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

A Service for the Lord's Day
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Follow Me - Live in Community
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

September 7, 2025

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *O Praise God in His Holiness* - Welton

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *All Creatures Of Our God and King* - Lanier
Becky Ford, Trumpet

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) John Kaltenborn, Worship Leader

From north to south, from east to west,

God gathers us in.

From cities and farms, from plenty and want,

God gathers us in.

From young to not-so-young, from every race and identity,

God gathers us in.

From those confident in their faith to those struggling to believe,

God gathers us in.

People of God, come now and worship the Lord!

*Hymn *What Is This Place* 404

*What is this place, where we are meeting? Only a house, the earth its floor.
Walls and a roof, sheltering people, windows for light, an open door.
Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here, and know our God is near.*

*Words from afar, stars that are falling. Sparks that are sown in us like seed:
names for our God, dreams, signs, and wonders sent from the past are what we need.
We in this place remember and speak again what we have heard: God's free redeeming word.*

*And we accept bread at his table, broken and shared, a living sign.
Here in this world, dying and living, we are each other's bread and wine.
This is the place where we can receive what we need to increase: God's justice and God's peace.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy and Merciful God,

**we do not know how to pray as we ought,
and we know too well our constant failures
to do as you have commanded
and to hold fast to your word.**

**Forgive us the divisions we nurture,
guide us to your way, keep us in your care,
and lead us into faith.**

**We trust your word that the Spirit of truth
will show us all things
and grant us courage and peace. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Friends, believe the good news:

in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, accepted, and beloved.

And God's people joyfully respond:

Thanks be to God!

*Response of Praise

I Come with Joy (v. 1)

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***I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.***

*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

Breathe on Me, Breath of God (v. 1)

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***Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.***

Time with the Children

Nancy Wayland

Anthem

The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune

- Williams

Becky Ford, Trumpet

*All people that on Earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forthtell; Come ye before him and rejoice.*

*The Lord, ye know, is God indeed; Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.*

Life at Massanutten

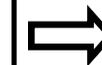
⇒ **Open Doors is in need of travel size toiletries** - particularly shampoo, conditioner, and deodorant. If you're preparing to travel this summer, pick up some extra toiletries to support Open Doors! They can be left in the designated basket in the Narthex.

⇒ ****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:** Always accompany your children when leaving the sanctuary. We often find unattended children roaming the halls, playing in rooms, hiding in closets, and outside on the playground during worship. **Please keep a close watch on your children!**

⇒ ****Come Join Us! 3rd Wednesday Night Dinners Are Back! **** We invite you to join us on the **3rd 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 church on Sunday, September 14th, in the Fellowship Hall.** We will plan a date to meet and talk about the types of meals that would work best. If you can't come on Sunday, September 14th, but would like more information, please get in touch with Julia Sensabaugh at 540 248-1002 or sensabaughjulia@gmail.com.



For 37 years, Carol Lown has led the Massanutten Ringers with love, patience, and creativity. To honor her contributions and express our gratitude for her many years of service to the Glory of God, the Massanutten Ringers commissioned Kathleen Wissinger to write a special piece for Carol. We presented it to her as a surprise on August 29. As we resume rehearsals, we will be practicing and then performing Carol's piece titled "Morning Stars" in worship soon. If you have rung with Carol in the past or appreciate handbell music in worship services, please take a moment to thank her for her nearly four decades of leadership.

<p>This Week At MPC</p> <p>Sunday, September 7 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117, 119) 10:30 am Worship with Communion 1:00 pm Recorder Rehearsal (200) 2:00 pm Cub Scouts (108,119)</p> <p>Monday, September 8 10:00 am Food Pantry 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108,119) 6:00 pm Personnel Comm. (L)</p> <p>Tuesday, September 9 10:00 am PW Morning Circle (L)</p> <p>Wednesday, September 10 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH) 2:00 pm Bethel Circle (SS) 4:30 pm Evening Circle (FH) 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)</p>	<p>Thursday, September 11 10:00 pm Presbytery Committee on Ministry (FH) 4:30 pm Mosaic (HBR) 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108,119) 7:00 pm Food Pantry 7:00 pm Safety Team Meeting (L)</p> <p>Friday, September 12 Church Office Closed</p> <p>Saturday, September 13 Church Office closed</p> <p>Sunday, September 14 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</p>
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<p>Serving September 7</p> <p>Door Monitor: Phyllis Hamilton</p> <p>Greeters: Ric and JoAnn Leobold</p> <p>Ushers & Water Pourers: Chris Hamilton & Doug Smith</p> <p>Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Emily Burkholder</p> <p>Children & Youth Program: Resumes September 14th</p>	<p>Serving September 14</p> <p>Door Monitor: Harvey Mast</p> <p>Greeters: Cyndi Taylor & Sally Brown</p> <p>Ushers & Water Pourers: Bill and Kathy Marlowe</p> <p>Faith Village: Jennifer Coffelt</p> <p>Godly Play: Volunteers Needed</p> <p>Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Katie Gray</p> <p>Youth Group: Gus Scheidt & Sarah Rimer</p>
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*O enter then his gates with praise, Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always, For it is seemly so to do.*

*For why? The Lord our God is good; His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.*

(unison)

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host, be praise and glory evermore. Amen.**

Scriptures Exodus 20:1-17; Mark 1:16-20

Sermon "Gather Together Across Difference" Pastor Keith Phillips

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.**

Invitation to the Offering

*Communion Hymn *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* 529

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name
two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Here we touch your garment's hem.*

*As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the giver, break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! so now bind our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.*

We are Fed at God's Table

Invitation (*responsively*)

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
for they shall be filled.

The God who promises life in abundance invites us to the table
**where we share in the abundance of life,
where we practice living in the Kingdom of God.**

This table is God's Table.

This table is open to all who seek to follow God's Way,
to live as people of the Promise.

Here we meet friend and stranger, and recognize all as family.

Come and taste the grace eternal, come and see that God is good.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (*responsively*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, O God ...

... joining our voices to the great cloud of witnesses as we say these words:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, O God ...

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Pouring of the Cup

*Communion of the People

(Today we will receive communion by intinction. Please move toward the center of the church, then move to the station serving your section. Servers will offer you a piece of bread—please cup your hands to receive it and move to the next server. There, you will dip your piece of bread into the cup. You may consume the elements and then return to your seats. All of the bread is gluten free. For those who cannot come to the front, please raise your hand when asked and you will be served at your seat.)

Prayer After Communion (*responsively*)

God of the rainbow, God of the promise, God of the table;

we have broken the bread and shared the cup.

We have tasted your goodness.

We have shared the meal that ties us to each other and to you.

God of the past, the present and the future;

you have been faithful, you are faithful, you will be faithful.

You will live out the covenant of life.

May we who have shared this meal, we who gather in community,

be transformed by our gathering and our sharing,

so that we, too, will live out the covenant of life. Amen.

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn

We All Are One in Mission

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***We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.***

***We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.***

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.

Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.

***We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.***

*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.***