



***Blessing of the Backpacks***  
Next Sunday, August 18th—During Worship

Teachers, Students, Administrators -  
the whole learning community is invited to gather  
around the Baptismal Font to pray for and bless the year ahead.  
*Grab your backpack, briefcase or bag of choice  
as you head to worship.*

**Following Worship**

Lunch in the Fellowship Hall  
**You don't have to be heading back to school to participate!**  
Everyone is invited to a light and fun lunch  
to connect with new and long time friends!

**Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session**

**Class of 2025**

Jan Arnold  
Ben Craig  
Bill Frazier  
Chris Hamilton  
Julia Sensabaugh

**Class of 2026**

Erin Basgier  
Ashley Gordon-Becker  
Jennifer Coffelt  
Deidre Lenderking  
Beth Smith

**Class of 2027**

David Allen  
Kathy Frakes  
Pam French  
Lindsey Harvell-Bowman  
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Our mission:  
to nurture disciples of Jesus Christ  
who join boldly with the Spirit's work  
in the world.

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A Service for the Lord's Day  
*Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost*

August 11, 2024

10:30 a.m.

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**We Gather at God's Call**

\*Congregational Introit

*It is Well*

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Introduced by Jackie Corson

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

**Refrain:**

*It is well with my soul; it is well;  
it is well with my soul.*

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)*

*He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought.  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)*

*Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so it is well with my soul. (Refrain)*

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* -Hobby

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Nancy Wayland, Worship Leader

God has provided a beautiful inheritance.

**We bless the LORD who gives us counsel -**  
we have set the LORD before us; we shall not be shaken.

**Our hearts are glad and we rejoice!**  
Let us worship the Living God who has graced us with life abundantly!

\*Hymn *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* 610

*O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of God's grace!*

*The name of Jesus, charms our fears,  
and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner's ears,  
brings life and health and peace.*

*Christ speaks and listening to his voice  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful waken to rejoice;  
the poor in heart believe.*

*My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of thy name.*

*To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heaven.*

\*Call to Confession—*adapted from Psalm 32*

\*Prayer of Confession—*adapted from Psalm 51 (unison)*

**O holy, merciful One,**

**We've sinned against you—you alone.**

**The consequences of what we've done are always right in front of us:  
choices we've made that are far off your path of righteousness;  
things we've said that deny your image in others.**

## Life at Massanutten

- **This morning we welcome Sharon Kandel to worship.** Sharon has served as the *Regional Liaison for the Horn of Africa* which includes Sudan, Ethiopia and the Republic of South Sudan. She has served there since 2017 but has been involved in missions since the day she was born, first as a child of missionaries, also in Africa, and later with her husband, Lynn, as well as on her own. Sharon will speak briefly in worship and then share more fully about her ministry during lunch in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to join us for this next program sponsored by the Mission and Service Commission as part of our series exploring how God is at work throughout the whole world.
- We are fully into August which means **planning for programming for all ages** is happening. If you are interested in volunteering *for occasional opportunities* to support children and youth at MPC, please write **Volunteer** next to your name in the Connection Folder. Hannah Altman will reach out to you to talk more about the needs and how you can share your gifts.
- Parents and grandparents: **Massanetta Springs is launching an after school program** this fall. Check out the flyer on the table in the Narthex to learn more.
- **Deidre Lenderking would like to express her gratitude** for all the prayers, calls, cards, and meals as she recovered from her knee replacement.
- **The Community Life Commission** has been at work, thoroughly cleaning the kitchen cupboards and reorganizing storage. As part of this, many items have been discovered that are no longer used or have been left in the kitchen for a long time. These items are laid out on tables in the Fellowship Hall for the congregation to browse. If you see something you like or need, or can find a new home for please take it with you this Sunday or early next week. Items remaining will be packed up and donated for others to enjoy. If you are using the kitchen, please be aware of the labeling process, which is ongoing as we confirm the helpfulness of the new storage plan.
- **Please remember to turn off lights and turn back the air conditioning** when you've finished using a space or hallway!
- **Safety Message:** 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, August 11**

10:30am Worship  
Lunch following worship  
Sharon Kandel to speak  
2:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)

**Monday, August 12**

10:00am Food Pantry  
4:00pm Cub Scouts (PS)  
5:00pm Admin & Finance Commission  
6:00pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, August 13**

6:00pm Worship & Music  
Commission

**Wednesday, August 14**

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)  
5:00pm Nurture & Discipleship  
Commission  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)

**Thursday, August 15**

6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)  
6:00pm Mission & Service  
Commission

**Friday, August 16**

*Church Office Closed*

**Saturday, August 17**

*Church Office closed*  
8:00am Gathering Area in use until  
5:00pm/A. Pettit

**Sunday, August 18**

9:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
10:30am Worship  
Back to School Lunch  
following worship (FH)  
12:15pm Session Meeting  
2:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)

**Serving August 11**

**Door Monitor:** Phyllis Hamilton

**Greeters:** Ric & JoAnn Leobold

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**  
Frank & Jean Gearing

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Dorothy Dobroth

**Serving August 18**

**Door Monitors:** Phil Miller

**Greeters:** Bettye Davis & Deb Thompson

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**  
Dale & Dorothy Dobroth

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Phyllis Hamilton

**We are sorry O God.**

**Have mercy on us according to your faithful love.  
Wipe away our wrongdoings according to your great compassion.  
Wash us clean of our guilt and purify us from sin.**

**Turn us around and away from all that is wrong.  
Call us back and lead us into abundant life.  
Open our lips and our mouths will show you praise.**

*Silence for personal reflection.*

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Friends, just like David, we fall short of God's glory. And, just like David, God meets us where we are and heals us. Hold on to this truth about yourselves: you are loved, forgiven, and redeemed.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

\*Response of Praise

*Praise My Soul (v. 1)*

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***Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.***

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ (*responsively*)

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

**And also with you.**

**We Gather Around God's Word**

\*Sung Prayer for Illumination *Spirit of the Living God*

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***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.  
Melt us; mold us; fill us; use us.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.***

Time with the Children

Pastor Keith Phillips

Special Music

*What a Wonderful World*

Hannah Altman

Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 22 (*selections*)

Sermon

Pastor Ann Pettit

### We Respond to God's Word

\*Affirmation of Faith (*responsively*)

From *A Declaration of Faith*

**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.**

God at Work in the World

Sharon Kandel

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 609

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

### We Are Sent to the World

\*Hymn

*We Will Go Out With Joy*

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*Leader: We will go out with joy in the Spirit;  
we will go out with God.*

*All: We will go out with joy in the Spirit;  
we will go out with God.*

**Refrain:**  
*Alleluia! We will go out with joy.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Leader: Now anyone who's born of the Spirit,  
sing a new song of joy.*

*All: Now anyone who's born of the Spirit,  
sing a new song of joy. (Refrain)*

*Leader: We will go out with joy in the Spirit;  
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\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

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