



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
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *Here in this Place* Haugen

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Adagio from Sonata II* -Mendelssohn

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

When Abraham was troubled,
God said, "Do not be distressed."
When Hagar gave up,
God said, "Do not be afraid."
No matter what happens,
God is with us. Praise the Lord!

*Hymn *God of Our Life* 686

*God of our life, through all the circling years,
we trust in thee.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears,
thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.*

*God of the past, our times are in thy hand.
With us abide.*

Yard, Book and Bake Sale
Saturday, July 15 @ MPC Parking Lot and Fellowship Hall
7:00 am — noon

How to Participate:

- ◆ Come browse the sales throughout the morning; book purchases are by donation. Individually sellers set the prices for their items.
- ◆ Reserve space and sell your items (\$15.00/two parking spaces—bring your own table). Contact the church office to reserve your space.
- ◆ Bake something yummy to share with the sale. Contact Sally Brown with questions. (sallyhbrown47@gmail.com)

Reservation fees and proceeds from the book and bake sales support the purchase of school supplies for Food Pantry and area children.

Children and Youth

Sunday, June 25
10:30am Worship

Sunday, July 2
10:30am Worship

While regular programming for children and youth has ended until the Fall, there are opportunities ahead for us to remember them in prayer or support in other ways:

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 leaders, 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 struggling with homelessness, hunger & poverty. Spots are available. Contact Hannah Altman.

*Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land.
 Be thou our guide.
 With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
 and faith's fair vision changes into sight.*

*God of the coming years, through paths unknown
 we follow thee.
 When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone.
 Our refuge be.
 Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
 our heart's true home when all our years have sped.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We confess to you, loving God, we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you as you have loved us.

We confess to you, living God,
 our failure to live as siblings connected to one another and to you.

We have not loved you as you have loved us.

We confess to you, gracious God,
 we have doubted your word and failed to obey its teaching.

We have not loved you as you have loved us.

We confess to you, almighty God,
 that we have let fear and pride define the way we see the world.

We have not loved you as you have loved us.

Forgive us, O God, for we are sorry and long to be changed. Refresh our hearts, minds and spirits so that as we live and serve in your world, others will see your love at work within us.

Help us to love you more fully, just as we have been fully loved. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Friends, remember: God's love is far reaching and strong. In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has shown us just how far He will go to redeem us.

**Thanks be to God, who through Jesus Christ has forgiven us. Alleluia!
 Amen.**

*Response

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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*When morning gilds the skies,
 my heart awaking cries:*

Life at Massanutten

- Please join us in prayer **for participants in the Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference this week which begins on Tuesday.** Gage Becker, Jacob Burkholder, Kristen Enslin, Paige Hargens, Tori Kaltenborn, Carolina Rascoe, Grace Roberts, and Reagan Pace will attend the conference with leadership from Karen Mast and Doug Sensabaugh. This year's theme is *Welcome Home*. Participants will take a deep dive into the 23rd Psalm while building relationships with each other and youth from other places.
- Following worship this morning, **a few hands are needed for about 20 minutes** to set up tables in the Fellowship Hall, and bring boxes up from the lower level for the annual Book Sale.
- **A Summer Adult Sunday School class** continues to meet at 9 am through July 23rd. This discussion-based class looks at the scripture(s) that will be preached in worship on that Sunday. Each week stands alone; join the conversation as you are able!
- **A Matter of Balance Class** is being held in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays from 2:00—4:00 pm through July 26th. The class is being offered by Valley Program for Aging Services. Flyers are available on the table in the narthex.
- Throughout the summer, **Open Doors will host Sunday evening meals** to serve 30 people at 20 East Gay Street in Harrisonburg between 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Our first Sunday is August 6. Sign up in the Narthex. Contact Julia Sensabaugh with questions.
- The annual patriotic/pops concert, **Celebrate America!**, featuring the Shenandoah Valley Choral Society directed by Curtis Nolley, and the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Concert Band directed by Melissa Harper, will be held 7:30 pm Sat., July 1st, at Harrisonburg High School. Tickets are available at the door, Bridgewater Food Supermarket (Bridgewater), Friendly City Food Co-op (Harrisonburg) and online at singsshendoah.org. Admission: Adults \$12; Seniors/Students \$10; and children 12 and under \$5.
- **The Food Pantry has refreshed their needed item list for the summer:** canned ravioli/Spaghetti-O's etc; canned fruits, health breakfast cereals; cake, muffin and brownie mixes; instant and boxed potatoes; crackers, condiments, jello and pudding mix; non-food items: toilet paper, toothpaste, paper towels, soap, shampoo and laundry detergent.
- **Safety Corner**—Your car fob has an alarm. Learn to use it, in case you are ever threatened or in a dangerous situation.

This Week At MPC

Sunday, June 25

9:00am Adult Sunday School (FH)
Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Worship
Setup tables in FH following worship

Monday, June 26

Tuesday, June 27

Wednesday, June 28

5:30pm Nurture & Discipleship
7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
2:00pm Matter of Balance class (FH)

Thursday, June 29

Friday, June 30 Church Office Closed

Saturday, July 1 Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 2

9:00am Adult Sunday School (FH)
Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Worship

*may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair:
may Jesus Christ be praised!*

We Gather Around God's Word

Time with the Children	Hannah Altman
Scripture Reading	Genesis 21:8-21
Sermon	Pastor Ann Pettit

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith *A Declaration of Faith*

**Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom.
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.
Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey
all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful.
No more than Christ are we spared
the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world.
We are in the world, but not of the world.
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:
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.**

Serving June 25

Door Monitor: Harvey Mast

Greeters: Keith & Linda Knupp

Ushers and Water Pourers:
Dale & Dorothy Dobroth

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Sally Brown

Faith Village: *Will resume in the Fall*

Godly Play: *Will resume in the Fall*

MS Youth: *Will resume in the Fall*

HS Youth: *Will resume in the Fall*

Serving July 2

Door Monitor: Fred Good

Greeters: Ric & JoAnn Leobold

Ushers and Water Pourers:
Sally Brown

Nursery:
Katie Rodgers & Julia Sensabaugh

Faith Village: *Will resume in the Fall*

Godly Play: *Will resume in the Fall*

MS Youth: *Will resume in the Fall*

HS Youth: *Will resume in the Fall*

Invitation to the Offering

Special Music	<i>All Things Work Together for Good</i> Eva Byliss and Doug Sensabaugh	-Carter
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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

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

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Refrain:

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

*Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)*

*Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us and far away. (Refrain)*

*These are the ones we should serve;
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)*

*Loving puts us on our knees,
willing to wash others' feet;
this is the way we should live like you. (Refrain)*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

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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.*

It's Picnic Time!

Sunday, July 23rd—Immediately Following Worship—Picnic Shelter

The Community Life Commission invites everyone to gather in the shelter for a picnic complete with **Newman's BBQ Chicken, fellowship and activities** for kids of all ages.

Along with chicken, table service and beverages will be provided.
Please plan to bring a dessert, side dish and/or salad to share.
(Bring your dish to the picnic shelter prior to the service).

We will also be receiving gifts for the **Tabitha Fund**.
Named for a faithful disciple in the early church, this fund confidentially assists members of our church family in challenging times. Please make checks payable to Massanutten Presbyterian Church or make a gift online.



Church Picnic

Massanutten Presbyterian Church

Class of 2024

Ka Guinn
Matt Hamblen
John Kaltenborn
Bill Kilby
Ron Matthews
Janina Peachey

Class of 2025

Jan Arnold
Ben Craig
Bill Frazier
Chris Hamilton
Julia Sensabaugh

Class of 2026

Ashley Gordon-Becker
Jennifer Coffelt
Deidre Lenderking
Beth Smith

Session and Staff

Clerk: Jody Humphreys;

Moderators: Ann Pettit and Keith Phillips

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