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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  
 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025

10:30 a.m.

**We Gather at God's Call**

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Allegro* - Purcell  
 Recorder Choir

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Pastor Keith Phillips, Worship Leader  
 Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
**let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,  
 and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.**  
 Mindful of the gifts we receive and confident in the sustenance the Lord provides,  
**let us worship God.**

\*Hymn *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* 395

*Blessed Jesus, at your word  
 we have come again to hear you;  
 let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
 and in glowing faith be near you.  
 By your gospel true and holy,  
 teach us, Lord, to love you solely.*

*All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
 lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
 till your Spirit breaks our night,  
 filling us with light unclouded.  
 All good thoughts and all good living  
 come but by your gracious giving.*

*Glorious Lord, yourself impart,  
 Light of Light, from God proceeding.  
 Touch our lips and ears and heart;  
 help us by your Spirit's pleading.  
 Hear the cry your church now raises;  
 hear, and bless our prayers and praises.*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Loving Creator, with a gardener's tender touch,  
you planted your people to bear good fruit,  
but we bear wild grapes.**

**With a welder's fierce fire,  
you fashioned your people to glorify you,  
but we are riddled with impurities.**

**In your generous mercy, O God, regard the vine you planted:  
save and restore us.**

**Reform the vessel you crafted: cleanse and refine us.**

**Give us life, O God,  
that with our whole being we may worship you rightly.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Jesus endured the cross and disregarded its shame  
for the sake of the joy that was set before him.

That joy is our salvation. His joy is our freedom.

Believe the good news:

**In Jesus Christ, we 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.***

\*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

*Open My Eyes That I May See (v. 1)*

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***Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!***

***Our Guest Preacher this Sunday will be Dr. Jennifer Aycock, Associate Professor of Religion at James Madison University. She also serves as Director of Communications and Strategic Initiatives for the American Society of Missiology. Prior to moving to the Valley, she taught at Hood Theological Seminary and Columbia Theological Seminary. She holds a PhD and a Master's of Theology from Emory University, and a Master's of Divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Dr. Aycock's areas of research include African Christianity during colonization and African Diaspora Christianity in the twentieth century.***

### **Life at Massanutten**

⇒ **Attention Presbyterian Women:** The annual Potluck Kickoff is on Tuesday, August 26, starting at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Following the potluck dinner, Gina Holden and Gayle Allen will present an overview of this year's Bible study based on the book FINDING RESILIENCE, JOY, AND IDENTITY IN JESUS CHRIST. **(Please contact Gayle Allen if you need a book, \$15.00.) Please join us for an evening of food and fellowship and bring a dish to share.**

⇒ **\*\*REMEMBER\*\* There will NOT be Sunday School on August 17th, 24th, or 31st.** The Faithful Conversations and Covenant Class will resume on September 7th.

⇒ **The "Deep Dive" Bible Study** will meet on **Wednesday, August 27th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Library.** 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.

⇒ **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.

⇒ **Outdoor Jazz Worship Service:** Come for an evening of outdoor worship and hear music from Trilogy, featuring jazz-influenced versions of spirituals and other songs of hope. **The service will take place on this evening, August 17 at 6:30 pm at Opequon Presbyterian Church's Picnic Shelter in Winchester, VA.**

**Pastor Keith will be at Montreat for continuing education and study leave beginning the evening of August 17th.** He will return for worship on August 24th. In the event of a pastoral emergency, you may call the office or reach out to Pastor Keith. We will connect you with Pastor Stephanie Sorge of Trinity Presbyterian Church (Harrisonburg).

| This Week At MPC   |   |
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| <b>Sunday, August 17</b><br>10:30am Worship<br>11:30am Session Meeting             | <b>Thursday, August 21</b><br>4:30pm Mosaic (HBR)   |
| <b>Monday, August 18</b>   | <b>Friday, August 22</b><br><i>Church Office Closed</i>   |
| <b>Tuesday, August 19</b>  | <b>Saturday, August 23</b><br><i>Church Office Closed</i>   |
| <b>Wednesday, August 20</b><br>7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)<br>7:00pm Choir (CR) | <b>Sunday, August 24</b><br>9:00am Choir (CR)<br>10:30am Worship<br><i>Blessing of Backpacks</i><br>1:00pm Recorder Rehearsal (200) |

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| <b>Serving August 17</b><br><br><b>Door Monitor:</b> Harvey Mast<br><br><b>Greeters:</b> Karen Mast & Jackie Corson<br><br><b>Ushers &amp; Water Pourers:</b><br>Trent and Lindsey Harvell-Bowman<br><br><b>Nursery:</b> Katie Rodgers & Julia Sensabaugh<br><br><b>Children &amp; Youth Programs:</b><br><i>Resumes September 14th</i> | <b>Serving August 24</b><br><br><b>Door Monitor:</b> Robin Reed<br><br><b>Greeters:</b> Greg and Ann Trobaugh<br><br><b>Ushers &amp; Water Pourers:</b><br>Cheryl Henderson & Julia Sensabaugh<br><br><b>Nursery:</b> Katie Rodgers & Erin Basgier<br><br><b>Children &amp; Youth Programs:</b><br><i>Resumes September 14th</i> |
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 \* **We welcome our new Digital Worship Coordinator: Anna Richardson!** Anna will  
 \* be running the programs that allow us to live stream our worship services and to use  
 \* our projection screens in the sanctuary. Anna follows in the footsteps of her cousin,  
 \* Logan Davis, who recently moved to Indiana for graduate school.  
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Time with the Children Pastor Keith Phillips  
 Special Music *Now Thank We All Our God/ Jesus Loves Me* - Recorder Choir  
 Scripture Isaiah 5:1-7, Luke 12:49-56  
 Sermon Dr. Jennifer Aycock

### We Respond to God's Word

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) *From The Confession of 1967 (9.21 and 9.24)*  
**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.**  
**His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for people**  
**when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.**  
**In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all,**  
**moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience,**  
**and initiates the new life in Christ.**

**The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus,**  
**his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation,**  
**his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death.**  
**The teaching of apostles and prophets guides people in living this life,**  
**and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries.**

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *Great God of Every Blessing (v. 1)* 694

*Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,  
 you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.  
 How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:  
 sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

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

*O Christ, the Great Foundation*

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***O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand  
to preach your true salvation in every age and land:  
pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,  
to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.***

***Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,  
we bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth:  
one holy people gathered in love beyond our own,  
by grace we were invited; by grace we make you known.***

***Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak,  
where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak,  
there let your church awaking attack the powers of sin  
and, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.***

***This is the moment glorious when he who once was dead  
shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head.  
The Lord of all creation his heavenly kingdom brings:  
the final consummation, the glory of all things.***

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (v. 5)*

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***Christ in the eyes of all who see me,  
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,  
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:  
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.***

## Congregational Concerns

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

**Bill Painter, Patricia Armstrong** (receiving treatment for a GIST tumor), **Sharon Pafford** (receiving treatment for cancer), **Don Enslin** (hip pain, recovering from infection), **Kathy Frakes** (recovering from illnesses), **Bettye Davis** (receiving treatment for cancer), **Marc Davis** (recovering from TAVR heart procedure performed Aug. 10th).

### **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**, mother of Sherry Matthews; **Martha Hamblen** (colon cancer, housing), sister of Matt Hamblen; **Dick Stutzman** (undiagnosed neurological disorder), friend of Ron Matthews; **Rev. Jerrod Lowry** (cancer treatments) and family, friends of Pastor Keith; **Ty Heilman** (cancer), brother of Sally Brown; **Peggy Kuehl** (cancer), friend of Carol Lown and Kath Wissinger; **Mark Carter** (hospice care), brother-in-law of Ron and Sherry Matthews.

### **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).