

*Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young; our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God, we know that one of your commandments
is to remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

We are present, Lord, here in worship,
but forgive us when we punch our “spiritual clock” and call it a day;

forgive us when we’ve “done our time with you”

and move on to the business or busyness of the day.

Forgive us when we prioritize other activities
over resting in your presence.

Help us to remember that “holy” means set apart
for the intention of sacred time -
whatever fashion that may take.

May Sabbath time not be one more thing to check off our list,
or something to make us feel guilty.

May Sabbath time be recognized as a gift of grace from you. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Even as we stray from your path for us,

You continue to love us and forgive us.

Friends, this is the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Grace and mercy abound!

*Response

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (v. 4)

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*Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.*

*Passing of the Peace (*responsively*)

May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

You are invited to take a moment to share Christ's peace with your siblings in Christ,
respecting everyone's desire for as much or as little physical contact in doing so.

We Gather Around God's Word

*Sung Prayer for Illumination *Lord, Prepare Me* 701

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.*

Time with the Children

Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference Participants

Scripture Reading

Matthew 12: 1-8

Sermon

Honor Sabbath: Celebrate Sabbath

Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

From A Declaration of Faith (9.3)

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
personal lives that are centered in God
and open to God's reality and rule.**

**Christ teaches us to put obedience to God
above the interests of self, family, race or nation;
to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time.**

**It is part of our discipline
to observe a day of worship and rest,
setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work,
celebrating the Lord's goodness with siblings in Christ.**

**We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture,
not expecting detailed directions for every decision,**

but relying on the Word to tell us who God is,
to press God's present claim on us,
and to assure us of God's grace and comfort.

We are charged to pray for ourselves and others
with gratitude, boldness, and persistence,
confident that God hears and answers our prayers
in ways best for us all.

Life in God's presence issues in life for others,
for if we do not love siblings whom we see,
we cannot love God whom we do not see.

Invitation to the Offering

Special Music

God Leads Us

-Larson

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

Lord, When I Came into This Life

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*Lord, when I came into this life you called me by my name;
today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.*

*Within the circle of the faith, as member of your cast,
I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.*

*In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt,
let your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (v. 1)*

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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.*

This Week At MPC

Sunday, July 2

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

Monday, July 3 *Church Office Closed*

Tuesday, July 4 *Church Office Closed*

Wednesday, July 5

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

Thursday, July 6

6:30pm Dance Group (GA)

Friday, July 7 *Church Office Closed*

Saturday, July 8 *Church Office Closed*

Sunday, July 9

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

Serving July 2

Door Monitor: Fred Good

Greeters: Ric & JoAnn Leobold

Ushers and Water Pourers: Sally Brown & Dwight Newman

Nursery: Julia Sensabaugh & Erin Basgier

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 9

Door Monitor: Marc Davis

Greeters: Bettye Davis & Anita Brechtel

Ushers and Water Pourers: Larry & Pam French

Nursery: Katie Rodgers

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*

Life at Massanutten

- **Special thanks to Ed Glover** for serving as our organist today.
- **The church office will be closed** Monday and Tuesday, July 3 and 4, for Independence Day.
- **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!
- **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.
- **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 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.

Yard, Book and Bake Sale

Saturday, July 15 @ MPC Parking Lot and Fellowship Hall

7:00 am — 1:00 pm

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.

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.

Congregational Concerns

Members of Our Church Family...

Carole Kreowski, Bob Bales, Flo & Harry Hall, Doris Field, Don Enslin, Bill Painter, Helen Scully, Chen Liu, Joe and Ann Arnold, Patti Hobbie (at HHR for PT), Martha Floyd (now receiving hospice care), Luke Hamblen

Friends of Our Church Family...

Bill Sheppard, father of Pam French; Sarah Phillips (mother), Paul Wicker

(grandfather), **Emma McLean** (cousin), family of Pastor Keith; **Kelli** (niece) and **Phyllis Mondak** (friend), of Cheryl Henderson; **Jean Gilbert**, sister of Jan Reser; **Genie Mosher** (sister/heart concerns), **Cherie' Mosher-Sanchez** (niece/cerebral spinal fluid leak), family of Kat Marlowe; **Kat Sorensen**, daughter of Frank and Jean Gearing; **David Frye**, friend of Mike and Ka Guinn; **Cynthia Brock**, (broken shoulder); **Maureen O'Callahan** (severe pain); **Melinda Dobroth**, sister of Dale Dobroth (breast cancer); **Huyen Huynh**, friend of Dana Mather (recently diagnosed with stage 4 brain tumor; mother of a teenage son and 8 year old daughter); **Fleming Jones**, of our church family (recovering at home from triple bypass surgery 6.15), **Jewel Downs**, sister of Kat Marlowe (multiple myeloma),

We Extend Sympathy ...

Nancy Davis and her family upon the death of her sister's husband, Avery Dunn, in Winston-Salem, NC. We also request prayers for Nancy's sister, Betty Dunn.

Please help us stay current with prayer concerns by updating the church office of any changes to these requests!

Concerns in the Community and World...

The War in Ukraine.

Our mission efforts: Massanutten Food Pantry, Blessings in a Bag, Living Waters for the World, Habitat for Humanity, Open Doors, Valley Interfaith Action.

Serving Our Country...

Jon Guinn & Jackie DeGaine, son & daughter-in-law of Ka & Mike Guinn (Washington, DC); **Justin Brockhoff**, nephew of Dave & Jan Reser (Pentagon); **William Preston**, son of Chris and Jessica Preston; **Marcus Sensabaugh**, son of Julia and Doug Sensabaugh (Montana); **Hunter Barr**, nephew of David & Alicia Gutschow (Parris Island, SC); **Matt Riordan**, grandson of Jack Heintzleman (Fairbanks, AK); **Tanner Kenny**, nephew of Gus and Stephanie Scheidt (Deployed); **Dylan Kenny**, nephew of Gus and Stephanie Scheidt (Navy), **Joseph Knight**, brother of Ben Craig (deployed); **Elizabeth Davis**, daughter of Marc and Nancy Davis (CENTCOM in Tampa, FL).

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