

# 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!

⇒ 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.

## Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

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Massanutten  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*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  
Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 01, 2025

10:30 a.m.

## **We Gather at God's Call**

Introit *When In The Crowded Ways of Life* - North

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *A Quiet Faith* - Logan

\*Call to Worship (*responsively, from Psalm 97*) Sarah Rimer, Worship Leader  
The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice!

**The heavens proclaim the Lord's righteousness,  
and all the peoples behold the Lord's glory.**  
For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;  
**you are exalted far above all gods.**  
Light dawns for the righteous and joy for the upright in heart.  
**Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,  
and give thanks to the Lord's holy name!**

\*Hymn *Lead on, O King Eternal!* 269

*Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest, your tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong,  
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.*

*Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;  
for not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;  
with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.*

*Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears;  
your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light.  
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Holy God, you have shown yourself to us in Jesus,  
perfect in every way, compassionate and kind,  
faithful and loving, gracious and hospitable.**

**We stumble and fall as we seek to follow him,  
struggling to make his ways our ways.  
Our sins are real, and they are many.**

**Forgive our failings and encourage us to start again. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Neither sin nor doubt nor death,  
nor anything else in all creation can separate us  
from the love of God in Jesus Christ.

This is good news!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!  
Thanks be to God!**

\*Response of Praise      *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (refrain once)*      591

*Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

\*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      *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?*

### **Life at Massanutten**

- **The Summer Adult Sunday School Class** will begin at 9:00 a.m. on **June 22nd in the Fellowship Hall and will run until August 10th**. Join us for this engaging experience to inspire and nurture your faith. The class will take place every Sunday, allowing you to deepen your understanding and connect with others. Don't miss out!
- **Coffee Break Small Group:** June's Coffee Small Group will gather next **Thursday, June 5th, at 10:00 am** at the **Kaffee Klatsch** at the Dayton Market. All are welcome!
- **Flag Retirement:** Do you have US flags that need to be retired? Bring them to the church **by June 9** and place them in the labeled box in the Narthex. Our **Cub Scout Pack 120 will retire them properly on Flag Day (June 14)**, working with the VFW.
- Come Experience the **Virtual Dementia Tour (VDT) at MPC on June 10th**. This is an evidence-based method of building a greater understanding of dementia. VDT "uses patented sensory tools and instruction based on research conducted by P.K. Beville, M.S., a specialist in geriatrics and the founder of Second Wind Dreams®. During a Virtual Dementia Tour experience, trained facilitators guide participants outfitted with patented devices that alter their senses while trying to complete everyday tasks and exercises. The Tour enables caregivers to experience the physical and mental challenges those with dementia face, and use the experience to provide better person-centered care." More information about the (VDT) can be found on the Second Wind Dreams website at <https://secondwinds.org/vdtreg-comprehensive-edition.html>, or you can contact VDT Clinical Manager, Melora Jackson, at [melora@secondwind.org](mailto:melora@secondwind.org) to answer any questions you may have. Lastly, to register for the upcoming tour at MPC, you can go to: <https://www.vpas.info/caregiver-dementia-support>.
- 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](mailto:sallyhbrown47@gmail.com).
- Do you sew? **The Baja Mission Trip** has requested colorful cotton-blend curtains for the houses they will be building, size 24 X 32 inches, with a "pocket" for a rod. Completed curtains can be left in the church office, or with Hannah **by July 1**.

<b>This Week At MPC</b>	
<b>Sunday, June 1</b> 10:30am Worship w/ Communion 1:00pm Recorder Rehearsal (200)	<b>Friday, June 6</b> 6:00pm Dance Group (GA) <i>Church Office Closed</i>
<b>Monday, June 2</b> 6:00pm Cub Advancement (FH)	<b>Saturday, June 7</b> 10:00am Terri Ott (FH) <i>Church Office Closed</i>
<b>Tuesday, June 3</b>	<b>Sunday, June 8</b> 10:30am Worship Congregational Meeting (S) Q&A w/ Session (FH)
<b>Wednesday, June 4</b> 7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH) 11:00am Funeral Gene Cox (FH)	
<b>Thursday, June 5</b> 10:00am Coffee Small Group	

<b>Serving June 1</b>	<b>Serving June 8</b>
<b>Door Monitor:</b> Robin Reed	<b>Door Monitor:</b> Marc Davis
<b>Greeters:</b> Ric and JoAnn Leobold	<b>Greeter:</b> Marilyn Alley
<b>Ushers &amp; Water Pourers:</b> Bill and Kathy Marlowe	<b>Ushers &amp; Water Pourers:</b> Frank and Jean Gearing
<b>Nursery:</b> Katie Rodgers & Katie Gray	<b>Nursery:</b> Katie Rodgers & Erin Basgier
<b>Faith Village:</b> <i>Resumes in the Fall</i>	<b>Faith Village:</b> <i>Resumes in the Fall</i>
<b>Godly Play:</b> <i>Resumes in the Fall</i>	<b>Godly Play:</b> <i>Resumes in the Fall</i>
<b>Youth Group:</b> <i>Resumes in the Fall</i>	<b>Youth Group:</b> <i>Resumes in the Fall</i>

**\*\*Reminder: Please Beware of Suspicious Emails\*\***

No one at Massanutten Presbyterian Church will ever ask you to purchase anything, or to provide money, via email. If you ever receive such a message from someone that seems like it is from a church staff member, do not respond to it.

Time with the Children	Gayle Allen
Anthem	<i>Come Home</i> - Courtney
Scripture	Acts 16:16-34
Sermon	Pastor Keith Phillips

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith Adapted from *The Confession of 1967* (9.54-9.55)

**Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom.**

**The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.**

**With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.**

**In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.**

Invitation to the Offering

\* Communion Hymn *I Come With Joy* 515

*I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love, in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.*

*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.*

*The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here,  
alive among us here.*

*Together met, together bound by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.*

### **We are Fed at God's Table**

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (*responsively*)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*It is truly right and our greatest joy...*

*...who forever sing to the glory of your name:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the one who comes in your name.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

*Thank you for Jesus...*

*Great is the mystery of faith:*

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

*Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit...*

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;  
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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Pouring of the Cup

\*Communion of the People

*(Please move toward the center of the church, then move to the station serving your section. Servers will offer you a piece of bread—please cup your hands to receive it and move to the next server to take a cup from the tray. After you receive the elements, please return to your seat to eat the bread and drink the cup. You may leave your cups in the chair racks or dispose of them as you leave the sanctuary. For those who would be helped by a gluten free bread, please come to the center aisle and receive the element from the server in the middle.)*

Prayer After Communion

**Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament**

**live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may show forth your gifts to all the world.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **We Are Sent to the World**

\*Hymn

*Live Into Hope (vv. 1-3)*

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*Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!*

*Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity,  
removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.*

*Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be,  
the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*Live Into Hope (v. 4)*

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*Live into hope of captives freed  
from chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release  
to faith and hope and joy and peace.*