

## Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

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**Massanutten**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Service of Worship  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
*Follow Me - Live in Community*

September 14, 2025

10:30 a.m.

### **We Gather at God's Call**

Introit *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* - Holden

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Adagio* - Vivaldi/Wolf

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Gus Scheidt, Worship Leader

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

**This is where our story begins.**

And the Word became flesh and lived among us,  
and we have seen his glory,  
the glory as of a father's only son,  
full of grace and truth.

**This is where Jesus joins our story.**

Peter said to them,

“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ  
so that your sins may be forgiven;  
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

**This is where we are invited to join the story.**

We are now called to worship our Triune God - Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer -  
who continues to write our story in our lives.

**Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* 306

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

*Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.*

*We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear.  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.*

*When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.*

*From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.*

*Our mission:*

*To nurture disciples of  
Jesus Christ who are sent  
to join boldly with the  
Spirit's work in the world.*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel,  
but we remain silent in the presence of evil.**

**You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,  
but we are content to live in separation.**

**You call us to seek the good of all,  
but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.**

**You call us to fight pretensions and injustice,  
but we sit idly by,  
endangering the lives of people far and near.**

**Forgive us, O Lord.**

**Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,  
and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others;  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,  
that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,  
that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you 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

*How Firm a Foundation (v. 1)*

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*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

Time with the Children

Sarah Rimer



## **Food Truck Festival**

Saturday, September 20th  
Rockingham County Fairgrounds  
11 am - 7 pm

Support the Open Doors Shelter Ministry...

- ◆ Mark your calendars for the Food Truck Fest and come enjoy the good food, music and crafts.
- ◆ If you have questions, please contact Dale Dobroth at (540) 421-9409.

### **Life at Massanutten**

- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **\*\*Come Join Us! 3rd Wednesday Night Dinners Are Back! \*\*** We invite you to join us on the **Third Wednesday of each month** for dinner and fellowship. **Dinner will be served starting at 5:30 p.m.**, and we try to finish by 6:45 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to meet new people, play games, and connect with others in our church community in a relaxed atmosphere. **Mark your calendars for the following dates: September 17th, October 15th, and November 19th.** We look forward to seeing you there!
- ⇒ **"Home Alone" Let's Eat!** Do you ever get tired of fixing something only to end up eating it for the next week or two? The idea is for folks who live by themselves to get together a couple of times a month and fix a variety of meals to share and take home. Maybe a favorite dish you usually make for the family, but it makes too many servings. Join others for fun, food, and fellowship, while sharing your favorite casserole or dish. **We will have an informational meeting after worship today, Sunday, September 14th, in the Fellowship Hall**, where we will plan a date to meet and talk about the types of meals that would work best. **If you can't come to the meeting today, but would like more information, please get in touch with Julia Sensabaugh at (540)248-1002 or [sensabaughjulia@gmail.com](mailto:sensabaughjulia@gmail.com).**
- ⇒ **\*\*Reminder: Please Beware of Suspicious Emails & Texts\*\*** No one at Massanutten Presbyterian Church will ever ask you to purchase anything or to provide money via email or text. If you ever receive such a message from someone who appears to be a church staff member, do not respond to it.
- ⇒ **Safety Message:** Get a flu shot to protect yourself and the people around you, including those who are immunocompromised.

<b>This Week At MPC</b>			
<b>Sunday, September 14</b>		<b>Thursday, September 18</b>	
9:00 am	Adult Sunday School (117,119)	4:30 pm	Mosaic (HBR)
9:30 am	Faith Village MS Sunday School HS Breakfast Parent Fellowship	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts (108,119)
10:30 am	Worship Godly Play Chancel Expansion Comm. after Worship (FH) Home Alone "Let's Eat" after Worship (FH)	<b>Friday, September 19</b> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	
2:00 pm	Cub Scouts (108,119)	<b>Saturday, September 20</b> <i>Church Office closed</i>	
5:00 pm	Fun with Handbells (HBR)	<b>Sunday, September 21</b>	
6:00 pm	Youth Group	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School (117,119)
<b>Monday, September 15</b>		9:30 am	Faith Village MS Sunday School HS Breakfast Parent Fellowship
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts (FH)	10:30 am	Worship Godly Play Session Meeting after Worship (FH)
<b>Tuesday, September 16</b>		1:00 pm	Recorder Rehearsal (200)
<b>Wednesday, September 17</b>		2:00 pm	Cub Scouts (108, 119)
7:30 am	Men's Prayer Group (FH)	5:00 pm	Fun with Handbells (HBR)
5:30 pm	Third Wednesday Dinner (FH)	6:00 pm	Youth Group
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (CR)		

<b>Serving September 14</b>	<b>Serving September 21</b>
<b>Door Monitor:</b> Harvey Mast	<b>Door Monitor:</b> Jack Rimer
<b>Greeters:</b> Cyndi Taylor & Sally Brown	<b>Greeters:</b> TBD
<b>Ushers &amp; Water Pourers:</b> Bill and Kathy Marlowe	<b>Ushers &amp; Water Pourers:</b> TBD
<b>Faith Village &amp; Middle School:</b> Jennifer Coffelt, Nancy Wayland, and David Allen	<b>Faith Village &amp; Middle School:</b> Jennifer Coffelt, Nancy Wayland, and Adam Teter
<b>HS Breakfast:</b> Mary Mabry & Emily Burkholder	<b>HS Breakfast:</b> Mary Mabry & Emily Burkholder
<b>Godly Play:</b> Diann and Robin Reed	<b>Godly Play:</b> Jean Kilby & TBD
<b>Nursery:</b> Katie Rodgers & Katie Gray	<b>Nursery:</b> Katie Rodgers & Dorothy Dobroth
<b>Youth Group:</b> Gus Scheidt & Sarah Rimer	<b>Youth Group:</b> Gus Scheidt & Sarah Rimer

Anthem	<i>O God Beyond all Praising</i>	- Holst/Proulx
	<i>O God, beyond all praising, we worship you today And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; For we can only wonder at every gift you send, At blessings without number and mercies without end: We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.</i>	
	<i>The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die, Its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high; But hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown, Though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown: For Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free, And we through Him are given the final victory.</i>	
	<i>Then hear, most gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, That we who know your favor may serve you as our King. And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to praise you still: To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, And make a joyful duty of our sacrifice and praise.</i>	
Scriptures	Exodus 13:1-10; John 6:1-14	
Sermon	"Feast and Listen Together"	Pastor Keith Phillips

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) *From A Declaration of Faith*  
**Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record.**

**The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with his people's response in faith.**  
**It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all.**  
**It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**  
**That story is still unfolding, and in faith we make it our own.**  
**It forms our memory and our hope.**  
**It tells us who we are and what we are to do.**  
**To retell it is to declare what we believe.**

**God is at work beyond our story.**  
**We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell.**  
**The story itself tells us God works his sovereign will among all peoples of the earth.**  
**We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe.**

## Congregational Concerns

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 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 *Together We Serve (vv. 1-3)* 767

*Together we serve, united by love,  
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.  
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,  
extending God's love to the last and the least.*

*We seek to become a beacon of hope,  
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through  
until we see Christ in each person we meet.*

*We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,  
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.  
We offer a home to those who will come,  
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response *Together We Serve (v. 4)* 767

*Together, by grace, we witness and work,  
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.  
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,  
remembering love is the strength of our song.*

### Members of Our Church Family...

**Bill Painter, Patricia Armstrong** (recovering from 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), **Elfie Finn-McKenzie** (recovering from stroke).

### 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); **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; **Ezra Miller** (diagnosed with leukemia), attended the 4 year old preschool program at MPC last year; **Sandy Zook** (Alzheimer's Disease), grandmother of Cherokee Adams; **John Grimm**, brother of Sharon Posey (on hospice for kidney failure and diabetes).

### 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).