

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

August 13, 2023

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* -Taylor

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Come, Thou Almighty King* -Page

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

God speaks peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God.

Where God dwells, steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Faithfulness springs up from the ground

and righteousness looks down from the sky.

God gives what is good and we respond with abundant praise!

*Hymn *God is Calling Through the Whisper* 410

*God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs,
through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?*

*God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers,
through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.
Place of hurt or face of needling; strident cry or silent pleading:
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?*

*God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,
through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.*

*Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:
God is calling—and we hear! God is calling—and we hear!*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Gracious God, you call us to step out in faith,
trusting in you for all things.**

We respond to your command, but then sink in doubt and fear.

We hide from the challenges of bold discipleship.

**We are not able to fulfill your commandments,
for our purposes are never in full accord with yours.**

Forgive us, we pray,

when we confess with our lips but do not believe in our hearts.

Help us to practice our faith in all circumstances.

Lift us out of sin into the arms of your mercy.

Though we are distracted by noise all around,

allow us to hear your voice

even when it is the sound of sheer silence ...

[A time of silence is kept]

We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Jesus is Lord! God raised him from the dead and we are saved through him.

This is the good news

we believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths:

in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

This is good news to share with all people!

*Response of Praise

We Are Forgiven

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*We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

*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 Nancy Wayland

Scripture Reading 1 Kings 19:9-18

Sermon Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith Adapted from *The Confession of 1967*

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.
Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and
goodness.**

But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ

**by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the
cross,**

and goodness in receiving sinful people.

**The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world
discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator
who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**

Invitation to the Offering

Special Music *Down to the River Pray* -arr. Lee
(American Gospel Song)

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

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (vv. 1-4)

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*Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.*

*In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.*

*O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!*

*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.*

*Benediction

*Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!*

Congregational Concerns

Members of Our Church Family...

Carole Kreowski, Flo & Harry Hall, Doris Field, Bill Painter, Helen Scully, Chen Liu, Martha Floyd, Luke Hamblen, Patti Hobbie, Don Enslin, Marta Armstrong

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); **Jewel Downs**, sister of Kat Marlowe (multiple myeloma).

We extend sympathy ...

to the family of **William Kyle**, who died in an accident last week. William had recently graduated from high school. His parents are Chris and Mari Kyle.

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, August 13

9:00am Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Worship
4:00pm Bob Bales Memorial Service (S)

Monday, August 14

10:00am Food Pantry
5:00pm Admin. Commission
7:00pm Safety Meeting (FH)

Tuesday, August 15

Wednesday, August 16

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

Thursday, August 17

5:30pm Community Life (Zoom)
7:00pm Food Pantry
Mosaic (HBR)

Friday, August 18 and Saturday, August 19

Church Office Closed

Sunday, August 20

9:00am Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Worship
11:45am Session Meeting (FH)

August 13

Door Monitor: Marc Davis

Greeters: Ric and JoAnn Leobold

Ushers and Water Pourers: Fred Good & Cheryl Henderson

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Barbara Palmer

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*

August 20

Door Monitor: Harvey Mast

Greeters: Ric & JoAnn Leobold

Ushers and Water Pourers: Greg & Ann Trobaugh

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Phyllis Hamilton

Faith Village: *Will resume in the Fall*

Godly Play: *Will resume in the Fall*

MS Youth: *Will resume in the Fall*

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Life at Massanutten

- A memorial service for Bob Bales will take place at 4:00 pm today (August 13) with a reception to follow.
- Throughout the summer, **Open Doors will host Sunday evening meals** to serve 40 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.
- **Could you use some scrap paper or envelopes?** If so, drop by the church office we have some to share!
- **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	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

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Staff

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