer Coffelt & Jean Kilby

Godly Play: Diann and Robin Reed

High School Breakfast: Diann Reed

Middle School Youth: Sarah Rimer

High School Youth: Gus Scheidt

Serving November 20

Door Monitor: Jack Rimer

Greeters: TBD

Ushers and Water Pourers: John, Angela, Cameron & Corinna Kaltenborn

Nursery: Nancy Wayland

Faith Village: Jennifer Coffelt & Jean Kilby

Godly Play: Angela Kaltenborn

High School Breakfast: *Will not meet*

Middle School Youth: Sarah Rimer & Karen Mast

High School Youth: Gus Scheidt

Life at Massanutten

- **Today is Celebration Sunday!** Please plan to gather in the Fellowship Hall following worship for a show of gratitude for God's generosity. A light lunch has been prepared and we will take part in two hands-on outreach activities for Open Doors guests staying at Massanetta next month. A team will also head off-site to give thanks by assisting a member of our church family with yardwork.
- **Advent begins two weeks from today!** The Worship Commission invites the congregation to join them in readying the sanctuary and a few other areas in the church for the season. Put November 26th on your calendar—9:00 am. There will be good fellowship, and some light breakfast refreshments to enjoy while the group is working.
- The Presbyterian Women's Organization and Congregation are joining together in a care project. We will be creating **holiday baskets** to share with those who are unable to gather for worship regularly and are seeking contributions to those baskets. Check out the information board in the Narthex to see what's needed—and take a stickie to help you remember! Items need to be returned to the church by **Sunday, December 4th..**
- **The Congregational Nominating Committee** has started its work seeking Ruling Elder Nominees for the class of 2025. This year's Nominating Committee includes Janina Peachey (chair), Chris Hamilton, Sally Brown, Jean Gearing, Gina Holden, & Dave Reser. The committee invites your thoughtful recommendations to help them as they discern the congregation's needs & the gifts of those who will be invited to serve. To share a name, please complete a nomination form which can be found at the church on Sunday mornings.

- **Santa Sack Collection** The Presbyterian Women are collecting the following items for Santa Sacks for the Salvation Army.: Shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste/toothbrushes, hairbrushes, combs, hand lotion, bar soap, hand sanitizers, wash cloths, kitchen towels, hot mats, tissues (small packs), popcorn, snack crackers, hot chocolate (no glass or pump containers). Place your donations in the box in the narthex by December 1st.
- **Christmas Dinner and Music**—Saturday, December 3rd at Massanetta Springs. A delicious dinner will be followed by music from JMU's ReScored—a lower-voice a cappella group. Make a reservation by contacting Massanetta!
- **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**—See something? Say Something? Share your concern with an usher, door monitor, or safety team member.

Advent Celebration
Sunday, December 11th
Right after Worship

Dinner, prepared by the Community Life Commission
Music and Caroling provided by the Massanutten Ringers
And,
A Care Project, led by the Presbyterian Women.

Mark your calendars for this time of Holiday Fellowship and Sharing!

Children and Youth Corner

Sunday, November 13

- 9:30am High School Breakfast
Faith Village
Parent Fellowship
- 10:30am Worship
Godly Play
- 5:00pm Fun with Handbells
- 6:00pm Youth Dinner & Fellowship

Sunday, November 20

- 9:30am Faith Village
Parent Fellowship
HS Breakfast will not meet
- 10:30am Worship
Godly Play
- 5:00pm Fun with Handbells
- 6:00pm Youth Dinner & Fellowship

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

Bold Faith + Extravagant Generosity = Changing Lives

On January 1, 2021, the balance on our mortgage was \$1,071,111. As of October 21, 2022, our loan balance was \$366,850 - a decrease of **\$704,261** in the last 23 months.

Since the Debt Elimination Campaign began in October 2021, \$583,915 has been paid on the mortgage as a result of budgeted mortgage payments, additional giving to reduce debt through the year, & gifts made toward campaign commitments. **To God be the Glory!**

