

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
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Follow Me - Live in Community

September 21, 2025

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *Come Down, O Love Divine* - Robins

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Simple Gifts* - Kerr/Held

*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 that sin that clings so closely,
**and let us run with perseverance
 the race that is set before us.**

Sing to the Lord a new song:
let all the faithful praise the Lord.

*Hymn *Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers* 407

*Spirit divine, attend our prayers, and make this house your home.
 Descend with all your gracious powers. O come, great Spirit, come!*

*Come as the light. To us reveal our emptiness and woe.
 And lead us in those paths of life where all the righteous go.*

*Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sacrificial flame.
 Let our whole soul an offering be to our Redeemer's name.*

*Come as the dove and spread your wings, the wings of peaceful love.
 And let the church on earth become blest as the church above.*

*Spirit divine, attend our prayers. Make a lost world your home.
 Descend with all your gracious powers. O come, great Spirit, come!*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternal God,
 in every age you have raised up people to live and die in faith.
We confess that we are indifferent to your will.

You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent.
You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle.
You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.

In your mercy forgive us.

Give us courage to follow in your way,
that joined with those from ages past,
who have served you with faith, hope, and love,
we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. 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

Glory Be to the Father

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***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

I Love to Tell the Story (v. 1)

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***I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.***

***I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.***

Time with the Children

Pastor Keith Phillips

Anthem

Abide With Me

- Hogan

*Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

Rev. Erin Skinner will serve as our guest preacher this Sunday.

She serves as a Ministry Relations Officer at the Presbyterian Foundation. In her role, she supports churches in their efforts to be good stewards of all that God has given to us. She serves churches in Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee, and resides in Waynesboro, Virginia. She loves hearing the remarkable stories of generosity that take place in each of the churches she serves.

Life at Massanutten

- ⇒ **Open Doors is in need of travel size toiletries** - particularly shampoo, conditioner, and deodorant. If you're preparing to travel, pick up some extra toiletries to **support Open Doors!** They can be left in the designated basket in the Narthex.
- ⇒ **“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. **The first gathering will take place on Monday, September 22 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Julia Sensabaugh at (540)248-1002 or sensabaughjulia@gmail.com.**
- ⇒ **The “Deep Dive” Bible Study** will meet on **Wednesday, September 24th, 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.
- ⇒ **Next Sunday, we will receive the 4-Cents-A-Meal offering.** This offering is a ministry of the PC(USA)’s Cents-Ability program. Gifts to 4-Cents-a-Meal support hunger ministries near and far. 25% of what’s received will remain at Massanutten. We will use it to support the purchase of food for our Blessings-in-a-Bag / Food-for-the-Weekend program at South River Elementary School in Grottoes.
- ⇒ ****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.

This Week At MPC

Sunday, September 21

9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119)
9:30 am Faith Village MS Sunday School HS Breakfast Parent Fellowship
10:30 am Worship Godly Play Session Meeting after Worship (FH)
1:00 pm Recorder Rehearsal (200)
2:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
5:00 pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)
6:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, September 22

9:30 am Legacy Meeting (L)
1:00 pm Home Alone Group (FH)
6:00 pm Preschool Board (L)

Tuesday, September 23

Wednesday, September 24

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
5:30 pm Deep Dive Bible Study (L)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Thursday, September 25

4:30 pm Mosaic (HBR)
6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108,119)
6:30 pm Worship Commission (FH)

Friday, September 26

Church Office Closed

Saturday, September 27

Church Office closed

Sunday, September 28

9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119)
9:30 am Faith Village MS Sunday School HS Breakfast Parent Fellowship
10:30 am Worship Godly Play
2:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
5:00 pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)
6:00 pm Youth Group

Serving September 21

Door Monitor: Jack Rimer

Greeters: Mike & Ka Guinn

Ushers & Water Pourers:

Dale Dobroth & Dwight Wm. Newman

Faith Village & Middle School:

Jennifer Coffelt, Nancy Wayland, and Adam Teter

HS Breakfast:

Mary Mabry & Emily Burkholder

Godly Play: Jean Kilby & TBD

Nursery:

Katie Rodgers & Dorothy Dobroth

Youth Group:

Gus Scheidt & Sarah Rimer

Serving September 28

Door Monitor: Marc Davis

Greeters: Tom & Gina Holden

Ushers & Water Pourers:

Keith & Linda Knupp

Faith Village & Middle School:

Jennifer Coffelt, Nancy Wayland, and David Allen

HS Breakfast:

Mary Mabry & Emily Burkholder

Godly Play: Sarah Rimer & TBD

Nursery:

Sally Brown & Julia Sensabaugh

Youth Group:

Gus Scheidt & Sarah Rimer

*I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, but Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.*

*O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
In life and death, O Lord, abide with me. Amen.*

Scriptures Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Philippians 4:1-9

Sermon "Support Those Who Depart" Rev. Erin Skinner

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sharing Our Faith The MPC Legacy Programs Skip Wissinger

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* 606

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

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

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

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***God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.***

***God be with you till we meet again;
unseen wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.***

***God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you:
God be with you till we meet again.***

***God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you;
smite death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.***

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Farewell Good Friends

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***Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends!
Sha-lom, sha-lom!
Till we meet again, till we meet again,
sha-lom, sha-lom.***

***Sha-lom, cha-ve-rim! Sha-lom, cha-ve-rot!
Sha-lom, sha-lom!
Le-hit-ra-ot, leh-it-ra-ot,
sha-lom, sha-lom.***

Congregational Concerns

We Pray for 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), ***Betty Davis*** (receiving treatment for cancer), ***Elfie Finn-McKenzie*** (recovering from stroke).**

We Pray for 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).**

We Extend Sympathy to ...

Anna Flink and her family on the death of her nephew in Louisiana.

We Congratulate ...

David and Gayle Allen on the wedding of their daughter, Katie Allen, to Taylor Sova on September 20th in Romney, WV.

We Pray for Our Mission Efforts...

Massanutten Food Pantry, Blessings in a Bag, Habitat for Humanity, Open Doors, Valley Interfaith Action

We Pray for Those 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).