



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
Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *Jesus Shall Reign Wher'er the Sun*

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *XXX* -XX

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Ka Guinn, Worship Leader
With joy and gladness,
with thanks and praise,
we gather before the Lord our God.
With heart and voice,
with hands and feet,
we worship the Risen One!

*Hymn *Christ is Alive* 246

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.*

*In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.*

*Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.*

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Loving God,
We confess that our faith is sometimes weak,
our love for others can be faint,
our prayers are often timid,
and our gratitude is frequently unconvincing.
When we stand looking toward heaven,
yet feel far from you,
you draw near in mercy to forgive us.
When we feel weak and afraid
you bear us up and fill us with your power.
When we look away from what is important
you show us what is true.
Thank you God, for never giving up on us.
Thank you for the way your love changes us.
Through Jesus we pray, Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, the good news is just this: the power of God to pardon and forgive is endless. Therefore, we can say it loud and clear:
Through Christ's deep love and mercy our sins are forgiven.
Alleluia! Amen.

*Response	<i>Alleluia</i> <i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>Give thanks to the risen Lord.</i> <i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>Give praise to his name</i> <i>Come let us praise the living God,</i> <i>joyfully sing to our Savior.</i> <i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>Give thanks to the risen Lord.</i> <i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i>	240	Anthem	<i>Beyond</i> <i>Beyond the bounds of space, beyond the universe,</i> <i>beyond the farthest star, God sings, "I AM."</i> <i>Beyond the bounds of time, beyond eternity,</i> <i>beyond all life and death, God sings, "I AM."</i> <i>Beyond the bounds of mind, beyond the intellect,</i> <i>beyond all human thought, God sings. "I AM."</i> <i>Within this storied place, without our fellowship,</i> <i>within the here and now, God sings. "I AM."</i>	-Kandor
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We Gather Around God's Word

Time with the Children	Jennifer Coffelt
Scripture Reading	Acts 1:6-14
Sermon	Pastor Ann Pettit

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (<i>unison</i>)	<i>A Declaration of Faith</i>
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In forming his people and sending them into the world

Jesus called individuals to be disciples.

**They were to share the joy of his companionship,
to understand and obey his teachings,
and to follow him in life and death.**

We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship.

**Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ
is God's undeserved gift to each of us.**

**It is also God's demand upon every one of us,
never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.**

**Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters,
we strive to become more faithful and effective
in our daily practice of the Christian life.**

Invitation to the Offering

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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	<i>God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me</i>	543
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*God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Bind to myself the Name of Holy,
great cloud of witnesses enfold;
prophets, apostles, angels witness:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,
flashing of lightning, strength of wind,
depth of the sea to soil of planet:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*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.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

We Will Walk with God

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*We will walk with God, my brothers;
we will walk with God.
We will walk with God, my sisters;
we will walk with God.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.*

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Life at Massanutten

- **An eight-week opportunity for adult Sunday School** will begin on June 4th and continue through July 23rd. This study is for all interested adults. It will be a discussion-based class that looks at the scripture(s) that will be preached in worship on that Sunday. The class will meet from 9-10 am in the Fellowship Hall. We are excited to offer this opportunity for summertime adult formation and fellowship!
- **Next Sunday is Pentecost**—wear your reds, yellows and oranges to celebrate the Holy Spirit. During the service we will share the Lord's Supper. We will also be receiving the Pentecost Offering. This offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share faith, ideas and unique gifts with the church and the world. 40% of gifts received remain at Massanutten to make an impact in the lives of young people within our community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.
- **MPC Youth will be heading to Raleigh, North Carolina, to participate in Raleigh Youth Mission July 16-21.** Throughout their time together they will volunteer at agencies that seek to meet the needs of those who struggle with homelessness, hunger, and poverty in general. Gus Scheidt and Sarah Rimer will chaperone this trip - and there are still a few slots available for youth who'd like to join the group. Please contact Hannah Altman if you have a youth or know of a youth grade 7 - 12 who would like to participate.
- **A Matter of Balance Class** will be held at MPC June 7-July26 from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The class is being offered by Valley Program for Aging Services. Flyers are available on the table in the narthex.
- Plan to attend the **Presbyterian Women's Birthday Celebration and Luncheon** on Sunday, June 11 following worship. Deidre Lenderking will presenting an update on Blessings in a Bag. Lunch will be provided and all women are invited to attend.
- As the program year winds down, and summer schedules kick in, consider participating in a **'Kick-Off-The-Summer'** read. Between now and June 15, those interested are invited to read Wholehearted Faith, by Rachel Held Evans, compiled by Jeff Chu. Contact the church office to reserve a book or order a copy online. Opportunities to gather to discuss the book will be offered mid-June.
- **Mark your calendars—Our annual book, yard and bake sale** will be held at the church on Saturday, July 15th. Proceeds from the book and bake sale will go toward purchasing school supplies for our Food Pantry children. Church members and friends will be able to set up their own yard sale. Watch for more information.

This Week At MPC

Sunday, May 21—Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

- 9:00am Adult Sunday School
- 9:30am HS Youth Breakfast
- Faith Village
- Parent Fellowship
- 10:30am Worship
- Godly Play
- 5:00pm Fun with Handbells
- 6:00pm Youth Dinner & Fellowship
- 6:00pm New Officer Exam (GA)
- 6:30pm Session Meeting (GA)

Monday, May 22

- 9:00am Preschool (S)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, May 23

- 8:00am Preschool (FH) until 1pm
- 9:00am Preschool (S)

Wednesday, May 24

- 7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
- 9:30am Preschool Graduation (S)
- 10:30am Staff Meeting (L)
- 6:00pm Nurture & Discipleship (GA)
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 25

- 8:00am Preschool (FH) until 1pm
- 6:30pm Preschool Graduation (S)

Friday, May 26 Church Office Closed

Saturday, May 27 Church Office Closed

Sunday, May 28

- Pentecost: Wear Red!*
- 10:30am Worship



MPC preschool children are finishing up the year!

Next week our two four-year-old classes will get ready to graduate and celebrate with their families in the sanctuary (May 24th at 9:30 am and May 25th at 6:30 pm).

And, our two three-year-old classes will celebrate in the Fellowship Hall throughout the mornings on May 23rd and 25th. Congratulations to the 53 children who have learned so much since September, and many thanks to the teachers for the creative ways they have helped their education get off to a strong start!

Children and Youth

Sunday, May 21

- 9:30am HS Breakfast
- Last Faith Village & Parent Fellowship of the Program Year
- 10:30am Worship
- Godly Play
- 5:00pm Fun with Handbells
- 6:00pm Youth Dinner and Fellowship

Sunday, May 28

- 10:30am Worship

Sunday, June 4

- 10:30am Worship
- HS Senior Recognition & Commissioning of Summer Program Participants

While the educational year programming has ended until the fall, there are opportunities ahead for us to remember in prayer, and or support in other ways:

Montreat High School Conference: June 11-17

For the first time in years, our high school youth will travel to Montreat to attend the Youth Conference. This year's theme is *In-Joy*, Participants will explore the sources and meaning of authentic joy grounded in the light of God's love and healing power through worship, music, learning, and recreation. Spaces are available. Contact Hannah Altman.

Massanetta Middle School Conference: June 27-30

Our Middle School Youth have been attending and LOVING—this conference for a number of years. This year's theme is *Welcome Home*. Participants will examine Psalm 23 in a deeper way and explore the familiar words through keynote, recreation, workshops and encounter groups.

Raleigh Youth Mission Trip: July 16-21

Our youth will volunteer at agencies that seek to meet the needs of those who struggle with homelessness, hunger and poverty. *Spaces are available—contact Hannah to learn more!*

Serving May 21

Door Monitor: Harvey Mast

Greeters: Karen Enslin

Ushers and Water Pourers:
Marc Davis & ??

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Sharon Lam

Faith Village:
Jennifer Coffelt & Nancy Wayland

Godly Play: Emily Burkholder

HS Breakfast: Robin & Diann Reed

MS Youth: Sarah Rimer & Dave Lenderking

HS Youth: Gus Scheidt

Serving May 28

Door Monitor: Phil Miller

Greeters: Denny & Rebecca Arthur

Ushers and Water Pourers:
Greg & Ann Trobaugh

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Erin Basgier

Faith Village, Godly Play and Regular Youth Programming will resume in September.