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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
 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Festive Trumpet Tune* - German

*Opening Sentences (*responsively*) Nancy Davis, Worship Leader

God has given us this day.
God's steadfast love endures forever.

God has gathered us in this place.
God's steadfast love endures forever.

There are many places we could be,
 but God has brought us here.

God's steadfast love endures forever.
 Hearing God's call, let us worship together.

*Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King* (vv. 1, 2, 4, 6) 15

*All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
 Alleluia! Alleluia! O brother sun with golden beam,
 O sister moon with silver gleam, sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O brother wind with clouds and rain, you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! O sister water, flowing clear,
 make music for your Lord to hear. Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain or sorrow grieve,
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
 so, even in the midst of tears, sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One! Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Faithful God, we confess our faithlessness.

**Our hearts are fickle, our eyes wander,
and we trick ourselves into serving other gods.
We speak lies, accept lies, live lies,
destroying others and ourselves along the way.**

**Forgive our waywardness and lead us back to you.
Embolden our trust in your faithfulness
and settle your truth in our hearts.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Beyond the cross, beyond the grave, beyond our sin,

God's steadfast love endures forever. This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

*Response of Praise

I Come with Joy (v. 1)

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***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.***

*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 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God (v. 1)*

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***Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.***

Time with the Children

Wanda Wallace

Special Music

Allegro for Concerto in A Minor
Afton Guinn, Violin

- Vivaldi

Scripture

Luke 12:13-21

Sermon

Pastor Keith Phillips

Life at Massanutten

⇒ **The August Coffee Small Group** will gather next **Thursday, August 7th, at 10:00 am at the Kaffee Klatsch** at the Dayton Market. All are welcome!

⇒ **SESSION DIALOGUES UNDERWAY!** 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:

Today, Aug. 3, after worship in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Aug. 5, in the evening 6:30pm in Library

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

⇒ At Sunnyside

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.

⇒ **Next Sunday at 9am is the last Summer Adult Sunday School Class.** The class is open to all, and looks closely at the scriptures being examined during worship. **There will not be Sunday School on August 17th, 24th, or 31st.** The Faithful Conversations and Covenant Class will resume on September 7th.

⇒ **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 or call (540) 434-6194 for more information.

⇒ **The "Deep Dive" Bible Study** will meet on **Wednesday, August 27th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** This group focuses on exploring scripture and other faith-related books in depth, promoting discussions that lead to a deeper understanding of the truths conveyed by the Holy Spirit. Participants should be prepared to consider and wrestle with interpretations of scripture that may challenge their existing beliefs. For more information, please see Ron Matthews or David Allen.

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith From *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female,
of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God
in others and in ourselves, accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death
to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah
chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

Invitation to the Offering

*Communion Hymn *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* 526

*Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken; the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard.*

*Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

*Christ is able to make us one; at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.*

*Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound!
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*Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!*

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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, August 3 9:00am Adult Sunday School (FH) 10:30am Worship with Communion Session Dialogue after Worship (FH)	Thursday, August 7 Friday, August 8 <i>Church Office Closed</i> Saturday, August 9 <i>Church Office Closed</i> Sunday, August 10 9:00am Adult Sunday School (FH) 10:30am Worship 1:00pm Recorder Rehearsal (200)
Monday, August 4 Tuesday, August 5 6:30pm Session Dial. Meeting (L)	
Wednesday, August 6 7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH) 2:30pm Session Dialogue Meeting (Sunnyside)	

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: <i>Resumes September 14th</i>	Serving August 10 Door Monitor: Marc Davis Greeters: Bettye Davis & Marilyn Alley Ushers & Water Pourers: Mike Guinn & Dwight Wm Newman Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Phyllis Hamilton Children & Youth Programs: <i>Resumes September 14th</i>
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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.

Holy God...

...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 he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

In Christ, dividing walls are broken down...

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Take our hearts, our lives, our hands...

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Pouring of the Cup

*Communion of the People

(Today we will receive communion by intinction. 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. There, you will dip your piece of bread into the cup. You may consume the elements and then return to your seats. All of the bread is gluten free. For those who cannot come to the front, please raise your hand when asked and you will be served at your seat.)

Prayer After Communion

God of abundance,

with this bread of life and cup of salvation

you have united us with Christ,

making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue forever in the risen life

of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

*Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.*

Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.

Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

*Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.*

*Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Go, My Children, with My Blessing (v. 3)

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*“Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.*

*Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.*

*Here my Spirit's power filled you;
here my tender comfort stilled you.*

*Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.”*