

**Guest Preacher Bio:**

*This Sunday, we are pleased to welcome Rev. Clayton Rascoe as our guest preacher. Rev. Rascoe serves as Executive Director of Massanutta Springs Camp and Conference Center. Originally from Newport News, VA, and raised in Apex, NC, he holds a degree in Secondary History Education from Appalachian State University and a Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary. He has been ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) since 2003 and has served in several ministry roles, including outdoor ministries, camp and conference leadership, and pastoral ministry. Rev. Rascoe and his wife, Rev. Kate Rascoe, are both ordained Presbyterian teaching elders. They live at Massanutta Springs with their daughters, Ruth and Carolina, who have been active members of our youth group at MPC. We are grateful to welcome him this Sunday.*

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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  
Seventh Sunday of Easter  
**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 17, 2026

10:30 a.m.

*\*An asterisk denotes an invitation to stand*

**We Gather at God's Call**

Introit *Jesus Calls Us* - Jude

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *What Is This Place?* - Proulx

\*Call to Worship

Christ is the true vine, and we are the branches.

**Without him, we can do nothing.**

God is the vinegrower, pruning the vines.

The branches that remain will bear fruit.

**Connected to the true vine,**

**we will bear the fruit of faithful disciples.**

If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

**We come to worship, rooted in Christ,**

**ready to grow and produce fruit,**

**so that the Word will abide in us and we in the Word.**

\*Hymn *What Is This Place* 404

*What is this place, where we are meeting? Only a house, the earth its floor.*

*Walls and a roof, sheltering people, windows for light, an open door.*

*Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here, and know our God is near.*

*Words from afar, stars that are falling. Sparks that are sown in us like seed:  
names for our God, dreams, signs, and wonders sent from the past are what we need.  
We in this place remember and speak again what we have heard: God's free redeeming word.*

*And we accept bread at his table, broken and shared, a living sign.*

*Here in this world, dying and living, we are each other's bread and wine.*

*This is the place where we can receive what we need to increase: God's justice and God's peace.*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Loving God, garden maker, vine tender, source of life and hope,  
we confess that we have not lived as faithful disciples.**

**We have allowed disease to infect the vine,  
contaminating our hearts with envy, greed, idolatry, and indifference.  
We have allowed bitterness and apathy to stunt our growth,  
and have let festering resentments twist our branches  
and limit our growth.**

**Forgive us, Vinedresser!**

**Heal us and prune us, so that tendrils and unfruitful branches  
do not drain away our lives.**

**Let us grow strong and true,  
connected ever and always to you and to one another,  
so that the sweetness of our lives in you may be shared with all.  
In the name of the one True Vine, we pray. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Jesus said: "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you,  
ask whatever you wish and it shall be done for you."

Even as we have asked, forgiveness has been granted.  
Rejoice, and be glad!

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

\*Response of Praise

*Christ Is Alive! (v. 5)*

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***Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and 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

*Lead Me, Guide Me (refrain)*

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***Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.***

Time with the Children

Wanda Wallace

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

## **Life at Massanutten**

⇒ **All Ladies of MPC!** The **Presbyterian Women** warmly invite you to join them in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the worship service for their annual program and lunch. This event will celebrate this year's achievements of the Presbyterian Women, share plans for upcoming projects, and feature special guest speaker Jenny Butcher. Lunch will be provided. Please also consider bringing a gift for the Birthday Offering, a special collection by the Presbyterian Women across the country to support mission initiatives. We hope to see you there!

⇒ **Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering:** Today's Birthday Offering supports two 2026 mission projects: **City Mission of Findlay's Women and Children's Crisis Shelter** in Findlay, Ohio, and **Haywood Christian Ministry's Rural Food Assistance Project** in Waynesville, North Carolina. Through this offering, Presbyterian Women help provide safe shelter, critical resources, healthy food, and hope to those in need. Thank you for supporting this meaningful mission!

⇒ Join us for our "**Come to the Table**" **Third Wednesday Dinner** on Wednesday, May 20, at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This month's dinner will feature a **picnic theme** with hot dogs, salads, and fruit pizza! This will also be our last Third Wednesday Dinner of the program year, so we hope you will join us for food and fellowship around the table. Please sign up and write "**Table**" and the number attending in the special event sign-up section of the connection folders during worship today.

⇒ **Save the Date: Community Life Events** Mark your calendars for two upcoming Community Life events! Join us for an **Ice Cream Social at Smiley's Ice Cream in Bridgewater on Sunday, June 14, at 3:00 pm**. Then, save the date for a gathering at **Brix and Columns Vineyard on Sunday, July 26**. More information will be shared soon!

⇒ **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).

⇒ **There will be no Adult Sunday School Class from May 24th through June 21st.** The **Adult Summer Sunday School Class** will begin on June 28th and run through August 23rd, meeting in the Fellowship Hall. More information to come!

**This Week At MPC**  
**Sunday, May 17 - Confirmation Sunday**  
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119)  
 9:30 am Faith Village  
 MS Sunday School  
 HS Breakfast Outing  
 Parent Fellowship  
 10:30 am Worship  
 Godly Play  
*PW Birthday Program & Luncheon after worship (FH)*  
*Session meeting after worship (119)*  
 3:00 pm PNC Meeting (L)  
 4:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)  
 6:00 pm Family Bonfire Cookout  
 7:00 pm A. Whiteside Recital (San/GA)  
**Monday, May 18**  
 8:00 am Pre-K Grad. Practice (San/FH)  
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)  
 7:00 pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)  
**Tuesday, May 19**  
 8:00 am Preschool Graduation (San/FH/Picnic Shelter)

**Wednesday, May 20**  
 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH)  
 9:00am Preschool Graduation (San/FH/Picnic Shelter)  
 12:00 pm "LOL" Ladies Lunch Grp (GA)  
 5:30 pm Third Wednesday Dinner (FH)  
 7:00 pm Choir (200)  
**Thursday, May 21**  
 8:00 am Preschool Graduation (San/FH/Picnic Shelter)  
 4:30 pm Mosaic (HBR)  
 6:00 pm Worship Comm. Meeting (L)  
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)  
 7:00 pm Safety Team Meeting (L)  
**Friday, May 22**  
*Church Office Closed*  
**Saturday, May 23**  
*Church Office Closed*  
**Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost**  
 10:30 am Worship  
 3:00 pm PNC Meeting (L)  
 4:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)

**Serving May 17**  
**Door Monitor:** Karen Enslin  
**Greeters:**  
 Doug Smith and Dwight Wm. Newman  
**Ushers & Water Pourers:**  
 Dale and Dorothy Dobroth  
**Faith Village & Middle School:**  
 Jennifer Coffelt, David Allen, and Hannah Altman  
**HS Breakfast:**  
 Emily Burkholder and Special Guest  
**Godly Play:**  
 Tim Russell and Dale Dobroth  
**Nursery:**  
 Julia Sensabaugh and Erin Basgier  
**Youth Group:**  
 Sarah Rimer and Gus Scheidt

**Serving May 24**  
**Door Monitor:** Dick Leecy  
**Greeter:**  
 Karen Leecy  
**Ushers & Water Pourers:**  
 Greg and Ann Trobaugh  
**Nursery:**  
 Katie Rodgers and Holly Veenis  
  
***Children & Youth Programs***  
*All Children and Youth Programs will resume in the fall. We hope you have a wonderful summer!*

Anthem *And Can It Be?* - Forrest  
*And can it be? And can it be? And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me who caused his pain? For me who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for me?*

*He left His Father's throne above, So free, so infinite His grace; Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race; 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me. And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?*

*No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine, Bold I approach the eternal throne, And claim the crown through Christ my own. Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for me? Amazing love! How can it be? Amazing love!*

Scripture Matthew 28:16-20  
 Sermon Rev. Clayton Rascoe

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* 465

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
 O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,  
 all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
 We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
 Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!*

*Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
 Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.*

Presentation of Our Confirmands Elder Doug Sensabaugh  
*Maddie Cale, Lucas Ford, Carolina Rascoe*

\*Affirmation of Faith (unison) *The Apostles' Creed*  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;**  
**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,**  
**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.**  
**He descended into hell.**  
**The third day, he rose again from the dead.**  
**He ascended into heaven,**  
**and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**  
**From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer

Laying on of Hands

Welcome Elder Doug Sensabaugh

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 606

***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 *Go to the World* 295

***Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

***Go to the world! Go into every place. Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

***Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day.  
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

***Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end,  
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!" Alleluia. Alleluia.***

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response *Go with Us, Lord* 748

***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.***

### **Congregational Concerns**

***We Pray for Our Church Family...***

***Bill Painter, Patricia Armstrong* (receiving treatment for a GIST tumor), **Don Enslin** (cancer), **Bettye Davis** (receiving treatment for cancer), **Mary Morris** (recovering from hip replacement surgery), **Ashley Gordon-Becker** (recovering from recent surgery), **Adele Durost** (cancer), **Bill & Judy Dent** (recent move), **Doug Pafford** (grief and recent move).**

***We Pray for Friends of Our Church Family...***

**Owen Mann; Linda Caldwell**, mother of Kevin Caldwell; **Janet Binion, Jim Roe**, family of Bill Frazier; **Sandra Rohrer**, mother of Lisa Rohrer Folks; **Ken Jones** (cousin, melanoma and liver cancer), **Ella Perry** (friend, connective tissue disease), family and friends of Pastor Keith; **Bob Voorhees**, father of Patti Hobbie; **Mark Heltzel**, son of Helen Groves; **Christena Scott** (blood cancers), **Genie Mosher** (colon cancer), **June Kofford** (family concern), sisters of Kathy Marlowe; **Ray Harvell**, father of Lindsey Harvell-Bowman (health concerns); a member of our church seeks prayers for a private family health concern; **Kim Hoschar** (health, transportation); **Dennis Oakes** (prostate cancer), brother-in-law of Patti Hobbie; **Lauren Kusterbeck** (cancer treatment), friend of Sharon Posey; **Mindy** (cancer) and **Tony** (brain tumor), a married couple who are friends of Diann Reed's family; **Jean Shepley**, mother of Sherry Matthews; **Charles Matthews** (heart issues), brother of Ron Matthews; **Dick Stutzman** (Parkinson's), friend of Ron Matthews; **Rev. Jerrod Lowry** (cancer treatments) and family, friends of Pastor Keith; **Peggy Kuehl** (cancer), friend of Carol Lown and Kath Wissinger; **Ezra Miller** (diagnosed with leukemia), attended the 4 year old preschool program at MPC last year; **Sandy Zook** (Alzheimer's Disease), grandmother of Cherokee Adams; **Carol Jean Kacho** (breast cancer), family friend of Frank and Jean Gearing; **Rev. Will Roberts** (prayers for discernment as he seeks his next call); **Taffy de Planque** (therapy for fractured hip), mother-in-law of Jennifer Davis; **Heather Brookhoff** (cancer), sister-in-law of Jan Reser; **Rev. John B. Sterrett** (recovering from stroke), son of Doug Sterrett; **Randy Appleton** (recovering from stroke), son of Shirley Appleton; **Christine Eacho** (recovering from heart failure), mother-in-law of Holly Veenis's sister; **Blayne Liptrap** (son of Ashlea Liptrap); **Nathan Bales** (house burned down, recovering from broken ankle), son of the late Bob & Patsy Bales; baby **Amelia**, granddaughter of a friend of Deidre Lenderking; **Amanda Phillips and family** (house fire), cousin of Pastor Keith; **Tom and Tassie Pipperts** (son, Tim, died Mar. 25th), neighbors of Jennifer Davis; **Lynda Coffelt** (mother of Jason Coffelt), hospitalized with pneumonia.

***We Pray for Our Mission and Ministry Efforts...***

***The Pastor Nominating Committee, Massanutten Food Pantry, Blessings in a Bag, Habitat for Humanity, Open Doors, Valley Interfaith Action***

***We Pray for Those Serving Our Country...***

**Jackie DeGaîne**, daughter-in-law of Ka & Mike Guinn (Fort Jackson, SC); **Justin Brockhoff**, nephew of Jan Reser (Germany); **Marcus Sensabaugh**, son of Julia and Doug Sensabaugh (Texas); **Hunter Barr**, nephew of David & Alicia Gutschow (Parris Island, SC); **Matt Riordan**, grandson of Jack Heintzleman (Fairbanks, AK); **Dylan Kenny**, nephew of Gus and Stephanie Scheidt (Navy); **Elizabeth Lee Davis**, daughter of Marc & Nancy Davis (Tampa); **Dan Balch**, grandson-in-law of Harry and Jean Pettit, (Navy, Japan).