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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 of Worship
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Follow Me - Walk Humbly

November 16, 2025

10:30 a.m.

**An asterisk denotes an invitation stand*

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *Come Down, O Lord Divine* - Robins

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* - J.S. Bach

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

What does the Lord require of us?

To walk humbly with our God.

Rather than judging others for being different,
may we thank God for the gifts they bring.

Let us respond faithfully to God's invitation.

Let us worship God together.

*Hymn *God Is Here!* 409

*God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.*

*Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.*

*Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.*

*Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.*

*Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*responsively*)

God, you have called us to be the church,
**part of a single body with many parts,
working together to advance the Kingdom.**
You have called us to be united in our diversity,
**not all the same, not always agreeing,
but still working for a common goal.**

But if we are totally honest,
**we sometimes do diversity better than unity,
sometimes we divide ourselves into camps.**
We proclaim, "I follow Luther" or Calvin or the pope or Wesley,
**or I am United, or Lutheran, or Presbyterian,
or Evangelical, or Progressive.**
Each thinking that our way is the right way,
or the best way, or even the only way.
And too often quick to point out the flaws of other ways.

For those times we divide the Body of Christ,
when we break the unity we are called to build up,
forgive us, lead us to repair and rebuild the broken body.

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Here is the Good News: Though we are good at building walls,
God is good at tearing them down. The church may seem divided but Christ is not.
God calls us to share our gifts as part of a larger whole,
God is at work building a unified Kingdom, and God keeps inviting us along for the ride.

In grace our divisions are overcome and we are called to be the church.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Response of Praise

Glory Be to the Father

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***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.***

Life at Massanutten

- ◆ 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.
 - ◆ **MPC Preschool Holiday Fundraiser:** The preschool is selling Shirley's Gourmet Popcorn. If you know anyone who might be interested in supporting our preschool by purchasing delicious popcorn to share with friends or give as a holiday gift, please share this information with them. The preschool plans to use the fundraiser proceeds to buy new classroom toys, supplies for fun class projects, and add fresh mulch to our playground this spring. All order forms and payments are due to the school by Wednesday, November 19th. Please make checks payable to MPC Preschool. Orders will be ready for pick up the week of December 8th. Questions? Please contact Carrie Markowitz at mpcpreschool3s4s@gmail.com.
 - ◆ **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.
 - ◆ **Mosaic Handbell Ensemble** celebrates their 15th season with a concert full of pieces of encouragement to keep "Looking Up!" Thoughtful pieces like "Elegy" and "Ballade," hopeful pieces like "Climb Ev'ry Mountain" and "Precious Child" - and totally happy pieces like "Here Comes the Sun" and "Happy Together." Two MPC members ring with Mosaic – Carol Lown and Kath Wissinger (Artistic Director of Mosaic). We play more bells with fewer-than-the-usual-number of ringers: as much fun to watch as we are to listen to!! You might even want to sing along!! We look forward to sharing the stage with Massanutten Ringers as well. Check our website mosaicbells.org or Facebook page for updates and announcements. See you Sunday, November 23 at 4 pm. Your freewill offering is gladly accepted.
 - ◆ **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 or make a reservation by phone at (540) 434-3829.
- ⇒ **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.*

This Week At MPC**Sunday, November 16**

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
 2:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
 5:00 pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)
 6:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, November 17

5:00 pm Crossroads Farms Annual Mtg

Tuesday, November 18

4:30 pm Generosity Team (L)

Wednesday, November 19

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
 9:00 am Preschool (FH, 9am - 1pm)
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Thursday, November 20

6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)

Friday, November 21

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 22

Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 23 - Reign of Christ

9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119)
 9:30 am *No Faith Village
 No MS Sunday School
 No HS Breakfast
 No Parent Fellowship*
 10:30 am Worship
 Godly Play
 1:00 pm Recorder Rehearsal (200)
 2:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
 4:00 pm Mosaic Concert
(sanctuary reserved from 12-7)
 6:00 pm Youth Group
(meets at Escape Room)

Serving November 16

Door Monitor: Robin Reed

Greeters: Dick and Karen Leecy

Ushers & Water Pourers:

Lewis, Emily, & Jacob Burkholder

Faith Village & Middle School:

Jennifer Coffelt, Sally Brown, and David Allen

HS Breakfast:

Mary Mabry & Emily Burkholder

Godly Play:

Jean Kilby & Jennifer Coffelt

Nursery:

Katie Rodgers & Diann Reed

Youth Group:

Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt, Karen Mast, & Mary Mabry

Serving November 23

Door Monitor: Jack Rimer

Greeters: Greg and Ann Trobaugh

Ushers & Water Pourers:

Mike Guinn and Mark Palmer

Faith Village & Middle School:

Will Not Meet

HS Breakfast:

Will Not Meet

Godly Play:

Diann & Robin Reed

Nursery:

Katie Rodgers & Katie Gray

Youth Group (meets off-site 11/23):

Gus Scheidt, Mark Palmer, Cherokee Adams

*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 *How Firm a Foundation (v. 1)*

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***How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
 is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
 What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?***

Time with the Children

Pastor Keith Phillips

Anthem

Ain't Judgin' No Man

- Parker

Ain't judgin' no man for the life he leads, Ain't judgin' no man, judgin' no man.

Ain't judgin' no man for the life he leads, Ain't judgin' no man, judgin' no man.

Ain't passin' no judgement on my fellow man.

I'm leavin' it all in the good Lord's hands.

Ain't judgin' no man for the life he leads, Ain't judgin' no man, judgin' no man.

Some folks struggle, I don't know why, tryin' to pull a splinter from their neighbor's eye.

The Lord gave me worries enough of my own; I don't have time to cast the first stone.

If you knew me down deep inside, you may be disappointed by what you find.

I'm just a man with feet of clay tryin' to keep step in the good Lord's way!

Scripture

Luke 18:9-14

Sermon

"Avoid Judging Others" Rev. Dr. Nancy Meehan Yao

Today we welcome Rev. Dr. Nancy Meehan Yao as our guest preacher. Rev. Dr. Meehan Yao serves Shenandoah Presbytery as Associate General Presbyter. Nancy is a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary (M.Div.) and Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School (D.Min.). She previously served as co-pastor (with her husband, Rev. Jim Yao) and as temporary supply and interim pastor to churches in the Finger Lakes region of New York State. Jim serves as pastor to Moorefield Presbyterian Church, Moorefield, WV. They have two adult sons.

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

From A Declaration of Faith

**We acknowledge God is at work here and now
when people show personal concern for each other
and work to make helping agencies,
including the church itself, more compassionate.
We believe God sends us to risk our own peace and comfort
in compassion for our neighbors.
We are to give to them and receive from them,
accepting everyone we meet as a person;
to be sensitive to those who suffer in body or mind;
to help and accept help in ways that affirm dignity and responsibility.
We must not limit our compassion to those we judge deserving,
for we ourselves do not deserve the compassion of God.**

Sharing Our Faith

Shenandoah Presbytery

Rev. Dr. Meehan Yao

Invitation to Offering

Song of Thanksgiving

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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*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. Amen.*

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

Help Us Accept Each Other

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*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.
Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.*

*Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Go with Us, Lord

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*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.*

Come to the Table This Wednesday Evening!

This Wednesday is the third Wednesday of the month. That means it's time to **Come to the Table!** This wonderful event welcomes everyone to enjoy food, fellowship, and fun together in the Fellowship Hall.

This month's menu features **assorted pastas and a salad bar**. Gluten-free pasta will also be served.

We hope to see you this Wednesday - and on the third Wednesday of every month - at 5:30 p.m.!

