

## Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

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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-Second Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Follow Me - Walk Humbly*

November 09, 2025

10:30 a.m.

*\*An asterisk denotes an invitation stand*

## We Gather at God's Call

Introit *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* - Havergal

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Be Thou My Vision* - Wood

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Doug Sensabaugh, Worship Leader

What does the Lord require of us?

**To walk humbly with our God.**

Rather than wanting only for ourselves,

**may we remember and protect those in need.**

Let us respond faithfully to God's invitation.

**Let us worship God together.**

\*Hymn *God of Great and God of Small* 19

*God of great and God of small,  
God of one and God of all,  
God of weak and God of strong,  
God to whom all things belong,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
praise be to your name.*

*God of land and sky and sea,  
God of life and destiny,  
God of never-ending power,  
yet beside me every hour,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
praise be to your name.*

*God of silence, God of sound,  
God by whom the lost are found,  
God of day and darkest night,  
God whose love turns wrong to right,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
praise be to your name.*

*God of heaven and God of earth,  
God of death and God of birth,  
God of now and days before,  
God who reigns forevermore,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
praise be to your name.*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Holy and merciful God,  
in your presence we confess our failure  
to be what you created us to be.**

**You alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from your ways,  
in wasting your gifts,  
in forgetting your love.**

**By your loving mercy,  
help us to live in your light and abide in your ways,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name; you are mine.  
God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!  
By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God!**

\*Response of Praise *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout* (v. 1 and refrain)

*My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.*

## Life at Massanutten

- ◆ **Today, we pause to honor Veterans Day**—a day dedicated to recognizing the bravery and sacrifices of those who have served our country. We are deeply grateful for the individuals you hold in your hearts to remember on this day, and we thank each of you for sharing their names with us. After worship, the *Community Life Commission* would like to invite everyone to walk through the Gathering Area. You can enjoy light refreshments, such as cider and cookies, while reflecting on the many names of those whose service we are honoring, along with other items that highlight their contributions.
  - ◆ **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](mailto: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 November 23rd.
  - ◆ **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](http://mosaicbells.org) or Facebook page for updates and announcements. See you Sunday, November 23 at 4 pm. Your freewill offering is gladly accepted.
- ⇒ **Safety Message:** *Your car fob is equipped with a built-in alarm feature. Familiarizing yourself with its operation is essential, as it can serve as a vital tool in emergencies. If you feel threatened or find yourself in a precarious situation, activating the alarm may help draw attention and deter potential threats. Make sure to practice using it so that you can respond quickly and confidently when it matters most.*

**This Week At MPC**  
**Sunday, November 9**  
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119)  
 9:30 am Faith Village MS Sunday School HS Breakfast Parent Fellowship  
 10:30 am Worship  
 Community Life Recognizing Veterans after Worship (GA)  
 Godly Play  
 1:00 pm Recorder Rehearsals (200)  
 3:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)  
 5:00 pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)  
 6:00 pm Youth Group  
**Monday, November 10**  
 10:00 am Food Pantry  
 5:00 pm Admin. Commission  
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts (108,119)  
**Tuesday, November 11 - Veterans Day**  
 10:00 am PW Tues Morn. Circle (FH)  
 6:00 pm Generosity Team Meeting (L)  
**Wednesday, November 12**  
 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH)  
 2:00 pm Bethel Circle (SS)  
 5:30 pm Nurture & Discipleship (FH)

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)  
**Thursday, November 13**  
 10:00 am Thurs Circle (FH)  
 4:00 pm Mosaic (FH)  
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)  
 6:30 pm Worship Commission (L)  
**Friday, November 14**  
 8:00 am Spotswood Garden Club (FH)  
*Church Office Closed*  
**Saturday, November 15**  
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**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  
 Session Meeting after Worship  
 Godly Play  
 2:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)  
 5:00 pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)  
 6:00 pm Youth Group

*You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
 and my weakness you did not spurn,  
 so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
 Could the world be about to turn?*

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
 Let the fires of your justice burn.  
 Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
 and the world is about to turn.*

\*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 *Be Thou My Vision (v. 3)* 450

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
 thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
 thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
 High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*

**Serving November 9**  
**Door Monitor:** Nathan Enslin  
**Greeters:** Ric and JoAnn Leobold  
**Ushers & Water Pourers:**  
 Frank and Jean Gearing  
**Faith Village & Middle School:**  
 Jennifer Coffelt, Sally Brown,  
 and David Allen  
**HS Breakfast:**  
 Mary Mabry & Emily Burkholder  
**Godly Play:**  
 Jack and Sarah Rimer  
**Nursery:**  
 Katie Rodgers & Phyllis Hamilton  
**Youth Group:**  
 Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt,  
 and Karen Mast

**Serving November 16**  
**Door Monitor:** Robin Reed  
**Greeters:** TBD  
**Ushers & Water Pourers:**  
 Lewis, Emily, and Jacob Burkholder  
**Faith Village & Middle School:**  
 Jennifer Coffelt, Sally Brown,  
 and David Allen  
**HS Breakfast:**  
 Mary Mabry & Emily Burkholder  
**Godly Play:**  
 Jean Kilby and Jennifer Coffelt  
**Nursery:**  
 Katie Rodgers & Diann Reed  
**Youth Group:**  
 Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt, Karen Mast,  
 and Mary Mabry

Time with the Children Sarah Rimer

Anthem *Hear My Prayer* - Hogan

*O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the morning when I rise.  
 It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.*

*O Lord, please hear my prayer, Keep me safe within your arms.  
 It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.*

*When my work on earth is done, And you come to take me home.  
 Just to know I'm bound for glory. And to hear you say well done.  
 Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy, mercy. Amen.*

Scripture Luke 1:46-55, Luke 4:16-21

Sermon "Favor the Lowly" 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.**

Commissioning of Confirmands and Mentors

**Maddie Cale & Sarah Rimer (mentor)**  
**Lucas Ford & JoAnn Leobold (mentor)**  
**Carolina Rascoe & Emily Burkholder (mentor)**  
*Hannah Altman and Cherokee Adams (leadership)*

Prayer (*unison*)

**Gracious God, by water and the Spirit you claimed us as your own,  
cleansing us from sin, and giving us new life.  
You made us members of your body, the church,  
calling us to be your servants in the world.  
Renew in us the covenant you made in our baptism.  
Continue the good work you have begun in us.  
Send us forth by the power of your Spirit to love and serve you with joy,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Invitation to Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven (v. 3)* 619

*Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame,  
gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! All within me, praise God's name!*

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

*The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound (vv. 1-4)*

766

*The church of Christ cannot be bound  
by walls of wood or stone.  
Where charity and love are found,  
there can the church be known.*

*True faith will open up the door  
and step into the street.  
True service will seek out the poor  
and ask to wash their feet.*

*True love will not sit idly  
by when justice is denied.  
True mercy hears the homeless cry  
and welcomes them inside.*

*If what we have we freely share  
to meet our neighbor's need,  
then we extend the Spirit's care  
through every selfless deed.*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound (v. 5)*

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