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**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 after Pentecost*

July 27, 2025

10:30 a.m.

**We Gather at God's Call**

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *How Great Thou Art* - Graham  
Logan Davis and Kathleen Wissinger

\*Opening Sentences (*responsively*) Ron Matthews, Worship Leader

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

**I will tell of your wonderful deeds.**

I will be glad and exult in you;

**I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

**Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.**

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

\*Hymn *God Is Calling through the Whisper* 410

*God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs,  
through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.  
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:  
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?*

*God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers,  
through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.  
Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:  
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?*

*God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,  
through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.  
Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:  
God is calling—and we hear! God is calling—and we hear!*

\*Call to Confession

*We wish Logan Davis "Godspeed" as he heads to Indiana University in Bloomington, IN, to begin his Masters in Tuba Performance degree and become a true "Hoosier!"*

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Merciful God, we pray the Lord's Prayer each week, even daily,  
but we do not always walk the walk.**

**We pray that your kingdom will come and your will be done,  
but we are reluctant to do the work of justice and mercy  
that characterize your kingdom.**

**We ask for our daily bread and then hoard as much as we can.**

**We ask you to forgive us as we have forgiven others,  
but we are quick to anger and slow to forgive.**

**Loving God, have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.**

**Help us to seek your will for our lives  
and walk in the way of Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

For freedom Christ has set us free.

Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence,  
but through love become slaves to one another.

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

\*Response of Praise

*We Are Forgiven*

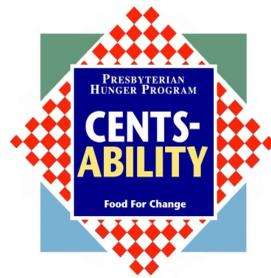
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*We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

Introduction to Four Cents a Meal

**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.



## Life at Massanutten

⇒ **SESSION DIALOGUES COMING SOON!** You will have the opportunity to visit with several Session members to address your questions, input, and concerns about the co-pastor transition process:

⇒ At the Church:

**Sunday, Aug. 3, after worship** in the Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, Aug. 5, in the evening** (time and location TBD)

**Wednesday, Aug. 13, in the morning** (time and location TBD)

⇒ At Sunnyside

**Tuesday, July 29, at 10:30 a.m.** in the Skyline Room in the Highlands

**Wednesday, Aug. 6, at 2:30 p.m.** in the Shenandoah Room at the Highlands.

For any questions, please get in touch with Gina Holden at (540) 433-1048.

⇒ **The Summer Adult Sunday School Class meets every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall until August 10th.** The class is open to all, and looks closely at the scriptures being examined during worship.

⇒ **Open Doors is in need of travel size toiletries** - particularly shampoo, conditioner, and deodorant. If you're preparing to travel this summer, pick up some extra toiletries to support Open Doors!

⇒ **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](mailto:mpcpreschool3s4s@gmail.com) or call (540) 434-6194 for more information.

*We would like to thank all those who offered their talents in service  
by providing special music this summer. The gifts and generosity of each  
of those individuals provided a very meaningful witness experience.  
If you have considered offering your talent, there is one more opportunity to do so:  
August 31st. Please contact Bob Jerome to volunteer.*

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is still coordinating a response with the Synod of the Sun Partnership for Disaster Recovery and Mission Presbytery following flash flooding in the Texas Hill Country that has resulted in more than 100 lives lost. The response includes support for Mission Presbytery staff and volunteers, as well as material aid, such as flood buckets and other essentials.

Recovery work is still ongoing, and assessment of the long-term needs is just beginning. If you would like to give, please call 800-872-3283. Alternatively, if you prefer to mail a check, a donation sheet is available in the Narthex.

**This Week At MPC**

**Sunday, July 27**

9:00am Adult Sunday School (FH)  
 10:30am Worship  
 1:00pm Recorder Rehearsal (200)

**Monday, July 28**

**Tuesday, July 29**

10:30am Session Dialogue Sunnyside

**Wednesday, July 30**

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)

**Thursday, July 31**

**Friday, August 1**

*Church Office Closed*  
 6:00pm Dance Group (FH)

**Saturday, August 2**

*Church Office Closed*  
 5:30pm Peggy Alexander (PS)

**Sunday, August 3**

9:00am Adult Sunday School (FH)  
 10:30am Worship with Communion  
 Session Dialogue after  
 Worship (FH)

**Serving July 27**

**Door Monitor:** Robin Reed

**Greeters:** Tom and Gina Holden

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

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Katie Gray

**Children & Youth Programs:**  
*Resume in the Fall*

**Serving August 3**

**Door Monitor:** Phyllis Hamilton

**Greeters:** Ric and JoAnn Leobold

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**  
 Skip and Kath Wissinger

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Holly Veenis

**Children & Youth Programs:**  
*Resume in the Fall*

Four Cents a Meal Offering

*Give Thanks*

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

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

***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!"***

***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!"  
 Give thanks. Give thanks.***

**We Gather around God's Word**

Time with the Children

Jean Kilby

Special Music

*"A Time for Peace"*  
 Logan Davis and Kathleen Wissinger  
 Tuba and Piano

- Graham

Scripture

Luke 11:1-13

Sermon

Pastor Keith Phillips

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith

From *The Confession of 1967*

**We believe that God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation.**

**The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church  
 as the community in which we are reconciled to God and to one another.  
 The Spirit enables us to receive forgiveness as we forgive one another  
 and to enjoy the peace of God as we make peace among ourselves.  
 We believe that in spite of our sin, the Holy Spirit gives us power  
 to become representatives of Jesus Christ  
 and to proclaim the good news of reconciliation to all.**

Invitation to the Offering

*For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:*

*Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful 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 *What Is the World Like* 771

*What is the world like when God's will is done? Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive;  
roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun. This is how God moves us each to believe.*

*What is the world like when God's will is done? Witness the wandering child coming home;  
watch as the parent breaks into a run. This is how God longs for us when we roam.*

*What is the world like when God's will is done? No more is neighbor just ally or friend;  
peace thrives in places where once there was none. This is how God works when rivalries end.*

*What is the world like when God's will is done? Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,  
tending our lamps till the new day's begun. This is how God readies us for the light.  
These are the stories that Jesus imparts, filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.  
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts, this is a new world where God's will is done.*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response *Spirit of the Living God* 288

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

**Congregational Concerns****Members of Our Church Family...**

**Bill Painter, Patricia Armstrong** (receiving treatment for a GIST tumor), **Sharon Lam** (recovering from foot surgery), **Sharon Pafford** (receiving treatment for cancer), **Don Enslen** (recovering at home from infection), **Kathy Frakes** (recovering from pancreatitis and polymyalgia rheumatica), **Bettye Davis** (receiving treatment for cancer), **Marc Davis** (recent heart catheterization), **Greg Trobaugh** (shingles, recent cardiac ablation)

**Friends of Our Church Family...**

**Owen Mann; Andy Schoof**, lifelong friend 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** (friend, 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); **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); **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; **Martha Hamblen** (colon cancer, housing), sister of Matt Hamblen; **Dick Stutzman** (undiagnosed neurological disorder), friend of Ron Matthews; **Carol Jean Kacho** (broken hip), daughter of Alexis Kacho Gearing who is married to Ned Gearing (son of Frank and Jean Gearing); **Rev. Jerrod Lowry** (cancer treatments) and family, friends of Pastor Keith.

**We Extend Sympathy to ...**

The family of **Shari Jensen**, who died on July 14th. A memorial service will take place at the Sunnyside Meredith Chapel on Monday, July 28th, at 3:00 p.m.

**Stefanie Holland** and her family on the death of Stefanie's mother, Sieglinde Seitz, on July 21st.

**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).