

Massanutten Presbyterian Church  
 A Service for the Lord's Day  
*Eighth Sunday After Pentecost*

July 23, 2023

10:30 a.m.

**We Gather at God's Call**

Introit	<i>Be Still and Know That I Am God (sung twice)</i>	414
	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	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i>	-arr. Page
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\*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Tori Kaltenborn, Worship Leader

We gather in this quiet place to hear the words God would speak into our hearts.

**Let us listen in the silence.**

Let our bodies know rest.

**Let the worries of our minds cease.**

Let the doubts of our hearts be stilled.

**Let us walk into the mystery of God's presence.**

Let us worship God!

*Hymn	<i>How Lovely, Lord</i>	402
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*How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place;  
 my soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace.  
 The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest;  
 and so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.*

*In your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day  
 is better than a thousand if I from you should stray.  
 I'd rather keep the entrance and claim you as my Lord  
 than revel in the riches the ways of sin afford.*

*A sun and shield forever are you, O Lord Most High;  
you shower us with blessings; no good will you deny.  
The saints, your grace receiving, from strength to strength shall go,  
and from their life shall rivers of blessing overflow.*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God,

you created the Sabbath for us as a day of rest,  
and commanded us to keep it holy.

Your son, Jesus,

reminded us that the Sabbath was made for us,  
a gift from you.

But too often, even when we are worshiping you,  
our minds are elsewhere.

Sometimes we turn our thoughts to our busy calendars  
rather than to you.

Forgive us, God!

Help us to be attentive to your loving presence -  
now as we worship,  
and in every moment of our lives.

Help us to remember that our time  
and our very lives belong to you,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Friends, believe the good news.

Through Jesus Christ, God beckons us to come,  
to rest, to find forgiveness.

In God's mercy, wider than the sea and higher than the heavens,  
we can rest.

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you 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

Youth Participants of the Raleigh Mission Trip

Scripture Reading

Mark 6:7-13, 30-52

Sermon

*Honor Sabbath Worship Series: Return with Gladness*

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

*Take Time to Be Holy*

-Longstaff

*Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord:  
abide in Him always, and feed on His word;  
make friends of God's children, help those who are weak;  
forgetting in nothing, His blessing to seek.*

*Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;  
spend much time in secret with Jesus alone;  
by looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;  
thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.*

*Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul;  
each thought and each motive beneath his control;  
thus led by His spirit to fountains of love,  
thou soon shall be fitted for service above.*

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

We Are Sent to the World

\*Hymn

*There Is Now a New Creation*

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*There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ,  
peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.*

*Call the lost and found together; tell the news to everyone:  
now the past is gone forever and a new life has begun.*

*Wrap the prodigal in welcome; run to greet the wayward child.  
All is finished and forgiven; let us now be reconciled.  
Come and join the celebration; come and join this happy feast;  
Jesus makes an invitation to the greatest and the least.*

*There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ.  
Sing, with thanks and adoration, to the God of endless life!*

\*Benediction & Blessing for Picnic

\*Benediction Response God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (v. 5)

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*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.*

### **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, Ka Guinn** (recovering from knee replacement surgery), **Don Enslin** (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; **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).

## **This Week At MPC**

### **Sunday, July 23**

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

**Monday, July 24** Parking Lot Repair

**Tuesday, July 25** Parking Lot Repair

**Wednesday, July 26** Parking Lot Repair  
7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)  
2:00pm Matter of Balance Class

**Thursday, July 27** Parking Lot Repair

**Friday, July 28** *Church Office Closed*  
Parking Lot Repair

**Saturday, July 29** *Church Office Closed*

**Sunday, July 30**

9:00am      Choir Rehearsal  
10:30am     Worship  
11:30am     Worship Commission Meeting

**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*

**Serving July 30**

**Door Monitor:** Harvey Mast

**Greeters:** Karen Mast

**Ushers and Water Pourers:** Dale and Dorothy Dobroth

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & 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*

## Life at Massanutten

- **More than \$750 Raised for Area Children through Book/Bake/Yard Sale.** Thanks to donated items and purchases of those items, the Massanutten Presbyterian Church Book/Bake/Yard Sale raised \$766.25 on July 15th. That money will be used to purchase school supplies for children in our community—including those whose families utilize our Food Pantry. Special thanks go out to everyone who helped to organize this event, and for those who made purchases!
- **Church Parking Lot Maintenance is scheduled for July 24-28.** Parking spaces will be available, but areas of maintenance will be marked off.
- **Book Sale**—Today is the last day to check out the Book Sale in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Massanetta Springs Bible & Church Music Conference** begins today and concludes on July 28th. 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](http://www.massanettasprings.org) or call (540) 434-3829.
- **The last Matter of Balance Class** is being held in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, July 26th from 2:00—4:00 pm. The class is being offered by Valley Program for Aging Services.
- 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.
- **Safety Corner**—Your car fob has an alarm. Learn to use it, in case you are ever threatened or in a dangerous situation.

### It's Picnic Time!

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.



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.



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!**

### Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

#### **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

**Clerk:** Jody Humphreys

**Moderators:** Rev. Ann Pettit and Rev. Keith Phillips

### Massanutten Presbyterian Church Staff

**Rev. Ann Pettit**, Co-Pastor (on Sabbatical leave through September 24, 2023)

**Rev. Keith Phillips**, Co-Pastor (kphillips@massanuttenchurch.org)

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