

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

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A Service of Worship
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Follow Me - Walk Humbly
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Our mission:

*To nurture disciples of
Jesus Christ who are
sent to join boldly with
the Spirit's work in the
world.*

November 02, 2025

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song - Smith

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude Resonance - Krug
Fun With Handbells

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) from Genesis 1:9, 3:19,
God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place,
and let the dry land appear." And it was so.

And God saw that it was good.

Out of it you were taken; you are dust,

And to dust we shall return.

Give thanks for God's good earth, of which we are part.

Indeed, it is very good.

*Hymn Morning Has Broken 664

*Morning has broken like the first morning; Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning, God's re-creation of the new day!*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God, our Creator, you have given us good earth to establish our roots.
You have made rich soil that we might connect with the land and grow.**

**Instead, we choose to put ourselves in the middle of the path,
or plant ourselves in rocky ground,
or fall among thorns and weeds.
We are sinners, O God.**

Forgive us for the ways we have squandered your providence.

Forgive us for not seeking out healthy environments.

Forgive us for not working toward good growth.

**Guide us to plant ourselves in your goodness,
and work for the thriving of all creation.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus, amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has been pruned away; a new life can grow in good soil.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

*Response of Praise

For the Beauty of the Earth (v. 1)

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***For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:***

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

*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

For the Beauty of the Earth (v. 3)

14

***For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:***

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Time with the Children

Rev. Colleen Earp

Anthem

Humbly We Adore Thee

- Arr. Powell

*Humbly, I adore thee, Verity unseen,
who thy glory hidest 'neath these shadows mean;
lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed,
tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.*

*O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death;
living Bread that givest all thy creatures breath,
grant my spirit ever by thy life may live,
to my, taste thy sweetness never failing give.*

Guest Preacher Bio: Rev. Colleen Earp is our guest preacher this Sunday. Colleen has been the Program Director at Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center since mid-2021. She's a proud native of New Jersey, but has spent plenty of time in Virginia, too, including undergraduate work at the University of Mary Washington, serving on the director team at Camp Hanover, earning a Masters of Divinity at Union Presbyterian Seminary, and a yearlong chaplain residency at UVA Medical Center. Colleen is a member of the Presbyterian Church Camp and Conference Association and the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship Activist Council.

Life at Massanutten

- ◆ Today we will remember the **saints of Massanutten Presbyterian Church** who have joined the Church Triumphant since last All Saints Sunday. The Tablecloth on the Communion Table bears the names of those who have served the Lord, here and in other places. Some have joined the Church Triumphant—others continue sharing themselves with the Church in our time. We give thanks for the faithfulness of all of them and for the love of God which holds us in life and in death.
 - ◆ **Today** will be the last Sunday that we collect the **Thank Offering of the Presbyterian Women**. This offering supports health and various ministries both in the United States and around the world. Offering envelopes are located in the chair backs.
 - ◆ The November Coffee Small Group will gather **Thursday, November 6th, at 10:00 am** at the Kaffee Klatsch at the Dayton Market. All are welcome.
 - ◆ **Next Sunday, November 9th we will commemorate Veterans Day**. The *Community Life Commission* invites everyone to share the name of veteran (s) in your life, how they are connected to you, and the branch they served in. After the service on November 9th, our veterans will be displayed in the Gathering Area, featuring the names of those being remembered along with other items reflecting their service. During this time, cider and cookies will also be available. There are blank index cards in the chairbacks to use this morning. Please place them in the offering plate as you leave the service, or email your Veteran information to the church office at office@massanuttenchurch.org.
 - ◆ **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.
- ⇒ **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 2 - All Saints**

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

Monday, November 3

11:30 am Mosaic (GA)
 3:00 pm Election Day Set-up (FH)
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts (108,119)

Tuesday, November 4

5:00 am Election Day (Narthex & FH)
 Mosaic (GA)
 10:30 am PW CT Meeting (L)

Wednesday, November 5

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
 Parents/ Mentor Youth Meeting
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Thursday, November 6

4:00 pm Mosaic (FH)
 7:00 pm Safety Team Meeting (L)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)

Friday, November 7

2:00 pm Community Life Meeting (L)
 6:00 pm Dance Group
Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 8*Church Office Closed***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 Rehearsal (200)
 3:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
 5:00 pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)
 6:00 pm Youth Group

Serving November 2 - All Saints**Door Monitor:** Harvey Mast**Greeters:** Larry and Pam French**Ushers & Water Pourers:**

Denny and Rebecca Arthur

Faith Village & Middle School:Jennifer Coffelt, Sally Brown,
and David Allen**HS Breakfast:**

Mary Mabry & Emily Burkholder

Godly Play:

Scott and Hannah Altman

Nursery:

Katie Rodgers & Holly Veenis

Youth Group:Sarah Rimer, Chris Hamilton,
and Keith Philips**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

*Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith behold,
 what my soul doth long for, that thy word foretold:
 face to face thy splendor, I at last shall see,
 in the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee. Amen.*

Scriptures

Genesis 3:19, Matthew 13:1-9

Sermon

"Remember That You Are Dust"

Rev. Colleen Earp

We Respond to God's Word*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

A New Creed (United Church of Canada, 1968)

We are not alone,**we live in God's world.****We believe in God:****who has created and is creating,****who has come in Jesus,****the Word made flesh,****to reconcile and make new,****who works in us and others****by the Spirit.****We trust in God.****We are called to be the Church:****to celebrate God's presence,****to live with respect in Creation,****to love and serve others,****to seek justice and resist evil,****to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,****our judge and our hope.****In life, in death, in life beyond death,****God is with us.****We are not alone.****Thanks be to God.**

Sharing Our Faith

Pastor Nominating Committee

Nancy Wayland and

Sarah Rimer

Invitation to the Offering

*Communion Hymn

For All the Saints

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*For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world
 confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the
 well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet
all are one in thee, for all are thine.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant
triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl
streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

We are Fed at God's Table

Invitation to the Table

...This morning we remember those saints who have joined the Church Triumphant since
last November and now rest from their labors. In particular we remember:

*Flo Hall 11/19/2024
Ruth Sensabaugh 12/11/2024
Dixie Dofflemeyer 12/18/2024
Lucille Gohdes 01/24/2025
Edna Armstrong 02/24/2025
Steve Whisman 03/27/2025
Doris Abraham 03/29/2025
Gene Cox 05/27/2025
Evelyn Earl 06/02/2025
Ginny Biggs 06/07/2025
Shari Jensen 07/14/2025*

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.

The 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.

*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)*

For the life and legacy of Jesus Christ, we give thanks.

For this bread and this cup, we give thanks.

For the rich soil and good rains that grew the wheat and grapes, we give thanks.

For so great a cloud of witness in every time, throughout creation, we give thanks.

May these gifts bless us and encourage us in serving you. Amen.

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn

God of the Sparrow

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*God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe How does the creature say Praise*

*God of the earthquake God of the storm God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe How does the creature cry Save*

*God of the rainbow God of the cross God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace How does the creature say Thanks*

*God of the hungry God of the sick God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care How does the creature say Life*

*God of the neighbor God of the foe God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love How does the creature say Peace*

*God of the ages God near at hand God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy How do your children say Home*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

For the Beauty of the Earth (v. 4)

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*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:*

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.