



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
7th Sunday After Pentecost

July 7, 2024

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude

Fan 2

-Brass Quartet

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Ron Matthews, Worship Leader

We ponder your steadfast love, O God,
and our praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

Tell the next generation:

our God will be our guide forever.

Come, let us rejoice:

for we serve a loving God!

*Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.*

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

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*Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Gracious and merciful God,
we confess that we do not believe that you have overcome sin and death.
We are more in touch with the pangs of our weakness
than we are with the power of your love.
In fear, we worship idols; in despair, we collapse in hopelessness;
in rage, we seek to dominate others.
O God of David, forgive us.
O Son of David, have mercy on us.
O Spirit of the living God, grant us peace.
Send us out with the good news:
nothing can withstand the victory of the cross and resurrection
of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Friends in Christ: the power of God IS made perfect in our weakness.
We rejoice in the forgiveness that is made available through the Lord Jesus.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Amen!

*Response of Praise

I Come with Joy! (v. 1)

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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.*

*Sharing the Peace of Christ (*responsively*)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Life at Massanutten

- Today we welcome **the Brass Quartet** and thank them for leading our music. We also thank **Jean Kilby** for sharing music during communion.
- Many thanks to all who participated in last Saturday's Book, Bake and Yard Sale! Your generosity makes possible the purchase of school supplies for children in our area. Today is the LAST day to explore the books in the Fellowship Hall.
- **The Massanetta Bible and Church Music Conference** is coming up: July 21-27— Sign up by contacting Massanetta Springs or going to www.massanettasprings.org. This year's theme is: A New Creation, featuring Brian Blount as the Bible Study Leader and Sharon Johnson Kerschner as the Speakman Chair of preaching.
Special opportunity: Wednesday, July 24th at 5:30 pm—Dinner at Massanetta! A section of the dining room has been reserved for MPC to eat together. After dinner we'll head over to Hudson Auditorium for the 7:00 pm worship service. Cost for dinner is \$10.00 (payable to MPC). Write Massanetta by your name on the Connection Folder to reserve a space for dinner!
- **The 226th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA)** concluded its work in Salt Lake City on Thursday. We give thanks to the gifts of time and faithfulness of all who gathered to serve the church. The Reverend Dr. Teri McDowell Ott, Editor of the Presbyterian Outlook, will lead a Wrap-Up of the Work of the GA on Tuesday, July 29th at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Area. Join us that night for dessert and conversation.
- **Summer Adult Sunday School will run through August 4th!** The class will look at the scriptures being used in worship that morning. Pastors Ann and Keith are using the book "Leap over a Wall" by Eugene Peterson for their summer sermon series, which looks at King David. Copies of the book are available at the church. The suggested, optional donation for the book is \$10. The class meets in the Fellowship Hall from 9-10 a.m.
- **Communication Update:** The weekly *Blessings* email will be distributed every other Thursday through July.
- **Regular programming for children and youth** will resume in September.
- **Safety Message:** Take a moment now to note your quickest evacuation route, in case an emergency arises.

This Week At MPC

Sunday, July 7

9:00am Adult Sunday School (FH)
10:30am Worship with Communion
2:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)

Thursday, July 11
6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)
7:00pm Food Pantry

Monday, July 8

10:00am Food Pantry
6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (119)

Friday, July 12
Church Office Closed

Saturday, July 13
Church Office closed

Tuesday, July 9

Sunday, July 14
9:00am Adult Sunday School (FH)
10:30am Worship
2:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)

Wednesday, July 10

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

Serving July 7

Door Monitor: Dwight Newman

Greeters: Bo & Patti Hobbie

Ushers & Water Pourers:
Dave & Deidre Lenderking

Nursery: Katie Rodgers

(Nursery in Gathering Area)

Serving July 14

Door Monitors: Dwight Newman

Greeters: David & Gayle Allen

Ushers & Water Pourers:
Marc & Nancy Davis

GET READY: It's Picnic Season!

Sunday, July 21
11:30 am: Annual Church Picnic!
MPC Picnic Shelter

Featuring Newman's Super Special BBQ Chicken
(along with the delicious sides/salads
and desserts you bring to share!)

We Gather Around God's Word

*Sung Prayer for Illumination *In My Life, Lord (v. 4)* 468

*In your world, Lord,
be glorified; be glorified.
In your world, Lord,
be glorified today.*

Time with the Children

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 25 Selections

Sermon Pastor Ann Pettit

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) *selections from: A Declaration of Faith*

**God created human beings with a need for community
and with freedom to enter into it
by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience
and to one another with love and helpfulness.**

**We believe that we have been created
to relate to God and each other
in freedom and responsibility.**

**We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility
by trying to live without God and other people
or against God and other people.**

**Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being,
and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them.**

**Since every human being is made
for communion with God and others,
we must treat no one with contempt.**

**We are to respect and love all other people
and ourselves as well.**

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Response of Thanksgiving Brass Quartet

We Are Fed at God's Table

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

...As we come to this Table, O God, with the company of heaven,
and with your people, of all places and times,
we proclaim your greatness and sing your praise:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

The leader continues...

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

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (v. 1, 2)

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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.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (v. 3)*

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*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.*