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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-Third Sunday After Pentecost*

October 27, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**We Gather at God's Call**

Introit

*Make a Joyful Noise to God*

-Kocher

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Ron Matthews, Worship Leader

Sing to the Lord a new song;

**sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

God has done great things for us;

**therefore we rejoice in the Lord.**

Let us worship God.

\*Hymn

*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

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*Blessed Jesus, at your word  
we have come again to hear you;  
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
and in glowing faith be near you.  
By your gospel true and holy,  
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.*

*All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
till your Spirit breaks our night,  
filling us with light unclouded.  
All good thoughts and all good living  
come but by your gracious giving.*

*Glorious Lord, yourself impart,  
Light of Light, from God proceeding.  
Touch our lips and ears and heart;  
help us by your Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry your church now raises;  
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Jesus our healer, you give sight to the blind.**

**We close our eyes to those who are different from us:  
at school, at work, at the store, at the playground.**

**We close our eyes to those who worship you differently from us:  
through music, through prayers, through preaching.**

(A time for offering silent prayers of confession)

**Open our eyes, Lord Christ. Heal and forgive us.**

**Empower us in your Spirit to reach out to those who are different,  
and learn how they see you in the world.**

**In your name we pray. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us;

Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

\*Response of Praise *Surely It Is God Who Saves Us (refrain)*

*Surely it is God who saves us.  
We will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is our stronghold and our sure defense,  
and he will be our savior.*

## Life at Massanutten

- **This morning we welcome** 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.
- **Valley Interfaith Action:** There will be a Core Team and Clergy Caucus Assembly this Tuesday at 7 pm at Otterbein United Methodist Church. Updates on the Transportation and Childcare campaigns will be shared, and important next steps for the county transportation proposal will be discussed. If you are a Rockingham County resident, please stop by the table in the Narthex and share your support for the campaign with your signature.
- On November 3rd, we will **remember 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. Today it is in the Gathering Area for those who would like to add the name of someone from their lives. You may also share the name with us through the Connection Folder or by email.
- **Please gather in the Fellowship Hall following worship next Sunday, 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.
- **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 Bags** – 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 Bag Collection Box. Please make your contribution by November 14th.
- **Three new staff positions** have been approved by the session 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—**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 available on the table in front of the main office.

**This Week At MPC**

**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  
Godly Play  
Lunch following Worship  
2:00pm Cub Scouts (108,119)  
*No Fun with Handbells today*  
*No MS & HS Youth today*

**Monday, October 28**

6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)  
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)  
7:00pm Boy Scouts (PS)

**Tuesday, October 29**

7:00pm VIA Assembly at Otterbein  
United Methodist Church

**Wednesday, October 30**

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)  
8:30am Preschool (FH) until 11am  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
10:30am Staff Meeting

**Thursday, October 31**

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

**Friday, November 1**

*Church Office Closed*

**Saturday, November 2**

*Church Office Closed*

**Sunday, November 3**

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

**Serving October 27**

**Door Monitors:** Frank Gearing

**Greeters:**  
Dick & Karen Leecy

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

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

**Godly Play:** Angela and Tori Kaltenborn

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Katie Gray

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

**Serving November 3**

**Door Monitors:** Frank Gearing

**Greeters:**  
Bettye Davis

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

**Faith Village:**  
Jennifer Coffelt & Sally Brown

**Godly Play:** Diann and Robin Reed

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Sharon Lam

**Youth Group:** Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt & Nancy Wayland

Four Cents a Meal Offering *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

***Give thanks with a grateful heart;  
give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.***

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***And now let the weak say,  
"We are strong";  
let the poor say,  
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"***

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"We are strong";  
let the poor say,  
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
Give thanks. Give thanks.***

**We Gather Around God's Word**

Time with the Children

Pastor Ann Pettit

Anthem

*Come Seek His Rest*

-Forrest

Scripture

Mark 10:46-52

Sermon

Pastor Keith Phillips

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Adapted from *The Confession of 1967* (9.32 - 9.33)

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ  
has set the pattern for the church's mission.**

**His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.  
His service to people commits the church  
to work for every form of human well-being.**

His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering  
so that it sees the face of Christ  
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.  
His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment  
on the inhumanity that marks human relations,  
and the awful consequences  
of the church's own complicity in injustice.  
In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming,  
the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society  
and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life  
and in the method of its action.  
So to live and serve is to confess Christ As Lord.

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving      *Great God of Every Blessing (v. 1)*      694

*Great God of every blessing,  
of faithful, loving care,  
you are the fount of goodness,  
the daily bread we share.  
How can we hope to thank you?  
Our praise- is but a start:  
sincerely and completely  
I offer you my heart.*

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      *Light Dawns on a Weary World*      79

*Light dawns on a weary world  
when eyes begin to see  
all people's dignity.  
Light dawns on a weary world:  
the promised day of justice comes.*

**Refrain:**

*The trees shall clap their hands;  
the dry lands, gush with springs;  
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!  
We shall go out in joy,  
and be led forth in peace,  
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.*

*Love grows in a weary world  
when hungry hearts find bread  
and children's dreams are fed.  
Love grows in a weary world:  
the promised feast of plenty comes. (refrain)*

*Hope blooms in a weary world  
when creatures, once forlorn,  
find wilderness reborn.  
Hope blooms in a weary world:  
the promised green of Eden comes. (refrain)*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response      *Go, My Children, with My Blessing (v. 3)*      547

*Go, my children, fed and nourished,  
closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving,  
joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you;  
here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished,  
joyful and free.*