

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

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- A = Administration & Finance
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- ND = Nurture & Discipleship
- W = Worship & Music

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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 Leobold, Gus Scheidt, and Nancy Wayland.



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
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Follow Me - Honor God's Diversity

October 12, 2025

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* - Smith

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.*

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* - Wood

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Gayle Allen, Worship Leader

Thus says the Lord:
Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come.
**God will bring us to the holy mountain,
a house of prayer for all people.
God gathers all the outcasts together,
and makes us joyful!**

*Hymn *God Welcomes All* 399

*God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.
(repeat as instructed)*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)
**God of all goodness, we do not want to face all that is in our own hearts.
We want to focus on the good - on the love, the compassion, the care -
and ignore the bad - the greed, the envy, the cruelty.
But before you, God, we must face it.**

Life at Massanutten

**Forgive all the ways we have let evil take hold in our hearts.
Cleanse us. Help us to face our own demons,
and empower us to live a Christlike life.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

We have been disobedient to God, but we have received mercy.

Let us live our lives as those transformed by the abundant mercy of God!

*Response of Praise *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (v. 1)*

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*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. 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 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*
(*refrain, v. 4, refrain*)

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*Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.*

*You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.*

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Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.*

Time with the Children

Hannah Altman

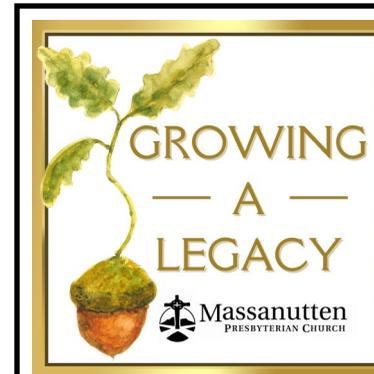
Anthem

Christ Hath a Garden

- Near

*Christ hath a garden walled around,
A paradise of fruitful ground,
Chosen by love, and fenced by grace
From out the world's wide wilderness.*

- Today we will receive the **Thank Offering of the Presbyterian Women**, which supports health and other ministries in the United States and throughout the world. Offering envelopes are in the chair backs.
- **The Third Wednesday Dinner is this Wednesday at 5:30 pm:** Come join us for an evening of fun “south of the border.” We will be offering a taco salad bar with mild and spicy options. Gus Scheidt is excited to share his reflections on the summer mission trip to Baja. And of course, there will be at least one game.
- **Are you interested in joining some of your MPC friends for dinner? The MPC Dinner Groups will gather for food and fellowship from October 26 to November 1.** Each group will meet at the home of a designated host, who will assign food contributions. Please indicate your availability in the Special Events section of the Connections Folders by October 19.
- Open Doors, in partnership with the Virginia Cooperative Extension Office, invites you to participate in a **Community Action Poverty Simulation** on Sat., Nov. 1st, from 9am to noon at the Navigation Center. This powerful, interactive experience offers an opportunity to step into the shoes of our neighbors who work hard but struggle to make ends meet. Participants assume roles in real-life scenarios and navigate a month of poverty in just a few hours, helping to build empathy, spark dialogue, and deepen our understanding of the challenges our neighbors face.



The Oak Tree Capital Reserve Fund and Acorn Endowment Fund are the Legacy Programs at MPC. They aim to help our ministry grow today and in the future. Here are the fund balances as of Sept. 30th:

Acorn Endowment Fund: \$20,139.95
Goal: \$50,000 balance by end of the year

Oak Tree Capital Reserve Fund: \$99,388.98
Goal: \$250,000 by end of the year

If you have questions or would like to make a donation, please call the church office, visit massanuttenchurch.org, or speak to one of our Legacy Board members: Skip Wissinger, Barbara Palmer, Deb Thompson, or Pastor Keith

This Week At MPC

Sunday, October 12

9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119)
No Faith Village
No MS Sunday School
No High School Breakfast
 Parent Fellowship

10:30 am Worship - PW Thanks Offering
 Godly Play

3:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
 5:00 pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)
 6:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, October 13

10:00 am Food Pantry
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)

Tuesday, October 14

10:00 am PW Morning Circle (FH)

Wednesday, October 15

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
 5:30 pm Third Wed. Dinner (FH)
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Thursday, October 16

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

Friday, October 17

Church Office Closed

Saturday, October 18

Church Office Closed
Massanetta Springs Fall Work Day
 11:00 am Ethiopia Partnership (GA)

Sunday, October 19

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

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 October 12

Door Monitor: Harvey Mast
Greeter: Jackie Corson and Karen Mast
Ushers & Water Pourers:
 Larry and Pam French
Faith Village & Middle School:
No Faith Village & Middle School
HS Breakfast:
No High School Breakfast
Godly Play: Diann and Robin Reed
Nursery:
 Julia Sensabaugh & Katie Rodgers
Youth Group:
 Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt,
 & Cherokee Adams

Serving October 19

Door Monitor: Robin Reed
Greeter: *TBD*
Ushers & Water Pourers:
 Julia Sensabaugh and Doug Smith
Faith Village & Middle School:
 Jennifer Coffelt, Nancy Wayland,
 & David Allen
HS Breakfast:
 Mary Mabry & Emily Burkholder
Godly Play: Emily Burkholder & *TBD*
Nursery:
 Barbara Palmer & Katie Rodgers
Youth Group:
 Chris Hamilton & Gus Scheidt

*Like trees of spice his servants stand,
 There planted by his mighty hand;
 By Eden's gracious streams, that flow
 To feed their beauty where they grow.*

*Awake, O wind of heav'n, and bear
 Their sweetest perfume through the air:
 Stir up, O south the boughs that bloom.
 Till the beloved Master come:*

*That he may come, and linger yet
 Among the trees that he hath set.
 That he may evermore be seen
 To walk amid the springing green.*

Scripture Matthew 15:10-28
 Sermon "Center Voices from the Margins" Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) *From A Brief Statement of Faith*
**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
 to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
 to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
 to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
 and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
 we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
 even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth.**

**With believers in every time and place,
 we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
 can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Sharing Our Faith Presbyterian Women Thank Offering Gayle Allen
 Invitation to Offering
 Song of Thanksgiving *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (v. 1)* 700

*I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
 I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

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 *Will You Come and Follow Me* (vv. 1-4) 726

*“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”*

*“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”*

*“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”*

*“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *Will You Come and Follow Me* (v. 5) 726

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

We Pray for Members of Our Church Family...

Bill Painter, Patricia Armstrong (receiving treatment for a GIST tumor), **Sharon Pafford** (receiving treatment for cancer), **Don Enslin** (knee pain and mobility difficulties), **Kathy Frakes** (recovering from illnesses), **Bettye Davis** (receiving treatment for cancer), **Elfie Finn-McKenzie** (recovering from stroke), **Greg Trobaugh** (recovering from hip replacement surgery).

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; **Rev. Patrick Pettit**, son of Harry & Jean Pettit (recovering from kidney infection)

We Extend Sympathy to ...

Marta Armstrong and her family on the death of her sister, Debra Blair Storey, on Oct. 2nd. A memorial service will take place on Fri., Oct. 17th, at 3:00 p.m. at Kyger Funeral Home in Harrisonburg.

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).