



**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  
*Reign of Christ Sunday*  
*Follow Me - Walk Humbly*

November 23, 2025

10:30 a.m.

*\*An asterisk denotes an invitation to stand*

### **We Gather at God's Call**

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

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Now Thank We All Our God* - Hobby

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Ka Guinn, Worship Leader

What does the Lord require of us?

**To walk humbly with our God.**

Rather than telling others how humble we are,

**may we listen and learn from others and from God.**

Let us respond faithfully to God's invitation.

**Let us worship God together.**

\*Hymn *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* 69

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.*

*All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.*

*I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.*

*Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

#### **Refrain:**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.*

*I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.*

*I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?*

*(Refrain)*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)*

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## Life at Massanutten

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Loving God, you are always speaking:  
giving us instructions, directing our attention,  
and telling us your love.**

**We confess that sometimes we are not very good listeners.**

**We aren't sure what is your voice,  
and what is ours, and what is just noise.**

**We are easily distracted.  
We like our own ways.**

**But even when we are too busy, you still call.**

**We admit that we find you difficult to hear,  
and we ask for your help.**

**Open our minds and hearts.**

**Tune our ears to your voice.**

**Help us to listen to what you have to say,  
and then help us to follow wherever you lead.**

*(silence is kept)*

**Thank you, God, for hearing us, and for speaking to us.**

**Remind us of your love and forgiveness,  
and give us strength to be faithful to you.  
We pray in the name of Jesus.**

\*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      *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (v. 1)*

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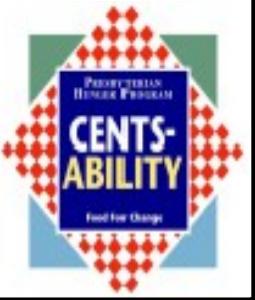
*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!*

- ◆ **Help Decorate the Church for Advent!** We need your help to decorate the church for Advent! **On Saturday, November 29th, beginning at 9:00 a.m.**, we will begin this process - which includes putting up the tree, hanging wreaths, setting up the Advent candles, and more. If you can help, please come to the church on Sat., Nov. 29th, at 9 a.m. and see Bob Jerome.
- ◆ Share the holiday spirit by **donating a gift card for a Food Pantry family**. In December each household will receive a gift bag with a variety of holiday foods and a gift card. \$25 Walmart gift cards are suggested. Gently-used holiday gift bags and Christmas cards are also appreciated. **Please leave donations in the Food Pantry donation basket by December 1.** Thank you for your generous support of the MPC Food Pantry.
- ◆ The December Coffee Small Group will gather **Thursday, December 4th, at 10:00 am** at the Kaffee Klatsch at the Dayton Market. All are welcome.
- ◆ **There will be no Sunday Morning Mingle Next Sunday, December 7th.** Join us for our next Sunday Morning Mingle on Sunday, January 4th, from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **Salvation Army Santa Sacks** – This annual local mission project of the **Presbyterian Women** benefits the Salvation Army. We are invited to join in this effort. A list of needed items can be found in the Narthex on the Santa Sack Collection Box. Please make your contribution by December 4th.
- ◆ **Youth Christmas Market** - Come enjoy light refreshments and festive music while finding the perfect Christmas gifts for your loved ones at the Youth Christmas Market, held on **Sunday, December 7th, following worship**. This event combines a Silent Auction and Christmas Cookie Sale; all funds raised will go directly to the MPC Youth program. Youth are currently seeking donations. Donations must be new, handmade, service or entertainment items, or Christmas cookies. For more information or to arrange a drop-off time for your donations, contact Hannah Altman.
- ◆ **Christmas with Massanetta Springs:** Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 13, for this catered meal followed by a concert with Banrigh Celtic Harp Ensemble. Tickets are on sale until 12/5 at [massanettasprings.org/programs/christmas](http://massanettasprings.org/programs/christmas) or make a reservation by phone at (540) 434-3829.
- ◆ **“Deep Dive” Bible Study:** There will **NOT** be “Deep Dive” Bible Study in November or December. It will resume in January.

***Safety Message: Intersection danger—The light at Rt. 33 is notorious for being run on red. Always pause, checking that traffic has stopped, before entering the intersection.***

<p><b>This Week At MPC</b>  <b>Sunday, November 23 - Reign of Christ</b>                  9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119)                  9:30 am <i>No Faith Village</i>  <i>No MS Sunday School</i>  <i>No HS Breakfast</i>  <i>No Parent Fellowship</i>                  10:30 am Worship                  Godly Play                  3:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)                  4:00 pm Mosaic Concert  <i>(sanctuary reserved from 12-7)</i>                  6:00 pm Youth Group  <i>(meets at Escape Room)</i>  <b>Monday, November 24</b>                  7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)                  6:00 pm Scouts (108, 119)  <b>Tuesday, November 25</b>                  6:00 pm Communications (L)  <b>Wednesday, November 26</b>                  7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH)  <i>No Choir Rehearsal</i></p>	<p><b>Thursday, November 27 - Thanksgiving</b>  <i>Church Office Closed</i>  <b>Friday, November 28</b>  <i>Church Office Closed</i>  <b>Saturday, November 29</b>  <i>Church Office Closed</i>                  9:00 am Decorate Sanctuary  <b>Sunday, November 30 - (Advent 1)</b>                  9:30 am Adult Sunday School (117, 119)  <i>No Faith Village</i>  <i>No MS Sunday School</i>  <i>No HS Breakfast</i>  <i>No Parent Fellowship</i>                  10:30 am Worship  <i>No Godly Play</i>                  1:00 pm Recorder Rehearsals (200)                  3:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)  <i>No Fun w/Handbells</i>  <i>No Youth Group</i></p>
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<p><b>Serving November 23</b>  <b>Door Monitor:</b> Barbara Palmer  <b>Greeters:</b> Greg and Ann Trobaugh  <b>Ushers &amp; Water Pourers:</b>                  Mike Guinn and Mark Palmer  <b><i>No Faith Village &amp; Middle School:</i></b>  <i>Will Not Meet</i>  <b><i>No HS Breakfast:</i></b>  <i>Will Not Meet</i>  <b>Godly Play:</b>                  Diann &amp; Robin Reed  <b>Nursery:</b>                  Katie Rodgers &amp; Katie Gray  <b>Youth Group (meets off-site 11/23):</b>                  Gus Scheidt, Mark Palmer,                  and Cherokee Adams</p>	<p><b>Serving November 30</b>  <b>Door Monitor:</b> Harvey Mast  <b>Greeters:</b> Dexter and Cyndi Taylor  <b>Ushers &amp; Water Pourers:</b>                  Dale and Dorothy Dobroth  <b><i>No Faith Village &amp; Middle School:</i></b>  <i>Will Not Meet</i>  <b><i>No HS Breakfast:</i></b>  <i>Will Not Meet</i>  <b><i>No Godly Play:</i></b>  <i>Will Not Meet</i>  <b>Nursery:</b>                  Katie Rodgers &amp; Erin Basgier  <b><i>No Youth Group:</i></b>  <i>Will Not Meet</i></p>
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<p><b>Today, we receive the 4-Cents-a-Meal offering,</b>                  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.</p>	
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Four Cents a Meal Offering *Give Thanks* 647

***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 - Martin  
*Lead On, O King Eternal*

*Lead on, O King eternal! The day of peace has come!  
 Henceforth in fields of service, the world shall be our home,  
 Through days of preparation, thy grace has made us strong.  
 And now, O King Eternal, we lift our humble song.*

*Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce hate shall cease,  
 And Holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;  
 For not with words loud clashing, nor insincere Shaloms.  
 With deeds of love and mercy, the heav'nly kingdom comes.*

*(choir and the congregation)*  
*Lead on, O King eternal: we follow not with fears;*  
*For gladness breaks like morning where'er Thy face appears;*  
*Thy cross is lifted O'er us: we journey in its light*  
*And peace awaits the triumph: lead on, O King of might.*

Scriptures Ecclesiastes 5:1-3;  
Proverbs 13:3;  
1 Corinthians 12:4-27

Sermon "Speak Less, Listen More" Pastor Keith Phillips

### **We Respond to God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith Adapted from *The Confession of 1967* (9.54-9.55)  
**Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ,**  
**such as a heavenly city, the household of God,**  
**a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day**  
**culminate in the image of the kingdom.**

**The kingdom represents God's triumph**  
**over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation.**  
**Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world,**  
**stirring hope in all people and preparing the world**  
**to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.**

**With an urgency born of this hope,**  
**the church applies itself to present tasks**  
**and strives for a better world.**  
**It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth,**  
**nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.**

**In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement**  
**to the final triumph of God.**

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* (v. 1) 35

*Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!*  
*O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!*  
*All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;*  
*join me in glad adoration!*

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 *In the Midst of New Dimensions* 315

*In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,*  
*who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?*

#### Refrain

*God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,*  
*we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever,*  
*now and evermore.*

*Through the flood of starving people, warring factions, and despair,*  
*who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? (Refrain)*

*As we stand, a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,*  
*grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams. (Refrain)*

*We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,*  
*each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung. (Refrain)*

*Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,*  
*may your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again. (Refrain)*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (v. 1) 547

*"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.*  
*Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.*  
*In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.*  
*Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."*