

Massanutten Presbyterian Church  
A Service for the Lord's Day  
*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

July 9, 2023

10:30 a.m.

**We Gather at God's Call**

Introit        *Be Still and Know That I Am God (sung twice)*        414  
First time: Choir  
Second time: Everyone

Be still and know that I am God.  
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Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude                *Come, Come Unto Me*                -Dosso

\*Call to Worship (responsively)                Kath Wissinger, Worship Leader

Come, this is a day of rest.

We come, bearing burdens and cares.

Come, place your lives in the loving hands of God.

May God heal our spirits and strengthen us.

Come, bring your worries to God, who is always with us.

We come in faith and trust to worship the God of healing mercies.

\*Hymn                For the Beauty of the Earth                14

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

**Refrain:**

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
(Refrain)

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:  
(Refrain)

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
(Refrain)

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:  
(Refrain)

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Wise and loving God, you know how we are.**

**We spend so much time getting ready  
for the next event, the next season, the unknown future.**

**We spend time planning when and how we shall relax,  
where we might go on vacation.**

**We grow tired just working on  
how to gain some peace in our lives.**

**Our need for rest is so important,  
but we have let plans and schedules crowd in,  
shouting their demands on our time and energies.**

**Forgive us, Lord,  
when we have focused so much time on these things  
and have not sought your healing, restoring love.**

**Teach us how to rest in you.**

**Give us peace.**

**For we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (responsively)  
Come to Jesus, and he will give you rest.  
There is healing and rest in the Lord.

Through him we have been given  
love and peace by God for all of our days.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Response                      Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (v. 4)                      169

**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                      Hannah Altman  
Scripture Reading                      Genesis 1:26 - 2:3  
Sermon    *Honor Sabbath Worship Series: Rest with God*                      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

*Holy Ground*

-Larson/Davis

**We Are Fed at God's Table**  
(see insert)

## We Are Sent to the World

\*Hymn

Jesus Calls Us

720

**Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."**

**Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."  
In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."**

**Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.**

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (v. 2)* 543

**Bind to myself the Name of Holy,  
great cloud of witnesses enfold;  
prophets, apostles, angels witness:  
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

## We Are Fed at God's Table

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We lift up our heart and bring praise to you. God of rest ...

... Now, longing for our burdens to be lifted, we come to your table, seeking rest and singing your praise.

**You who are thirsty, come to the well and drink from waters flowing.**

**You who are hungry, come to the bread and eat of his holiness.**

**You who are tired, find rest.**

**You who are weak, find strength.**

**You who are thirsty, come to the well and drink.**

You are holy, God, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord and Savior ...

... At this table, we rest in you, laying all our burdens down, rejoicing that our risen Lord is present at this table with us.

**You who are thirsty, come to the well and drink from waters flowing.**

**You who are hungry, come to the bread and eat of his holiness.**

**You who are tired, find rest.**

**You who are weak, find strength.**

**You who are thirsty, come to the well and drink.**

We give you thanks that on the night of his arrest ...

... With all those whose spirits rest in you, with all the saints from every time and place, guide us to your table so that we may invite others to this feast.

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**You who are hungry, come to the bread and eat of his holiness.**

**You who are tired, find rest.**

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**You who are thirsty, come to the well and drink.**

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Pouring of the Cup

**\*Communion of the People**

(Please move toward the center of the church, then move to the station serving your section. Servers will offer you a piece of bread—please cup your hands to receive it and move to the next server to take a cup from the tray. After you receive the elements, please return to your seat to eat the bread and drink the cup. You may leave your cups in the chair racks or dispose of them as you leave the sanctuary. For those who would be helped by a gluten free bread, please come to the center aisle and receive the element from the server in the middle.)

**Prayer After Communion**

**Holy God, as we have found our rest in you,  
make us restless in service to your children;  
as we have been renewed in Sabbath time,  
may we renew the world in your justice and righteousness.  
May we speak out for all whose voices are ignored by the world,  
sharing the good news of your love  
until that day when we gather with you at that banquet  
where we will sing your praise for all eternity. Amen.**

**This Week At MPC**

**Sunday, July 9**

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

**Monday, July 10**

10:00am Food Pantry

**Tuesday, July 11**

**Wednesday, July 12**

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)  
2:00pm Matter of Balance class (FH)  
6:00pm Library in use/Preschool

**Thursday, July 13**

7:00pm Food Pantry

**Friday, July 14** Church Office Closed

**Saturday, July 15** Church Office Closed  
7:00am Book, Bake & Yard Sale

**Sunday, July 16**  
9:00am Adult Sunday School (FH)  
Choir Rehearsal  
10:30am Worship

**Serving July 9**

**Door Monitor:** Marc Davis

**Greeters:** Bettye Davis & Anita Brechtel

**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

**Serving July 16**

**Door Monitor:** Phyllis Hamilton

**Greeters:**

**Ushers and Water Pourers:**  
Robin and Diann Reed

**Nursery:**  
Katie Rodgers & Sharon Lam



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**Godly Play:** Will resume in the Fall

**MS Youth:** *Will resume in the Fall*

**HS Youth:** *Will resume in the Fall*

### **Life at Massanutten**

- **Welcome David and Gayle Allen**, who joined the church by letter of transfer from Romney Presbyterian Church.
- **Special thanks to Adrienne Whiteside** for serving as our organist today.
- **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](http://www.massanettasprings.org) or call (540) 434-3829.
- **Church Parking Lot Maintenance—July 17-19.** Parking spaces will be available, but areas of maintenance will be marked off.
- **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.



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!**

**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.

### **Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session**

<b>Class of 2024</b>	<b>Class of 2025</b>	<b>Class of 2026</b>
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

### **Massanutten Presbyterian Church Staff**

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### ***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 Enslin** (upcoming hip surgery)

#### ***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).

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).