



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
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 8, 2023

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* -Akers

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *God Himself Is with Us* -Burkhardt

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)
Praise the Lord!
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.
And let the people say,
Amen—praise the Lord!

*Hymn *Sing Praise to God* 645

*Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!*

*What God's almighty power has made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might,
lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!*

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

THE COVENANT CLASS will continue studying the book of Galatians using the resource Galatians and James through Oct. 15th. After this they will study 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 will continue studying the book Borders and Belongings: The Book of Ruth: A story of Our Times by

Padraig O Tuaman through Oct. 15th. 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.*

*The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!*

*Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God of grace, for our failure to love others as you have loved us,
forgive us.
For wasting your gifts and not sharing our goods,
forgive us.
For losing heart and abandoning hope,
forgive us.
For all the ways we turn from you,
forgive us...**

Silence for personal confession

**We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us, even Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Friends, know that God's love is deep and sure and through Christ,
the riches of grace have been lavished upon us.

**Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ we are free to live as forgiven
people. Amen!**

*Response of Praise

Here the Good News

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*Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above. Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.*

Life at Massanutten

- The **Habitat For Humanity ReStore** needs **volunteers** to help set up the Christmas decorations that will be for sale in the Restore. This will take place Wednesday, October 11 from 9 am to 12 pm, and 4 to 5 more volunteers are needed. If you'd like to help, please contact Dave Lenderking at (919) 412-7078 or davelenderking@gmail.com.
- **Sunday, October 15th 10:00—10:20 am in the Fellowship Hall.** Ben Craig will offer a brief update on upcoming *Valley Interfaith Action* opportunities and provide information to those who would like to learn more about the organization. Contact Ben with questions (craigb@vt.edu).
- **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; 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.
- **Thank you for keeping Pastor Keith and his family in your prayers.** Cards and notes may be sent to Sarah Phillips at 894 DeVol Drive, Newport News, VA 23608 (no flowers please).
- **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)
- **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 15-28th.
- 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 8

9:00am Adult Sunday School (S)
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

Monday, October 9

10:00am Food Pantry
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers

Tuesday, October 10

10:00am Morning Circle (FH)
6:300pm Fellowship Hall in use until
9pm

Wednesday, October 11

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
2:00pm Bethel Circle (SS)
4:00pm Evening Circle (FH)
7:00pm Chancel Choir (CR)

Thursday, October 12

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

Friday, October 13

Church Office Closed

Saturday, October 14

Church Office Closed
Confirmation Youth Lock-In

Sunday, October 15

9:00am Adult Sunday School
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*

*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

Janina Peachey

Anthem

Lead Kindly Light

Goodall

*Lead kindly light amid the encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on!*

*The night is dark, and I am far from home:
Lead Thou me on!*

*Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene,
one step enough for me.*

*I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou
Shouldst lead me on.*

*I loved to choose and see my path, but now,
Lead Thou me on!*

*I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears, Pride ruled my will:
Remember not past years.*

*So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on o're moor and fen,*

o're crag and torrent, till the night is gone:

*And with the morn those angel faces smile, which I have loved
Long since and lost awhile, loved since and lost awhile.*

Scripture Reading

Psalm 19

Sermon

Pastor Ann Pettit

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

A Declaration of Faith

**We acknowledge one God alone,
whose demands on us are absolute,
whose help for us is sufficient.**

That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love.

Serving October 8

Door Monitor: Fred Good

Greeters: Bill & Kat Marlowe

Ushers and Water Pourers:
Keith & Linda Knupp

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Katie Gray

Faith Village: No Sunday School today

Godly Play: Karen Enslin & Angela
Kaltenborn

HS Breakfast: Ross & Sarah French

MS Youth: Sarah Rimer & Doug Sensabaugh

HS Youth: Gus Scheidt

Serving October 15

Door Monitor: Barbara Palmer

Greeters: Anita Brechtel & Helen Groves

Ushers & Water Pourers:
Lewis, Emily & Jacob Burkholder

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Phyllis Hamilton

Faith Village: Nancy Wayland

Godly Play: Gayle Allen

HS Breakfast: Ross & Sarah French

MS & HS Youth will not meet today

**We do not fully comprehend who God is or how he works.
 God's reality far exceeds all our words can say.
 God created all the worlds that are and upholds and rules everything.
 We affirm that the universe exists
 by the power of God's Word and Spirit.
 God has chosen to give it reality
 out of the love we have come to know in Christ.
 God still works through the processes
 that shape and change the earth and the living things upon it.
 We acknowledge God's care and control
 in the regularity of the universe
 as well as in apparently random happenings.
 There is no event from which God is absent
 and his ultimate purpose in all events is just and loving.
 That purpose embraces our choices
 and will surely be accomplished.
 The Creator works in all things
 toward the new creation that is promised in Christ.**

*Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way,
 let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.
 May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Go With Us, Lord

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*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
 through this and every coming day,
 that in your Spirit strong and true
 our lives may be our gift to you.*

*Invitation to the Offering

*Song of Thanksgiving

When We are Living v. 2

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*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

Lord, Dismiss Us

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*Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
 let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
 O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.*

*Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;
 may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
 Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.*

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

Class of 2024

Ka Guinn
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 John Kaltenborn
 Bill Kilby
 Ron Matthews
 Janina Peachey

Class of 2025

Jan Arnold
 Ben Craig
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 Chris Hamilton
 Julia Sensabaugh

Class of 2026

Ashley Gordon-Becker
 Jennifer Coffelt
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