

Pastor Keith will be leaving for vacation after worship this Sunday, September 28th, and return on October 5th. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call the office, and we will connect you with Rev. Tom Holden, who will serve as the emergency contact while Pastor Keith is away.

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

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Massanutten
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Our mission:

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

September 28, 2025

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *Sing of the Lord's Goodness* - Sands

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Jubilation Fanfare* - Eithun
 Massanutten Ringers

*Opening Sentences (*responsively*) Kath Wissinger, Worship Leader

Friends, we know what God desires of us:

That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

We gather today to remind each other about that,

to remember that now is always the right time to do these things.

So with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

*Hymn *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* 314

*Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
 Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.*

Refrain:

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
 Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

*Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
 Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. (Refrain)*

*Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
 Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. (Refrain)*

*Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
 Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. (Refrain)*

*Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
 Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. (Refrain)*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Sometimes, O God, we forget people, or we toss them aside—
the difficult ones, the needy ones,
the ones that are hard to spend time with,
the ones who confront us.
And sometimes when we do things like that,
it's not really about the other people, but about us.
We are uncomfortable, or we feel guilty,
or we follow brighter, shinier people,
or we worry about what will make us look good.**

**We are in such desperate need of your forgiveness.
We need to be forgiven for our sin, for our mistakes,
for mistaking what the world values with what you value.**

**Help us to be better, and to see more clearly,
and to care more thoroughly. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Friends, hear this good news:
the love of God is beyond measure,
and you are included in that love.
Know that you are forgiven and, thus,
freed to love and serve.
Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

*Response of Praise

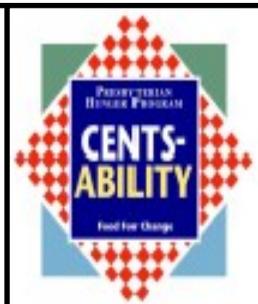
We Are Forgiven

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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.***

Introduction to Four Cents a Meal

Today, we receive the 4-Cents-a-Meal offering,
part of the PC(USA)'s Cents-Ability program.
Contributions to 4-Cents-a-Meal supports hunger relief efforts both
locally and globally. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds raised
will stay at Massanutten. We will use this portion to support food
purchases for our Blessings-in-a-Bag/Food-for-the-Weekend
program at South River Elementary School in Grottoes.



The Nominating Committee is currently seeking members who feel called to serve as Ruling Elders. If you are interested in the position, please reach out to any member of the committee for more information. We also welcome your nominations; however, please ensure that the nominee is interested in the position before submitting their name. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. Committee members: David Allen, Emily Burkholder, Chris Hamilton, Ric Leibold, Gus Scheidt, and Nancy Wayland.

Life at Massanutten

- ⇒ The October Coffee Small Group will gather next **Thursday, October 2nd, at 10:00 am** at the Kaffee Klatsch at the Dayton Market. All are welcome!
- ⇒ ****New Faith & Fellowship Opportunity** Join us on Sunday, October 5th, from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our Sunday Morning Mingle!** Held on the first Sunday of every month before our service, enjoy light refreshments while taking the time to get to know one another better. Let us gather in grace for this Sunday morning fellowship and celebrate the joy of strengthening our connections!
- ⇒ **Home Alone "Let's Eat!"** On Monday, September 22, the Home Alone "Let's Eat" group met for the first time. **The group had a wonderful time of fellowship, and in 2 1/2 hours, prepared 36 dinners and 10 quarts of soup.** Everyone was able to take home three large meals and a quart of soup. **Additionally, they were able to provide meals for one of our church families who is currently in need.** The group would love to have others come to join them! This past month, the group included individuals who live alone, as well as some empty nesters, and they plan to hold a meeting in October. **If you are interested, please email Julia Sensabaugh at sensabaughjulia@gmail.com or call 540 248-1002.**
- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ ****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.

This Week At MPC

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
Evacuation Drill After Worship
Godly Play
2:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
5:00 pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)
6:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, September 29

6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)

Tuesday, September 30

Wednesday, October 1

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
5:30 pm Personnel Comm. (L)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Thursday, October 2

10:00 am Coffee Small Group (KK)
4:30 pm Mosaic (HBR)
6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108,119)

Friday, October 3

Church Office Closed
6:00 pm Dance Group (FH)

Saturday, October 4

Church Office closed

Sunday, October 5

9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119)
9:30 am Faith Village
MS Sunday School
HS Breakfast
Parent Fellowship
10:00 am Sunday Morning Mingle
10:30 am Worship - Communion
Godly Play
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

Serving September 28

Door Monitor: Marc Davis

Greeters: Tom and Gina Holden

Ushers & Water Pourers:

Keith and Linda Knupp

Faith Village & Middle School:

Jennifer Coffelt, Nancy Wayland, & David Allen

HS Breakfast:

Mary Mabry & Emily Burkholder

Godly Play: Sarah Rimer & TBD

Nursery:

Sally Brown & Julia Sensabaugh

Youth Group:

Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt, & Doug Sensabaugh

Serving October 5

Door Monitor: Nathan Enslin

Greeters: TBD

Ushers & Water Pourers:

Bill and Sharon Lam

Faith Village & Middle School:

Jennifer Coffelt, Nancy Wayland, & David Allen

HS Breakfast:

Mary Mabry & Emily Burkholder

Godly Play: Hannah Altman & TBD

Nursery:

Phyllis Hamilton & Katie Rodgers

Youth Group:

Karen Mast, Sarah Rimer, & Gus Scheidt

Four Cents a Meal Offering

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

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And now let the weak say, "We are strong;" let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

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Give thanks. Give thanks.*

We Gather around God's Word

Time with Children

Wanda Wallace

Anthem

Serve the Lord with Gladness

- Dilworth

*Serve the Lord. Serve the Lord with gladness, Serve him with gladness.
Come before His presence with singing, glorious singing.
Praise the Lord, O praise ye the Lord. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Know that the Lord is God: it is He that hath made us, we are the sheep of His pasture.

*Serve the Lord. Serve the Lord with gladness, Serve him with gladness.
Come before His presence with singing, glorious singing.
Praise the Lord, O praise ye the Lord. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and praise: give thanks and bless His name.

*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.*

(Congregation)

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Scripture Numbers 27:1-11, Mark 10:46-52

Sermon "Uplift Those in Need Together" Pastor Keith Phillips

*Hymn

We Are Sent to the World

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*responsively*) Selections from *The Belhar Confession*

We believe that God has been revealed

as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;

that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity,

is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged

that God calls the church to follow;

for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;

that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;

that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger,

helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;

that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;

that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need,

which implies, among other things,

that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice,

so that justice may roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *Lord of All Good (v. 1)* 711

*Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
that our whole life is offered to your will.*

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.

*Benediction

*Called as partners in Christ's service,
called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring
to fulfill God's chosen end.*

*Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth.*

*Men and women, richer, poorer,
all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together
gracious gifts from God unfold.*

*Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,
in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens,
breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action,
make us colleagues, free and fair.*

*So God grant us for tomorrow
ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow
with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving
hope and confidence and peace.*