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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.*



**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  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Follow Me - Honor God's Diversity  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

October 05, 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 Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Today We All Are Called To Be Disciples of the Lord* - Lasky

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Deidre Lenderking, Worship Leader

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
**the world and those who live in it.**  
God has founded it on the seas,  
**and established it on the rivers.**

\*Hymn *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* 23

*God, you spin the whirling planets, fill the seas and spread the plain,  
mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.  
We, created in your image, would a true reflection be  
of your justice, grace, and mercy and the truth that makes us free.*

*You have called us to be faithful in our life and ministry.  
We respond in grateful worship joined in one community.  
When we blur your gracious image, focus us and make us whole.  
Healed and strengthened as your people, we move onward toward your goal.*

*God, your word is still creating, calling us to life made new.  
Now reveal to us fresh vistas where there's work to dare and do.  
Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care.  
Thus, new creatures in your image, we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God, our Deliverer, we confess that we are too reluctant to speak and to live according to your truth.**

We grow comfortable with the way things are, passively condoning injustice.  
 We see ourselves as “insiders,” excluding those we consider “outsiders.”  
 We find it easier to pluck up and pull down,  
 to destroy and overthrow, than to build and to plant.

Forgive us, O God, for being timid disciples.  
 Empty us of fear and shame,  
 and fill us with love that is humble and patient and kind.  
 We pray this in the name of the One who humbled himself,  
 Jesus the Christ. Amen.

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)  
 Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith.  
 Beloved people of God, believe the good news:  
 through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God!**

\*Response of Praise *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (refrain only)* 591  
*Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!*  
*Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

\*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 *I’ve Got Peace Like a River (vv. 1 & 3)* 623  
 for Illumination  
*I’ve got peace like a river; I’ve got peace like a river;*  
*I’ve got peace like a river, in my soul.*  
*I’ve got peace like a river; I’ve got peace like a river;*  
*I’ve got peace like a river, in my soul.*  
*I’ve got love like an ocean; I’ve got love like an ocean;*  
*I’ve got love like an ocean, in my soul.*  
*I’ve got love like an ocean; I’ve got love like an ocean;*  
*I’ve got love like an ocean, in my soul.*

Time with the Children Rev. Ann Held  
 Anthem *Kyrie* - Schubert  
 Kyrie eleison (God Have Mercy)  
 Christe eleison (Christ Have Mercy)  
 Scriptures Scripture readers: William Salomon (Spanish), Genesis 1-2:4a  
 David Allen (German & French)  
 Sermon “The Diversity of the Imago Dei” Rev. Ann Held

**Life at Massanutten**

- ⇒ **\*\*New Faith & Fellowship Opportunity\*\*** Join us on the **first Sunday of every month** before our service, from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our Sunday Morning Mingle! 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](mailto: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 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 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.

**Join Us for Our Fall Work Day – October 18<sup>th</sup>!**

Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center is inviting volunteers of all ages and abilities to participate in its Fall Workday on October 18th. Become a part of our mission by volunteering!

They need assistance to prepare the beautiful grounds for the colder months ahead, and meals, lodging, tools, and supplies are all provided! There is plenty to do, so use the **QR code** to sign up today!



**Tentative Schedule**

**Saturday, October 18th**  
 8:30 a.m. - Refreshments and Check-in  
 9:00 a.m. - Service Day Begins  
 12:00 p.m. - Lunch provided by Massanetta Springs  
 1:00 p.m. - Service Day Continues  
 4:00 p.m. - Service Day Ends

**This Week At MPC****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

**Monday, October 6**

6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)

**Tuesday, October 7**

9:30 am Legacy Meeting (L)  
 10:30 am PW CT Meeting (FH)  
 7:00 pm R. Young (GA)

**Wednesday, October 8**

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH)  
 2:00 pm PW Bethel Circle (SS)  
 5:00 pm N & D Meeting (FH)  
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)

**Thursday, October 9**

10:00 am PW Thursday Circle (FH)  
 4:30 pm Mosaic (HBR)  
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108,119)  
 7:00 pm Food Pantry

**Friday, October 10**

*Church Office Closed*

**Saturday, October 11**

*Church Office closed*  
 Mosaic (FH)

**Sunday, October 12**

9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119)  
 9:30 am Faith Village  
 MS Sunday School  
 HS 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

**Serving October 5**

**Door Monitor:** Nathan Enslin

**Greeters:** Ric and JoAnn Leobold

**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

**Nursery:**

Phyllis Hamilton & Katie Rodgers

**Youth Group:**

Karen Mast, Gus Scheidt,  
& Chris Hamilton

**Serving October 12**

**Door Monitor:** Harvey Mast

**Greeter:** Karen Mast

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**

Larry and Pam French

**Faith Village & Middle School:**

Jennifer Coffelt, Nancy Wayland,  
& David Allen

**HS Breakfast:**

Mary Mabry & Emily Burkholder

**Godly Play:** Diann and Robin Reed

**Nursery:**

Erin Basgier & Katie Rodgers

**Youth Group:**

Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt,  
& Cherokee Adams

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Adapted from Psalm 19:1, Nehemiah 8:8, & Luke 4:18

**God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.**

**God calls us to be builders as well.**

**God calls us to build our lives:**

**to restore broken places and continue to grow.**

**God calls us to build our faith:**

**to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.**

**God calls us to build our community:**

**to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.**

**God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:**

**to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.**

Invitation to the Offering

\*Communion Hymn

*Come to the Table of Grace*

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*Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.*

*This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.*

*Come to the table of peace. Come to the table of peace.*

*This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of peace.*

*Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.*

*This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of love.*

*Come to the table of hope. Come to the table of hope.*

*This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of hope.*

*Come to the table of joy. Come to the table of joy.*

*This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of joy.*

**We are Fed at God's Table**

Invitation to the Table

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 join our voices with those around the world in every time and place  
and with your heavenly chorus to sing:*

**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!**

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 (unison)

**O God, having feasted at this table,  
lead us away as ones who are filled:  
filled with new life; filled with hope;  
filled with a longing to work for peace.  
And, by the power of your spirit  
let us follow Jesus where he leads. Amen.**

### **We Are Sent to the World**

\*Hymn                      *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*                      546

*Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.*

*Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;  
may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.*

*Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way,  
let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response    *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (v. 3)                      547

*"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."*

### **Congregational Concerns**

**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 ...**

**Sharon Posey** and her family on the death of her brother, John Grimm, on Sept. 28th.

**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).