



*Our mission:
To nurture disciples of Jesus Christ
who are sent to join boldly
with the Spirit's work in the world.*

A Service of Worship
Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *Come Worship God* - Antiphoner

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Introduction and Allegro* - Stanley

*Opening Sentences (*responsively*) Cherokee Adams, Worship Leader

God's goodness is breaking into the world.

We do not expect the Spirit's movement.

God gathers in those we judged to be outsiders.

**We witness this in-breaking
as healing, wholeness, restoration, and peace.**

*Hymn *Here in this Place* 401

*Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young; our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

Be on the Lookout!

Your Session will be seeking your input on our church in a variety of ways very soon - including a survey, small group conversations, and more. Stay tuned!

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

Clerk: Ron Matthews, Moderator: Rev. Keith Phillips

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Jan Arnold	Erin Basgier	David Allen
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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Gracious God, we equate our judgment with your judgment,
and often consider our ways to be your ways.
We define peace as the absence of disruption,
holding our comfort as your aim
and thinking our preferences reflect your way.
Too often we act as if we are your authoritative witnesses,
believing our worldview corresponds with your vision,
and that our narrative contains your hope for the future.**

**O God, dislodge us from our sinful assumptions.
Forgive our selfish views.
Correct us with your truth
and teach us by your Spirit.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

It is the Lord who opens eyes to see.
It is the Lord who softens hearts to hear.
It is the Lord who returns us to God's presence.
Peace, peace, peace— you are loved.
You are enough. You belong. In Jesus Christ you are restored.
Thanks be to our God forever and ever!

*Response of Praise *Come, Christians, Join to Sing (v. 1)* 267

***Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King:
Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!***

Four Cents a Meal Offering *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart* 647

***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 rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks. Give thanks.***

Life at Massanutten

- **Baja Mission Trip: Today is the last day to support the 11 young people and parents going on the Baja Mission Trip by purchasing an item (such as nails, windows, roofing, or lumber) from the Baja Tree in the Narthex.** Cash or check donations made out to MPC (indicate Baja) are welcomed. Presbyterian Women and members of the youth are available to answer questions.
- **Invitation to Make a Musical Offering:** There is much talent in the congregation that may be hidden under a bushel! The summer is an ideal time to let your light shine! Please consider making an offering of your musical talent during a summer worship service, either as an individual or as a group. Your offering will significantly enhance our worship experience and deepen our appreciation for the many ways the Spirit is alive in each of us. If you (or your child) have any questions or need further encouragement, please contact Bob Jerome.
- Mark your calendar for the upcoming **Churchwide Yard, Book, & Bake Sale**, which will be held **June 28th from 7am-1pm**. If you are interested in having a spot or have any questions, contact Sally Brown at sallyhbrown47@gmail.com.
- **The "Deep Dive" Bible Study meets this Wednesday, May 28th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** The group focuses on "Diving Deep" into scripture (or other books relevant to our faith) so that the ensuing discussion yields a greater understanding of the truth the Holy Spirit speaks to us. Individuals joining this group should be okay with wrestling with interpretations of scripture that may challenge their previously held personal interpretations. For more details, please see Ron Matthews or David Allen.
- **MPC Preschool** has openings in our Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday/Thursday 3's classes for the fall. If you know of someone looking for a fantastic preschool for their little one please have them email Carrie Markowitz at mpcpreschool13s4s@gmail.com or call (540) 434-6194 for more information.

This Week At MPC	
Sunday, May 25 10:30am Worship 1:00pm Recorder Rehearsal (200)	Thursday, May 29 6:00pm Worship Comm. (L) 6:00pm Cub Scouts (108 & 117)
Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day <i>Church Office Closed</i>	Friday, May 30 <i>Church Office Closed</i>
Tuesday, May 27	Saturday, May 31 <i>Church Office Closed</i>
Wednesday, May 28 7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH) 5:30pm Bible Study (FH)	Sunday, June 1 10:30am Worship w/ Communion 1:00pm Recorder Rehearsal (200)
Serving May 25 Door Monitor: Harvey Mast Greeters: Deb Thompson & Karen Mast Ushers & Water Pourers: Doug Smith & Bo and Pattie Hobbie Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Holly Veenis Faith Village: <i>Resumes in the Fall</i> Godly Play: <i>Resumes in the Fall</i> Youth Group: <i>Resumes in the Fall</i>	Serving June 1 Door Monitor: Robin Reed Greeters: Ric and JoAnn Leobold Ushers & Water Pourers: Bill and Kathy Marlowe Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Katie Gray Faith Village: <i>Resumes in the Fall</i> Godly Play: <i>Resumes in the Fall</i> Youth Group: <i>Resumes in the Fall</i>
⇒ Weekly Safety Message: <i>Always accompany your children when they leave the sanctuary. We find unattended children roaming the halls, playing in rooms, hiding in closets and out on the playground during worship. Keep close tabs on your child!</i>	

We Gather Around God's Word

Time with the Children		Wanda Wallace
Special Music	<i>Gather Us In</i>	- Honoré
Scripture Reading		John 5:1-9
Sermon		Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith From *A Declaration of Faith*
**God has not taken God's people out of the world,
but has sent them into the world to worship God there
and serve all humankind.**

**We worship God in the world
by standing before the Lord on behalf of all people.
Our cries for help and our songs of praise
are never for ourselves alone.
Worship is no retreat from the world;
it is part of our mission.**

**We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world
and joining God in God's work.
We risk disagreement and error
when we try to say what God is doing here and now.
But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past
and God's promises for the future,
as they are witnessed to in Scripture.**

**We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements
that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion and peace.**

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *Why Should I Feel Discouraged (v. 1)* 661

***Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,
when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.***

***I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.***

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and 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.

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn

Help Us Accept Each Other (vv. 1-3)

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*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.*

*Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Help Us Accept Each Other (v. 4)

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*Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!*

⇒ The Session of Massanutten Presbyterian Church has called a congregational meeting to take place in the sanctuary after worship on Sunday, June 8, 2025, for the purpose of voting on amended terms of call for Pastor Keith Phillips.

Congregational Concerns

Members of Our Church Family...

Bill Painter, Les West, Gene Cox (kidney health), **Patricia Armstrong** (home recovering from surgery for broken femur), **Shari Jensen** (on hospice care), **Sharon Lam** (home recovering from foot surgery), **Sharon Pafford** (receiving treatment for cancer); **Sally Meeth** (in isolation with MRSA infection and recovering from recent ablation procedure), **Don Enslin**

Friends of Our Church Family...

Owen Mann; Andy Schoof, friend and coworker of Bo Hobbie; **Linda Caldwell**, mother of Kevin Caldwell; **Janet Binion, Jim Roe**, family of Bill Frazier; **Sandra Rohrer**, mother of Lisa Rohrer Folks; **Barbara Phillips** (great aunt, breast cancer), **Ken Jones** (cousin, melanoma and liver cancer), **Gail Jones** (cousin, recovering from infection); family of Pastor Keith; **Ella Perry** (connective tissue disease), friend of Pastor Keith; **Bob Voorhees**, father of Patti Hobbie; **Mark Heltzel**, son of Helen Groves; **Christena Scott**, sister of Kathy Marlowe (blood cancers); **Martha Chavira**, mother-in-law of Christopher Sutherland (recovering from surgery for a broken leg); **John Grimm**, brother of Sharon Posey (kidney failure and diabetes); **Shepherd Blaylock**, great grandson of Ellen Blöse; **Ray Harvell**, father of Lindsey Harvell-Bowman (health concerns); a member of our church seeks prayers for a private family health concern; **Jesse Durost**, son of Dennis and Adele Durost (cancer); **Christopher Swartz**, brother of Nick Swartz and son of Roy & Becky Swartz (cancer); **Jane Runzo** (broken foot); **Kim Hoschar** (health, transportation); **Dennis Oakes** (prostate cancer), brother-in-law of Patti Hobbie; **Lauren Kusterbeck** (cancer treatment), friend of Sharon Posey, **Ronn Downs** (recovering from bladder cancer surgery), brother-in-law of Bill and Kathy Marlowe; **Mindy** (cancer) and **Tony** (brain tumor), a married couple who are friends of Diann Reed's family; **Jean Shepley** (recent fall), mother of Sherry Matthews.

Our Mission Efforts...

Massanutten Food Pantry, Blessings in a Bag, Habitat for Humanity, Open Doors, Valley Interfaith Action

Serving Our Country...

Jackie DeGaine, daughter-in-law of Ka & Mike Guinn (Fort Jackson, SC); **Justin Brockhoff**, nephew of Jan Reser (Germany); **Marcus Sensabaugh**, son of Julia and Doug Sensabaugh (Texas); **Hunter Barr**, nephew of David & Alicia Gutschow (Parris Island, SC); **Matt Riordan**, grandson of Jack Heintzleman (Fairbanks, AK); **Tanner Kenny**, nephew of Gus and Stephanie Scheidt (Deployed); **Dylan Kenny**, nephew of Gus and Stephanie Scheidt (Navy); **Joseph Knight**, brother of Ben Craig (Air Force); **Elizabeth Lee Davis**, daughter of Marc & Nancy Davis (Tampa).