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**The Church Beyond Our Walls:
Mapping Our Community Reach Through Service**

Throughout the 2024-25 program year, we have been exploring what it means to deepen our connectedness to God, to one other and to the world. We have already focused on ways we do that through worship, education, generosity, and prayer. Over these last four weeks of the program year, we will focus on *service*.

As we enter this season focused on *service*, we're reminded that the heart of the church isn't just what happens inside our sanctuary—it's what we do in the world beyond our walls. One of the most powerful ways we live out our faith is through the quiet, faithful service that so many of our members offer in our wider community.

To recognize and celebrate that work, we're inviting **every member of the congregation to share the organizations, nonprofits, schools, and causes they're involved in**. Whether you volunteer at a food pantry, serve on a local board, mentor youth, advocate for justice, deliver meals, care for neighbors, or support global missions—**your work matters**, and it's part of how our church shows up in the world.

Together, we'll compile this list and share it in the coming weeks as a **visual and powerful testimony to our collective impact**. We hope this growing list will:

- **Inspire** others to get involved
- **Connect** members who serve in similar spaces
- **Celebrate** how the Spirit is at work through this community of faith

Let's lift up and give thanks for the many ways this church already lives out the call to service. **We are the hands and feet of Christ—scattered and serving far beyond Sunday morning.**



Massanutten
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Service of Worship
May 4, 2025
Third Sunday of Easter



We Gather at God's Call

Reflection Questions:

1. List someone you would describe as a Servant Leader.
2. Name some traits or characteristics of a Servant Leader.

Introit *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* - Taylor

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Pharaoh Pharaoh - and -* - Berry
 All Things Bright and Beautiful - Shaw

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) *From Psalm 95:1-2*

O come, let us sing to the Lord
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!
**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise.**

*Hymn *We Are One in the Spirit* 300

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:*

*Refrain:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)*

*We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)*

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*responsive*)

Holy God, Maker of us all,

have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor,

have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, breath of life,

have mercy on us.

Silence is kept for a time of personal confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Before God, with the people of God,

I confess my brokenness: to the ways I wound my life,
the lives of others, and the life of the world.

**May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

Amen.

Before God, with the people of God,

**we confess our brokenness: to the ways we wound our lives,
the lives of others, and the life of the world.**

May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

*Response of Praise *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (v.5)*

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

*Sharing the Peace of Christ (*responsively*)

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

And also with you.

Life at Massanutten

- **Last Chance Sign-Up for CPR/ AED Training, Date To Be Determined!** For the MPC's Safety Team to implement this training, they need to know how many are interested in getting recertified in CPR/ AED and who would be interested in attending the training. If you are interested, please take a moment to write CPR/ AED in the Special Event Sign-Up section when signing the Connection Folders.
- **Mulch Day:** Join us with your shovels, rakes, and wheelbarrows at 8:30 am on Saturday, May 10th to mulch our shrub and flower beds. Mulch will also be available on request.
- **On Sundays May 4 and May 18,** members will have an opportunity to update or have a picture taken for **Instant Church Directory** and learn how to access the directory. Forms will be available for members who need to change or update their information. This will take place between Sunday School and worship, or directly following worship, in the Fellowship Hall.
- Mark Your Calendar for the upcoming **Churchwide Book & Yard Sale**, coming up the last weekend in June. If you are interested in having a spot, the fee is \$15.00 for two parking spots.
- **Chordially Yours of the Shenandoah Valley**, a 30-member professional choir, will present their spring concert, "It's a Lovely Day" at Linville Creek Church of the Brethren in Broadway. Concerts will take place on Mother's Day weekend: Saturday, May 10 at 7:00 PM and Sunday, May 11 at 3 PM. More information can be found on their Facebook page.
- **MPC Preschool is partnering with Krispy Kreme** again this year for a delicious fundraiser. Please visit the table in the narthex to order if you are interested. You are also welcome to email your orders to mpcpreschool3s4s@gmail.com. The last day to order is Sunday, May 11th. Thank you for your continued support of our preschool!
- **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 mpcpreschool3s4s@gmail.com or call (540) 434-6194 for more information.

This Week At MPC**Sunday, May 4**

9:00am Adult Sunday School
(117, 119)
9:30am Faith Village
Parent Fellowship
10:00am F.V. Music Practice (S)
10:00am Coffee Fellowship
10:30am Worship
Godly Play
11:30am PW Birthday Lunch (FH)
3:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)
5:00pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)
6:00pm Youth Group (FH)

Monday, May 5

8:00am Preschool (Jenny) (119)
6:00pm Personnel Committee (L)
6:00pm Brass Quintet (210)
6:30pm Boy Scouts (119)
7:00pm Safety Team Meeting (L)
7:00pm Mass. Ringers (HBR)

Tuesday, May 6

8:00am Preschool (Jenny) (119)
10:00am PWCT (L)
12:00pm Preschool Board Lunch (FH)

Wednesday, May 7

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
8:00am Preschool (Jenny) (119)
5:30pm Nurture/Discipleship (L)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Thursday, May 8

8:00am Preschool (Jenny) (119)
4:30pm Mosaic (FH)
7:00pm Food Pantry

Friday, May 9

Church Office Closed

Saturday, May 10

8:30am Mulch Day
11:00am Deb Thompson (FH)
Church Office Closed

Sunday, May 11 - Mother's Day

9:00am Adult Sunday School
(117, 119)
No Faith Village
Parent Fellowship
10:30am Worship - PW Senior Rec.
Godly Play
1:00pm Recorder Rehearsal (200)
3:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)
5:00pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)
6:00pm Youth Group (FH)

Serving May 4

Door Monitor: Dick Leecy

Greeters: Dexter & Cyndi Taylor

Ushers & Water Pourers:
Denny & Rebecca Arthur

Faith Village: Jennifer Coffelt &
Sherry von Oeyen

Godly Play: Sarah & Jack Rimer

Nursery: Katie Rodgers &
Barbara Palmer

Youth Group: Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt,
& Cherokee Adams

Serving May 11 - Mother's Day

Door Monitor: Harvey Mast

Greeter: Marc Davis

Ushers & Water Pourers:
Dale Dobroth & Dwight Wm. Newman

Faith Village: *No Faith Village*

Godly Play: Diann & Robin Reed

Nursery: Sally Brown &
Dorothy Dobroth

Youth Group: Sarah Rimer, Karen Mast,
& Gus Scheidt

We Gather around God's Word

*Sung Prayer for Illumination *How Firm a Foundation (v. 1)* 463

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

Time with the Children Rev. Ann Held

Anthem *I Will Be a Child of Peace* - Hagenberg

Scripture Matthew 20:26-28; Philippians 2:3-8

Sermon Rev. Ann Held

We Respond to God's Word

*Sung Affirmation of Faith *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* 727

*Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.*

*We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.*

*I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.*

*I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.*

*When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.*

*Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.*

Invitation to the Offering

*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 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

Called as Partners in Christ's Service (vv. 1-3)

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*Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.*

*Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.*

*Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *Called as Partners in Christ's Service (v. 4)*

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*So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.*

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

| Class of 2025 | Class of 2026 | Class of 2027 |
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