# Massanutten Presbyterian Church A Service for the Lord's Day Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 16, 2023 10:30 a.m.

# We Gather at God's Call

Introit Be Still and Know That I Am God (sung twice)

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First time: Choir Second time: Everyone

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude O God, Beyond All Praising

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\*Call to Worship (responsively)

The earth and all that is in it belong to God.

God has given us this world, this life, this day!

God has set aside this day, the blessing of the Sabbath.

To bless us so that we may bless the world.

Blessed are you, O God, sovereign of all the universe.

And blessed are the works of your hands.

You have given us the Sabbath and commanded us to keep it holy.

A day set apart for resting in your presence.

Let us worship God!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

We confess, O God, that all too often we are selfish.
Our concerns are mostly for ourselves;
our prayers are only for those whom we know;
we work only for what we stand to gain;
we give only to get.

Forgive us, God!

Help us to stop, to refocus our energy,

to rest in your holy presence

to breathe in your blessing

and breathe out our prayers of thanks. Amen.

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (responsively)

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith.

Beloved people of God, believe the good news:

through Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

\*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

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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

Pastor Keith Phillips

Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:8-11

Sermon Honor

Sabbath Worship Series: Live in Holy Rhythm

Rev. Bronwen Boswell

## 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.

Sharing Our Faith—Tabitha Fund

Ka Guinn

Invitation to the Offering

Special Music

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken Becky Ford, Trumpet

-Hayden/Fritchie

## Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

#### We Are Sent to the World

\*Hymn

O Day of Rest and Gladness

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O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright; on you, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune, sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God triune.

On you, at earth's creation the light first had its birth; on you, for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth; on you, our Lord victorious sent Spirit forth from heaven. And thus on you, most glorious, a triple light was given.

On you, God's people, meeting, the Holy Scripture hear,
Christ's living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near.
New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (v. 4)

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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.

#### This Week At MPC

Sunday, July 16

9:00am Adult Sunday School (FH)

Choir Rehearsal

10:30am Worship

Monday, July 17 Parking Lot Repair rescheduled for July 23-28

Tuesday, July 18

Wednesday, July 19

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

Thursday, July 20

Friday, July 21 Church Office Closed

Saturday, July 22 Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 23

9:00am Adult Sunday School (FH)

Choir Rehearsal

10:30am Worship

**Serving July 16** 

**Door Monitor:** Phyllis Hamilton

Greeters: Tom & Gina Holden

Ushers and Water Pourers: Robin & Diann Reed

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Sharon Lam

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 23** 

**Door Monitor:** Jack Rimer

**Greeters:** Tom & Gina Holden

Ushers and Water Pourers: Lewis, Emily & Jacob Burkholder

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Katie Gray

**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

• We welcome Rev. Bronwen Boswell as our guest preacher today! She is the general presbyter and stated clerk of Shenandoah Presbytery. Last month, she was also named the Acting Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), until the election of a new stated clerk at next summer's General Assembly in Salt Lake City, Utah. Rev. Boswell is filling the unexpired term of former Stated Clerk Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, who stepped down at the end of June.

Rev. Boswell is a graduate of St. Andrews Presbyterian College and received her Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. She has served in a number of presbytery and mid council leadership roles, as well as interim pastorates in the PC(USA). She is married to the Rev. Howard W. Boswell, Jr.,

- pastor of Buena Vista Presbyterian Church in Buena Vista, Virginia. They have four children—three who are ordained deacons and the fourth is on the associate pastor nominating committee at his church.
- Church Parking Lot Maintenance has been rescheduled for July 24-28.

  Parking spaces will be available, but areas of maintenance will be marked off.
- 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!
- Massanetta Springs Bible & Church Music Conference will be held July 23-29. The theme for this year's conference is *Instruments of Peace*. The conference is for all ages of worship leaders. Whether you are ordained or a layperson, there are plenty of opportunities to learn, practice, and worship together. For more information visit Massanetta's website at www.massanettasprings.org or call (540) 434-3829.
- 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.

Bold Faith + Extravagant Generosity

= Changing Lives

On January 1, 2021, the balance on our mortgage was \$1,071,111. As of June 22, 2023, our balance was \$157,659 a decrease of \$913,452 since January 2021. Since the Debt Elimination Campaign began in September 2021, \$793,106 has been paid on the mortgage as a result of budgeted mortgage payments, additional giving to reduce debt through the year and gifts made toward campaign commitments. To God be the Glory!

#### 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 pavable to Massanutten Presbyterian



# Congregational Concerns

#### Members of Our Church Family...

Carole Kreowski, Bob Bales, Flo & Harry Hall, Doris Field, Bill Painter, Helen Scully, Chen Liu, Joe and Ann Arnold, Martha Floyd (now receiving hospice care), Luke Hamblen, Patti Hobbie (came home from HHR last week), Ka Guinn (upcoming knee replacement surgery), Don Enslen (upcoming hip surgery), Marta Armstrong (recovering from broken arm), Ann Arnold (recovering from recent fall)

#### 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; Cherie' Mosher-Sanchez (niece of Kat Marlowe, cerebral spinal fluid leak); 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).

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).

# **Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session**

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Ka Guinn	Jan Arnold	Ashley Gordon-Becker
Matt Hamblen	Ben Craig	Jennifer Coffelt
John Kaltenborn	Bill Frazier	Deidre Lenderking
Bill Kilby	Chris Hamilton	Beth Smith
Ron Matthews	Julia Sensabaugh	
Janina Peachey		

Clerk: Jody Humphreys

Moderators: Rev. Ann Pettit and Rev. Keith Phillips

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