

/Massanutten Presbyterian Church
A Service for the Lord's Day
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 30, 2023

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *Open My Eyes, That I May See* -Keesecker

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Amazing Grace* -arr. Carter

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Hunter Davis, Worship Leader

Blessed be God whose word gives hope and shapes our dreams,
whose love has conquered death.

Blessed be God who orders our way and guides our steps,
who leads us into life.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* 450

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Gracious God,
we confess that we have turned away from you
and have not lived with upright hearts.**

**Forgive us for failing to follow you.
Guide our feet to walk in your ways and serve your world
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Friends, believe the good news. God is for us.

Not even our sins can separate us from the Love of God through Jesus Christ.

Glory be to God for this grace and mercy!

*Response

Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven

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*Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the Maker all your days!*

*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 Hannah Altman

Scripture Reading 1 Kings 3:5-12

Sermon Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Special Music *O Jesus, I Have Promised* -Kessler

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
Be now and always near me, my Savior and my friend.
I shall not fear the journey, if you are by my side,

Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around and within;
But Jesus, then draw nearer and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
Oh, speak to reassure me, your words will make me whole;
Now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
That where You are in glory your servants shall be, too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Savior and my friend.

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and 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

God of Grace and God of Glory

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*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.*

***Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.***

***Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.***

*Benediction

*Benediction Response God Be with You Till We Meet Again (v. 1) 542

***God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.***

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 (recovering from recent surgery), Marta
Armstrong (recovering from broken arm), Ann Arnold (now receiving hospice
care)***

Friends of Our Church Family...

***Bill Sheppard, father of Pam French; Sarah Phillips (mother), Paul Wicker
(grandfather), Emma McLean (cousin), family of Pastor Keith; 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 30

9:00am Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Worship

Monday, July 31

Tuesday, August 1

Wednesday, August 2

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)

Thursday, August 3

Friday, August 4 *Church Office Closed*

Saturday, August 5 *Church Office Closed*

Sunday, August 6

9:00am Choir Rehearsal

10:30am Worship with Communion

Serving July 30

Door Monitor: Harvey Mast

Greeters: Karen Mast

Ushers and Water Pourers: Dale & Dorothy Dobroth

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 August 6

Door Monitor: Fred Good

Greeters: Dave & Jan Reser

Ushers and Water Pourers: Larry & Pam French

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Emily Burkholder

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

- **Help is needed as our sponsored Habitat For Humanity home nears completion.** Our sponsored house on Virginia Avenue in Harrisonburg is very close to being ready for the family to move in. Beginning at 8am on Saturday, August 5th a team for MPC will meet at the house and aid with the last minute items needed for a certificate of occupancy. You can feel free to come anytime during the morning and leave whenever you must. The work should be finished by noon, but some of us can be prepared to stay another few hours to finish up. Please contact Dave Lenderking to let him know you will come and how long you might work: Davelenderking@gmail.com or 919-412-7078.
- 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.



On January 1, 2021, the balance on our mortgage was \$1,071,111. As of July 21, 2023, our balance was \$147,747 a decrease of **\$923,364** since January 2021.

Since the Debt Elimination Campaign began in September 2021, \$803,018 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

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