

**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  
 Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2025

10:30 a.m.

**We Gather at God's Call**

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *What a Friend We Have In Jesus* - Cherwien

\*Opening Sentences (*responsively*) Pastor Keith Phillips

There is no longer Jew or Greek,  
**there is no longer slave or free,**  
 there is no longer male and female:  
**for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.**

We are children of God through faith.  
**Let us worship God together with our siblings in Christ.**

\*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.*

*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.*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God of Grace, we have harmed your children whom you love.  
Because we do not understand them, we segregate them,  
we reject them, we demonize them, and we hurt them.**

**Forgive us, in your infinite love,  
and teach us to welcome all of your children  
until our hospitality is as wide as your mercy.  
Help us to understand others as we wish to be understood.  
Guide us to love one another as you love us. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

This is the truth: You are not the labels others place on you.  
You are more than the boxes you check.  
You are not the side of the aisle on which you stand,  
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.  
You belong to Christ, and Christ alone. Believe the good news of the gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

\*Response of Praise

*You Belong to Christ*

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*You belong to Christ,  
in whom you have been baptized.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**Today, we receive the 4-Cents-a-Meal offering,** part of the PC(USA)'s Cents-Ability program. Contributions to 4-Cents-a-Meal support hunger relief efforts both locally and globally. **Twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds raised will stay at Massanutten.** We will use this portion to support food purchases for our Blessings-in-a-Bag/Food-for-the-Weekend program at South River Elementary School in Grottoes.



Introduction to Four Cents a Meal

Four Cents a Meal Offering

*Give Thanks*

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**Elder Melva Lowry (Guest Bio):** Melva Lowry is a friend of Pastor Keith. They attended Columbia Theological Seminary together. Melva is also a friend of the Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center, participating in the "Keep Awake" High School Conference and the summer Middle School conferences. She lives in Georgia, and loves orchids and the color purple. Melva is an ordained elder under care of Greater Atlanta Presbytery.

### Life at Massanutten

⇒ **Churchwide Yard, Book, and Bake Sale!** On Saturday, June 28th, from 7:00a.m. - 1:00p.m., spend the morning browsing the sales; book purchases will be made by donation. Individual sellers will set their prices for yard sale items. To reserve a space for selling, please get in touch with the church office. Please bake something delicious to contribute to the sale! Bring all baked goods to the church and place them in the refrigerator by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. If you have questions, please contact Sally Brown via email at [sallyhbrown47@gmail.com](mailto:sallyhbrown47@gmail.com).

⇒ **This week, June 24th - 27th, the following youth will be at Massanetta Middle School Conference:** Corinna and Cameron Kaltborn, Chloe Martin, Reagan Pace, Avery Roberts, Avery Scheidt, and Charlotte Wright. Accompanied by Adult Leaders, Hannah Altman and Gus Scheidt. **Please remember to pray for them!**

⇒ Do you sew? **The Baja Mission Trip** has requested colorful cotton-blend curtains, size 24" W X 32" H, with a "pocket" for a rod, for the houses they will be building. Each window needs two panels, and there are ten windows, so twenty panels are needed. Completed curtains can be left in the church office or with Hannah **by July 1.**

⇒ **Celebrate America!** The annual patriotic/pops concert, Celebrate America! **Featuring Shenandoah Valley Choral Society**, directed by Curtis Nolley, and the **Harrisonburg-Rockingham Concert Band**, directed by Melissa Harper, **will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 3rd, at the Harrisonburg High School Auditorium.** Tickets are available at the door, locally at Harrisonburg Friendly City Food Co-Op, Bridgewater Foods Supermarket, and online at [singshenandoah.org](http://singshenandoah.org).

<b>This Week At MPC</b>	
<b>Sunday, June 22</b> 9:00am Adult Sunday School (FH) 10:30am Worship Session Meeting after Worship 1:00pm Recorder Rehearsal (200)	<b>Thursday, June 26</b> <b>Friday, June 27</b> <i>Church Office Closed</i> <b>Saturday, June 28</b> <i>Church Office Closed</i> 7:00am Church Yard, Book & Bake Sale!! (FH, Parking Lot)
<b>Monday, June 23</b> <b>Tuesday, June 24</b> <b>Wednesday, June 25</b> 7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH) 5:30pm Bible Study	<b>Sunday, June 29</b> 9:00am Adult Sunday School (FH) 10:30am Worship

<b>Serving June 22</b> <b>Door Monitor:</b> Skip Wissinger <b>Greeters:</b> Tom and Gina Holden <b>Ushers &amp; Water Pourers:</b> Larry and Pam French <b>Nursery:</b> Katie Rodgers & Holly Veenis <b>Children &amp; Youth Programs:</b> <i>Resume in the Fall</i>	<b>Serving June 29</b> <b>Door Monitor:</b> Harvey Mast <b>Greeters:</b> Mike and Ka Guinn <b>Ushers &amp; Water Pourers:</b> Dale and Dorothy Dobroth <b>Nursery:</b> Katie Rodgers & Holly Veenis <b>Children &amp; Youth Programs:</b> <i>Resume in the Fall</i>
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**YOUR VOICE MATTERS**

**Take the MPC Congregational Survey Today!**  
*Help us listen, reflect, and discern together  
 as we prepare for the next chapter of ministry  
 at Massanutten Presbyterian Church.*

⇒ **Today is the final day to participate in the survey regarding MPC's mission and leadership needs!** Please ensure that your surveys are completed and submitted by the end of the day. You can access the online version through the link available in Blessings. Additionally, paper copies can be found in the church's Narthex. Thank you for your feedback!

*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.*

### We Gather around God's Word

Time with the Children		Pastor Keith Phillips
Anthem	<i>"In Christ There Is No East or West"</i> Ron Matthews and Wanda Wallace with Carol Lown	- Burleigh
Scripture		Galatians 3:23-29
Sermon		Elder Melva Lowry

### We Respond to God's Word

\*Affirmation of Faith From *The Book of Order*, (F-1.0301)  
**The Church is the body of Christ.**  
**Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body.**

**The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world:**  
**The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.**  
**The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation.**  
**This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things.**  
**The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation.**

**The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.**  
**The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.**

Invitation to the Offering

*With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.  
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!*

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

*The Church of Christ in Every Age (vv. 1-4)*

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*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.*

*For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,  
and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.*

\*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.*

### **Members of Our Church Family...**

**Bill Painter, Patricia Armstrong** (recovering from broken femur), **Shari Jensen** (on hospice care), **Sharon Lam** (recovering from foot surgery), **Sharon Pafford** (receiving treatment for cancer); **Sally Meeth** (in healthcare at Sunnyside recovering from a recent fall); **Don Enslen** (recovering at home from infection); **Kathy Frakes** (hospitalized at INOVA); **Glenda Stickley** (recovering from a mild stroke); **Bettye Davis** (receiving treatment for cancer)

### **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), **Ella Perry** (connective tissue disease), family and friends of Pastor Keith; **Bob Voorhees**, father of Patti Hobbie; **Mark Heltzel**, son of Helen Groves; **Christena Scott**, sister of Kathy Marlowe (blood cancers); **John Grimm**, brother of Sharon Posey (kidney failure and diabetes); **Shepherd Blaylock**, great grandson of Ellen Blose; **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; **Mindy** (cancer) and **Tony** (brain tumor), a married couple who are friends of Diann Reed's family; **Jean Shepley** (recovering from recent fall), mother of Sherry Matthews; **Cheri Smith** (streptococcal pneumonia), mother of Jenna Dull and friend of Melissa Leecy; **Martha Hamblen** (colon cancer, housing), sister of Matt Hamblen.

### **We Extend Sympathy to ...**

**Jackie Corson** and her family - particularly her sister Clare - on the death of Jackie's brother-in-law, Jay Copenhaver, on June 16th.

### **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).