



**MPC Supports the “Building a Place for All” Campaign!**



The Session has approved a \$75,000 commitment for the Massanetta Springs’ “Building a Place for All” campaign. The distribution of our commitment includes:

- \$25,000 from our ministry budget. \$5,000 per year for five years, and will be in addition to our regular support of Massanetta’s ministry and program.
- \$25,000 or more from commitments made by individuals and families at MPC.
- \$25,000 from a matching gift challenge made by an anonymous member of MPC.

Today pledge cards will be received for those interested in making an individual commitment to support Massanetta’s *Building a Place for All* Campaign. You can learn more by visiting the table in the Narthex.

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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  
*Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost*

October 20, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**We Gather at God’s Call**

Introit *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom* -Duck

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Blessed Jesus, at your Word, We are Gathered All to Hear You* -J.S. Bach

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Sarah Rimer, Worship Leader

We remember God’s gift of the Spirit, and the harvest that follows that gift.

**O sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord all the earth!**

God did not send to us the spirit of chaos to drive us back into slavery.

**Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!**

The winds of God’s Spirit call us to follow Jesus, bearing our own crosses and

tasting the freedom of resurrection.

**Let the sea roar, and all that fills it! Let the field exalt, and everything in it!**

\*Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* 14

*For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:*

**Refrain:**

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light: (Refrain)*

*For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: (Refrain)*

*For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: (Refrain)*

*For thyself, best gift divine  
to the world so freely given;  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heaven: (Refrain)*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Gracious God,  
how easily we move through the gift of each day  
without a hint of joy.  
Our thoughts are clouded by what we have to do,  
what we're missing, what's made us angry.  
We focus on what we need from you,  
rushing past the extravagant generosity you've already shown us.  
Slow us down, Lord.  
Center us once again in your great story of love.  
Create in us a rhythm of gratitude  
lived out in what we say and do.  
Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Friends, the story of our lives is rooted in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In Jesus we meet God's deep and abiding love for us - a love that cannot be broken. Believe this truth about yourselves and receive the gift of grace.

**In Christ we have been forgiven and made new. Alleluia! Amen!**

## Life at Massanutten

- **Join us next Sunday, October 27th** in welcoming Billy Rice, Executive Director of the **Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands**. The Mission and Service Commission will provide a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall following worship, and Mr. Rice will share about the ministry of PCHH, and how it has been caring for children since 1919.
- On November 3rd, we will be **remembering the saints of Massanutten Presbyterian Church** who have joined the Church Triumphant since last All Saints Sunday. That morning our All Saints Tablecloth will be on the Communion Table. Next Sunday it will be in the Gathering Area for those who would like to add to it the name of someone from their lives. You may also share the name with us through the Connection Folder, by email, or by conversation.
- **Please gather in the Fellowship Hall following worship on November 3rd** for a time of thanksgiving and celebration in honor of Karen Leecy (Office Manager) and Greg Trobaugh (Church Treasurer). Karen and Greg will soon retire from their long and faithful ministry as part of our staff; a light lunch reception is being prepared to give us a chance to greet and thank them personally.
- **Rockingham County Residents:** will you express your support to our county supervisors for a trial transit system? Valley Interfaith Action is collecting signatures to help our elected officials understand the breadth of support for the campaign to bring county-wide door-to-door demand-response transportation to Rockingham County. Please stop by the table in the Narthex to learn more - it only takes a minute!
- **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is at work responding to areas affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.** Along with our prayers, we can continue to support their work through financial gifts to PDA. You can make your gift through our website's giving portal or by check (write hurricane in the memo section).
- **Salvation Army Santa Sacks** – This annual local mission project of Presbyterian Women benefits the Salvation Army and we are invited to join them in this effort. A list of needed items can be found in the Narthex, on the Santa Sack Collection Box. Please make your contribution by November 14th.
- The session tasked a team to explore our administrative and financial staffing needs both as they are now and as we look ahead. As a result of their work, 3 new positions have been approved that will encompass the responsibilities of retiring staff members, along with some additional areas of need. The position descriptions for each of them are being advertised in various job posting locations; **word of mouth is also welcome**. You will find the positions for electronic distribution on the church website and in the weekly email; hard copies are also available on the table in front of the main office.

**This Week At MPC**

**Sunday, October 20**

9:00am Adult Sunday School (117,119)  
 9:30am Faith Village  
 HS Breakfast  
 Parent Fellowship  
 10:30am Worship  
 Godly Play  
 12:00pm Session Meeting  
 2:00pm Cub Scouts (108,119)  
 5:00pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)  
 6:00pm MS & HS Youth

**Monday, October 21**

8:30am Preschool (119) through 10/24  
 7:00pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)  
 7:00pm Boy Scouts (PS)

**Tuesday, October 22**

**Wednesday, October 23**

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)  
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, October 24**

4:30pm Mosaic (HBR)  
 6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)

**Friday, October 25**

*Church Office Closed*

**Saturday, October 26**

*Church Office Closed*

**Sunday, October 27**

9:00am Adult Sunday School (117,119)  
 9:30am *No Faith Village today*  
*No HS Breakfast today*  
*No Parent Fellowship today*  
 10:30am Worship  
*No Godly Play today*  
 Lunch following Worship  
 2:00pm Cub Scouts (108,119)  
*No Fun with Handbells today*  
*No MS & HS Youth today*

**Serving October 20**

**Door Monitors:** Harvey Mast

**Greeters:**  
 Ric & JoAnn Leobold

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**  
 Bo & Patti Hobbie

**Faith Village:**  
 Jennifer Coffelt & Nancy Wayland

**Godly Play:** Jean & Bill Kilby

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Diann Reed

**Youth Group:** Gus Scheidt & Keith Phillips

**Serving October 27**

**Door Monitors:** Frank Gearing

**Greeters:**  
 TBD

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**  
 Larry & Pam French

**Faith Village:** *No Faith Village Today*

**Godly Play:** *No Godly Play Today*

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Katie Gray

**Youth Group:** *No Youth Activities Today*

\*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.***

\*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 *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom (v. 2)*

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***Listen to the voice of Wisdom,  
 crying in the marketplace.  
 Hear the Word made flesh among us,  
 full of glory, truth, and grace.  
 When the word takes root and ripens,  
 peace and righteousness embrace.***

Time with the Children

Pastor Keith Phillips

Joining Our Partners in Mission Massanetta Springs

Beth Smith

*Building a Place for All Campaign*

Anthem

*You Will Not Walk Alone*

-Hagenberg

Scripture

Mark 10:35-45

Sermon

Pastor Ann Pettit

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith (*responsively*)

*Belonging to God*

Who are you?

**I am a child of God.**

What does it mean to be a child of God?

**That I belong to God, who loves me.**

What makes you a child of God?

**Grace -- God's free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.**

Don't you have to be good for God to love you?

**No. God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.**

How do you thank God for this gift of love?

**I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.**

How do you love God?

**By worshiping God, by loving others, and by respecting what God has created.**

What did God create?

**God created all that is, seen and unseen.**

What is special about human beings?

**God made us in the image of God.**

What does it mean that we are made in God's image?

**It means we are made to reflect God's goodness, wisdom and love.**

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (v.1)* 367

*Come, ye thankful people, come;  
raise the song of harvest home.  
All is safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come;  
raise the song of harvest home.*

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 *The Church of Christ in Every Age (v. 1-3)* 320

*The church of Christ in every age,  
beset by change but Spirit-led,  
must claim and test its heritage  
and keep on rising from the dead.*

*Across the world, across the street,  
the victims of injustice cry  
for shelter and for bread to eat,  
and never live before they die.*

*Then let the servant church arise,  
a caring church that longs to be  
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,  
and clothed in Christ's humanity.*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response *The Church of Christ in Every Age (v. 5)*

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*We have no mission but to serve  
in full obedience to our Lord:  
to care for all, without reserve,  
and spread Christ's liberating word.*