



Our mission:
to nurture disciples of Jesus Christ
who join boldly with the Spirit's work
in the world.

A Service for the Lord's Day
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 15, 2023

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit

All People That On Earth Do Dwell -Vaughan-Williams
Becky Ford, Trumpet

*O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.*

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude

Andante from Sonata VI -Mendelssohn

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)
Look at the heavens!

Worship Leader, Doug Sensabaugh

They are shouting the glory of God.
The days and nights declare the Lord's creative, magnificent works.
Let our voices join the heavens with thanks and praise and awe!

*Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

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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.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

THE COVENANT CLASS will be studying Seeing Jesus in John's Gospel, from the Being Reformed Series, from Oct. 22nd-Nov. 26th. The class meets downstairs in Room 117.

FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS—On Oct. 22nd, the class will hear from Doug Sensabaugh about his recent mission trip to

Ethiopia. On Oct. 29th and Nov. 5th the class will have a two-week study about the loneliness pandemic developed by Mary Ann Alger. And on Nov. 12-19th the class will have a study from The Thoughtful Christian entitled "A Biblical Diet: The Ethics of God Production and Consumption." Faithful Conversation meets downstairs in Room 119.

***Learn more: speak to Pastor Keith,
visit massanuttenchurch.org, or call (540) 434-6194.***

CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

CHILDREN (THRU 5TH GRADE)

Faith Village: Explore Bible stories through learning styles such as art, music, science, cooking, drama, & games. 9:30 a.m.

Godly Play (Pre-K—2nd grade): Learn Bible stories through wonder and storytelling using wooden figures and felt underlays. During worship.

YOUTH (6TH-12TH GRADE)

High School Breakfast (9th—12th): Enjoy breakfast food & relaxed talk about faith & anything else. 9:30 a.m.

Youth Group: Have Sunday dinner, fellowship, & fun while learning about your faith. 6-8 p.m.

Fun with Handbells: Explore the fun of ringing from the basics to beyond with the opportunity to ring in worship. 5:00 p.m.

***Learn more: speak to Hannah Altman,
visit massanuttenchurch.org, or call (540) 434-6194.***

Life at Massanutten

*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*)

**Searching and forgiving God,
grant us your forgiveness.
We have been heedless in our thoughts,
cruel in our words,
shameful in our actions.
We are indifferent to a world made sad
by want and wastefulness.
We ignore neighbors in need.
We wonder from the way that leads to peace
in paths of our own pleasing.
God of life,
search us out with your grace,
restore us to life,
and increase our joy.
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

We call God's grace "amazing" because of its ability to make all things new.
**Thanks be to God for sharing grace so extravagantly with us. Freed from all
that hinders fullness of life, we will share God's grace in the world.**

*Response of Praise

I Come with Joy

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*I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.*

- **We welcome Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott as our guest preacher today.** On June 1st, 2021 Teri accepted a new call as Editor / Publisher of *The Presbyterian Outlook*, the only independent publisher of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
- **Cookies, Coffee and Conversation: Remembering Ruth Smith.** Ellen Blose and her family invite the congregation to this time of fellowship as we give thanks for Ruth's long and faithful life, and share stories with each other. We'll gather on Wednesday, October 18th at 6:00 pm; those who attend are invited to bring stories to share. For those who would like to make a financial gift in memory of Ruth, please consider making one to the Sunnyside Fellowship Fund/Links of Love Offering. Gifts may be made through the church or directly to Sunnyside.
- **Congregational Nominating Committee**—The congregation's nominating committee has started the work of seeking nominees to serve in the next class of Ruling Elders for the MPC Session. The Session sets the vision and leads the ministry of the congregation, equipping us all to take part in carrying it out. If you would like to talk about your own sense of call to this service, or suggest someone who you feel would serve well, please contact Chris Hamilton, chair of MPC's Nominating Committee., at (540)236-8711 or hamiltoncp52@gmail.com. Nominees must be members of the congregation.
- **Harrisonburg Rotary's Great Day of Sharing.** 3 volunteers are needed on Friday, October 20th at the Burgess Road Walmart from 12:30-5:00 to thank people for their donations of food and to transport the food to MPC for distribution through the food pantry. Contact Dale Dobroth to learn more/volunteer (cmrsdad@yahoo.com)
- **Valley Interfaith Action**—The next opportunity to take a part in a community-wide VIA event is Thursday, October 26th at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren, 6:30-8:30pm. This Candidate's Assembly will include testimonies about childcare and transportation needs by valley residents and give those running for office an opportunity to react and learn about our campaign in these areas. To learn more contact Ben Craig craigb@vt.edu
- **Open Doors Transportation Volunteers.** MPC's van will be used to help Open Doors guests get from the meeting place in Harrisonburg to shelter locations in Rockingham County. Dale Dobroth is coordinating the schedule and welcomes the opportunity to talk with potential (and seasoned) drivers about what's involved and how they can take part in this year's effort. Open Doors is our community's low barrier winter shelter for those without steady housing. MPC will host the shelter in our facility January 15th-28th.
- **The Food Pantry has updated its list of needed items** for the fall, winter, and holiday season: boxed stuffing mix, canned pumpkin, pie crust mix, evaporated milk, gravy, canned sweet potatoes, crispy fried onions, cranberry sauce, and cookie mix, among other items. The full list of needed donations can be found in Blessings; printed lists are available near the Food Pantry box in the entry way.
- **Safety Corner**—See something? Say something? If you have a "JDLR" moment (Law Enforcement slang for "Just Doesn't Look Right") share your concern with an usher, door monitor or safety team member.

This Week At MPC

Sunday, October 15

9:00am Adult Sunday School (S)
 9:30am Faith Village
 HS Breakfast (MS Room)
 Parent Fellowship
 (HS Room)
 10:30am Worship
 Godly Play
*Fun with Handbells & Youth
 Fellowship will not meet
 Today*

Monday, October 16

7:00pm Massanutten Ringers

Tuesday, October 17

10:30am PWCT Meeting (FH)

Wednesday, October 18

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
 6:00pm Ruth Smith Remembrance
 (FH)
 7:00pm Chancel Choir (CR)

Thursday, October 19

4:30pm Mosaic (HBR) until 7:00pm

Friday, October 20

Church Office Closed

Saturday, October 21

Church Office Closed

Sunday, October 22

9:00am Adult Sunday School
 9:15am Confirmation
 9:30am Faith Village
 HS Breakfast (MS Room)
 Parent Fellowship
 (HS Room)
 10:30am Worship
 Godly Play
 5:00pm Fun with Handbells
 6:00pm MS & HS Youth Fellowship

Serving October 15

Door Monitor: Barbara Palmer

Greeters: Anita Brechtel & Helen Groves

Ushers and Water Pourers:

Lewis, Emily & Jacob Burkholder

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Phyllis Hamilton

Faith Village: Nancy Wayland

Godly Play: Gayle Allen & Emily Burkholder

HS Breakfast: Ross & Sarah French

MS & HS Youth will not meet today

Serving October 22

Door Monitor: Phyllis Hamilton

Greeters: Ron & Janet Morris

Ushers & Water Pourers:

Fred Good & Cheryl Henderson

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Barbara Palmer

Faith Village: Caitlin Holsapple

Godly Play: Erin Basgier

HS Breakfast: Ross & Sarah French

MS Youth: Sarah Lopacinski

HS Youth: Gus Scheidt

*Passing of the Peace (*responsively*)

May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

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

Hannah Altman

Anthem

Be Still and Know

-Johnson

*Be still and know that He is God.
 He will comfort you, keep and strengthen you;
 Be still and know that He is God.*

*In your time of tribulation, He will be your strength.
 In your moments of loneliness, He will bring you peace.*

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Sermon

"Radical Love"

Rev. Teri Ott

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

**We believe there is no condemnation
 for those who are in Christ Jesus;
 for we know that all things work together for good
 for those who love God,
 who are called according to God's purpose.
 We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
 nor angels, nor rulers,
 nor things present, nor things to come,
 nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
 nor anything else in all creation,
 will be able to separate us from the love of God
 in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

*Invitation to the Offering

*Song of Thanksgiving *When We are Living v. 2* 822

*Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God; we belong to God.*

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn *Give Thanks, O Christian People* 644

*Give thanks, O Christian people,
for workers of our day
who heed the call to service
and make it their life's way
to go to feed the hungry,
to tend to those in need,
to work for equal justice,
till all God's folk are freed.*

*Give thanks, O Christian people,
for leaders of our years
who live to share with others
our joy when Christ appears,
to teach the ones who seek light,
to guide the faltering feet,
to lead the followers forward
our living Lord to meet.*

*Give thanks, O Christian people,
for all who love the Lord,
who live each day believing
in God's eternal Word:
to share Christ's love in living,
to witness with each deed,
to use the talents given
to plant the gospel seed.*

*Give thanks, O Christian people,
for life in fellowship
with all who trust our Savior
their serving to equip:
to ease another's burdens,
to cope in joy and stress,
to magnify God's message
and Christ's great love confess.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *I Come With Joy v. 5* 515

*Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.*

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		

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