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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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* - Willan

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Ka Guinn, Worship Leader

The heavens declare the righteousness of God.

The earth declares God's beauty.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

God's word shines forth in glory.

*Hymn *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* 610

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!*

*The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.*

*Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.*

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.*

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

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God of the ages, God of the old, old story,
we hear of our ancestors and are astounded by their faith.**

They trusted you, but we waver.

**They believed your promise,
but we cling to our own ideas.**

Life at Massanutten

**Forgive us and free us from our fear,
that we may follow with joy
wherever you may lead;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)
From age to age, from generation to generation,
God's mercy never fails.
Hear the good news:
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!**

*Response of Praise *Glory Be to the Father* 581

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.***

*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 *Be Thou My Vision (v. 3)* 450

***Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.***

Time with the Children Hannah Altman

Special Music *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* - Robinson
Danielle Cunningham and Ryan Cunningham
Voice and Guitar

Scripture Luke 12:32-40

Sermon Pastor Keith Phillips

⇒ **LAST OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A SESSION DIALOGUE!** You will have the opportunity to visit with several Session members to address your questions, input, and concerns about the co-pastor transition process. The final chance is this Wednesday morning at 9 am.

⇒ **Today was the last Summer Adult Sunday School Class. 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! They can be left in the designated basket in the Narthex.

⇒ **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.

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 10

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

Monday, August 11

10:00am Food Pantry
 6:00pm Admin Meeting (L)

Tuesday, August 12

Wednesday, August 13

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
 9:00am Session Dialogue Meeting

Thursday, August 14

6:00pm Worship Commission (FH)
 7:00pm Food Pantry

Friday, August 15

Church Office Closed

Saturday, August 16

Church Office Closed

Sunday, August 17

10:30am Worship
 11:30am Session Meeting

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:

Resumes September 14th

Serving August 17

Door Monitor: Harvey Mast

Greeters: Karen Mast & Jackie Corson

Ushers & Water Pourers:

Trent & Lindsey Bowman

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Julia Sensabaugh

Children & Youth Programs:

Resumes September 14th

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

From A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
 sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
 and binds us together with all believers
 in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
 rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
 engages us through the Word proclaimed,
 claims us in the waters of baptism,
 feeds us with the bread of life
 and the cup of salvation,
 and calls people to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage
 to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples
 to Christ as Lord and Savior,
 to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
 to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
 and to work with others
 for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below;
 praise God above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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

God of Grace and God of Glory

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*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*

*Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.

Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* (v. 1)

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*God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

Congregational Concerns

Members of Our Church Family...

Bill Painter, Patricia Armstrong (recovering from infection, receiving treatment for a GIST tumor), **Sharon Pafford** (receiving treatment for cancer), **Don Enslen** (hip pain, recovering from infection), **Kathy Frakes** (recovering from pancreatitis and polymyalgia rheumatica), **Bettye Davis** (receiving treatment for cancer), **Carol Waterhouse** (recovering from infection)

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; **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; **Ty Heilman** (heart attack and cancer), brother of Sally Brown; **Peggy Kuehl** (cancer), friend of Carol Lown and Kath Wissinger; **Mary Gearing** (sinus and lung congestion), sister of Frank Gearing.

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).