

### Pastor Nominating Committee Update:

Your PNC is working thoroughly & steadily to evaluate incoming Personal Discernment Profile (PDP) forms, as well as online sermons, keeping our focus on how the Spirit is moving among us, as well as the congregation. Rev. Patrick Pettit from presbytery's Committee on Ministry has coached us on how to conduct interviews. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue working toward securing our next co-pastor. Thank you! - Jean, Wanda, Holly, JoAnn, Ka, Bill, and Ruth

### Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

<b>Class of 2026</b>	<b>Class of 2027</b>	<b>Class of 2028</b>
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A = Administration & Finance, CL = Community Life,  
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**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  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*  
***Follow Me: Make Disciples***

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." - Matt. 28:19-20*

May 03, 2026

10:30 a.m.

*\*An asterisk denotes an invitation to stand*

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

Introit *Today*      *We All Are Called to be Disciples of the Lord*      - Carmichael

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude      *Steadfast Assurance*      - Krug  
Massanutten Ringers

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

From the smallest infant to the aged and wise,

**God gathers us together.**

Each of us a living stone, to be built up into a dwelling place for God

**with Christ as our foundation.**

From the waters of baptism, until our baptism is complete in death,

**we belong to God, to grow, to nurture and be nurtured,**

**to live as disciples. Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn      *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*      488

*"I was there to hear your borning cry; I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."*

*"When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on.  
You were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."*

*"In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise."*

*"I was there to hear your borning cry; I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Creating God, you planted the seeds of life in a garden,  
causing all good things to grow.**

**There you gave life to humanity,  
breathing life into us and making us in your image.**

**But all too often, we forget that you are the giver of life,  
the one who shines the light of love upon us,  
whose showers of mercy give us health and growth.**

**All too often, we forget the promises we have made to you and to one another,  
to nurture the life of faith in the baptized,  
to live as one community made strong and whole in you.**

**Forgive us, God,  
and draw us back into connection with you and one another,  
so that we may provide the nourishing milk of your grace and mutual love.  
Nurture our faith so that we may grow and flourish in strength and beauty.  
We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Hear the good news! As people born of water and the Spirit  
we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun.

God's grace is poured out upon us day by day.

Come to the water and remember your baptism.

Be thankful, and live as one who has been raised to new life!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

\*Response of Praise *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* 582

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has  
pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

***World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

\*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 *Open My Eyes, That I May See (v. 2)* 451

***Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!***

Today, we welcome **Guest Preacher Cherokee Adams**, currently the Registrar at Massanetta Springs. She has lived in various parts of the country. Before joining Massanuttan and the "Bayside Cabal" in 2025, she was a lifelong member of Bayside Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach, VA. There, she became a Ruling Elder in January 2020 and served as a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) with the PC(USA) Mission Agency in New Orleans from 2016 to 2018. Growing up in a large family, she learned that love and care define family more than blood ties. Outside of work and church, she enjoys reading, with a current streak of 520 days, and has already read 13 books this year.

### **Life at Massanuttan**

- ◆ **Remember to participate in the PW Fundraiser for Heifer International!** The goal is to purchase 50 bee colonies to foster sustainable solutions to end hunger and poverty by helping farmers and communities worldwide. You can contribute by visiting the display in the Narthex or by donating online at [massanuttanchurch.org](http://massanuttanchurch.org). **Today is the last day to participate in the Presbyterian Women's fundraiser supporting Heifer International.**
- ◆ **We invite you to help beautify our grounds!** Work is already underway on our church property, and we would love for you to join us. **On Saturday, May 9th, at 8:30 a.m.**, we'll gather to mulch the shrub and flower beds. Extra mulch will be available if needed. Please bring your own yard tools and join us in caring for our shared space.
- ◆ **Faithful Conversations Adult Sunday School Class:** Through May 17th, the class will explore the Psalms. **Join us each Sunday at 9:00 am in Room 119.** Often called a "school of prayer," the **Book of Psalms** gives voice to our prayers and guides us in faithful living. This study focuses on six psalms, each offering a unique glimpse into God's heart: Psalm 8 (awe), Psalm 27 (beauty), Psalm 51 (mercy), Psalm 73 (hope), Psalm 90 (time), and Psalm 116 (love). Join us as we explore their meanings, contexts, and lasting impact, and discover how these Psalms continue to offer hope, comfort, and inspiration for our lives and God's world today.
- ◆ **Mark Your Calendars for the Annual Book/Bake/Yard Sale!** Are you looking for good books to read, to do some spring cleaning, or to enjoy a tasty treat – all while helping to raise money for us to purchase school supplies, earphones, and backpacks for children of our Food Pantry? Our Annual Book/Bake/Yard Sale will give you those opportunities! It will take place on **Saturday, June 27th, from 7am – noon**. Folks participating in the yard sale are asked to make a \$15 donation. We also are seeking donations of baked goods or books. For more details, please contact Sally Brown at [sbrown47@gmail.com](mailto:sbrown47@gmail.com) or check with the church office.
- ◆ **Now Open: Netta Day Camp Summer 2026 Registration!** Give your child a summer full of faith, friendship, and adventure at Netta Day Camp! Designed for children ages 6–12, this faith-centered camp offers thrilling outdoor activities, including canoeing, archery, and swimming, in a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment. Spots fill quickly, so don't miss out! Learn more and register today: <https://massanettasprings.org/nettadaycamp>.
- ◆ **AED Mounted in Narthex: The Safety Committee has mounted our Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in the Narthex between the water fountains and the doors to the Fellowship Hall.** Please make note of its new location. Instructions on how to access the AED are included in a note found on all three sides of the box. In addition, a location sign giving the church's address has been posted next to the phone in the Narthex (located next to the door to the church office).

**This Week At MPC****Sunday, May 3**

9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119)  
 9:30 am HS Breakfast  
*No Faith Village*  
*No MS Sunday School*  
*No Parent Fellowship*  
 10:00 am Sunday Morning Mingle  
 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion  
 Godly Play  
 11:30 am Youth Confirmation Exam  
 (GA/ HS Youth Room)  
 3:00 pm PNC Meeting (L)  
 5:00 pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)  
 6:00 pm Youth Group (FH)

**Monday, May 4**

8:00 am Preschool (117, 119)  
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)  
 7:00 pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)

**Tuesday, May 5**

8:00 am Preschool (117, 119)  
 10:30 am PW CT Meeting (L)

**Wednesday, May 6**

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH)  
 8:00 am Preschool (117, 119)  
 12:00 pm "LOL" Lunch Group (GA)  
 7:00 pm Choir (200)

**Serving May 3****Door Monitor:** Frank Gearing**Greeters:**

Jean Gearing and Jody Humphreys

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**

Keith and Linda Knupp

**Faith Village & Middle School:***No Sunday School***HS Breakfast:**

Emily Burkholder and Gus Scheidt

**Godly Play:**

Jack and Sarah Rimer

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers and Diann Reed**Youth Group:** Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt, Mark Palmer, and Cherokee Adams**Thursday, May 7**

8:00 am Preschool (117, 119)  
 10:00 am Coffee Small Group (KK)  
 4:30 pm Mosaic (HBR)  
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)

**Friday, May 8**

8:30 am Church Mulch Day  
*Church Office Closed*

**Saturday, May 9***Church Office Closed***Sunday, May 10**

9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119)  
 9:30 am Faith Village  
 MS Sunday School  
*No HS Breakfast*  
 Parent Fellowship  
 10:30 am Worship  
 Godly Play  
 1:00 pm Recorder Rehearsal (200)  
 3:00 pm PNC Meeting (L)  
 4:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)  
 5:00 pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)  
 6:00 pm Youth Group (FH)

**Serving May 10****Door Monitor:** Harvey Mast**Greeters:**

Tom and Gina Holden

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**

Karen Mast and Julia Sensabaugh

**Faith Village & Middle School:**

Jennifer Coffelt, Kathy Frakes, David Allen, and Hannah Altman

**HS Breakfast:***No HS Breakfast***Godly Play:**

Drew and Holly Veenis

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers and Katie Gray**Youth Group:** Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt, Cherokee Adams, and Hannah Altman

Time with the Children

Sarah Rimer

*Children age 4 through second grade may go with our adult leaders to Godly Play, an interactive children's Bible study that features story, wonder, and play. They will return to the sanctuary before worship ends.*

Anthem

*Here Is Love*

- Larter

Scripture

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Sermon

*"We Are Babies"*

Elder Cherokee Adams

**We Respond to God's Word**\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)From *A Brief Statement of Faith***We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
 sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
 and binds us together with all believers  
 in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
 rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
 engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
 claims us in the waters of baptism,  
 feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
 and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**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.**

Sharing Our Faith

*MPC Legacy Programs*

Kath Wissinger

Invitation to Offering

\*Communion Hymn

*One Bread, One Body*

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**Refrain:**

***One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.  
 And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.***

***Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. (Refrain)******Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. (Refrain)******Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. (Refrain)***

## We are Fed at God's Table

Invitation

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.**

*Therefore we join our voices with all those who sing your praise:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the one who comes in your name.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

*We praise you, most holy God... ..and offering ourselves to live for him in joy and grateful praise.*

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...*

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

**God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.**

**May this food strengthen us in love**

**and help us to serve you in each other.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

## We Are Sent to the World

\*Sending Hymn

*Let Us Build a House*

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*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:*

**Refrain:**

*all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (Refrain)*

*Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat;  
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Refrain)*

*Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Refrain)*

*Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (Refrain)*

\*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.*

### ☀️ Vacation Bible School at MPC – Register Today! ☀️

MPC will host Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 4–7. Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to join the fun! Registration forms are available on the church website or at the VBS table in the Narthex.

**The registration deadline is May 15!!**

Don't miss this exciting opportunity for faith, learning, and fellowship!

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact Hannah Altman or Wanda Wallace.