

PNC Update to Congregation: The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is grateful for your continued prayers and support throughout this important journey. After much prayer, discernment, and careful consideration, we are pleased to share that we have identified top candidates with whom we are moving deeper into the interview and discernment process. While we are not yet able to share additional details, we are moving thoughtfully through the next steps of the process. We ask that you continue to pray for the candidates, the committee, and our congregation as we seek God’s guidance and trust in God’s timing.

~ Bill, Ka, Jean, JoAnn, Ruth, Holly, and Wanda

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

Class of 2027	Class of 2028	Class of 2029
David Allen (ND)	Gina Holden (ND)	John Davis (W)
Kathy Frakes (W)	Jean Kilby (W)	Linda Knupp (A)
Pam French (CL)	Bill Marlowe (CL)	Sarah Rimer (ND)
Lindsey Harvell-Bowman (MS)	Doug Sensabaugh (CL)	Deb Thompson (MS)
Ric Leobold (A)	Vacancy	Kath Wissinger (A)

Clerk: Ron Matthews, **Moderator:** Rev. Keith Phillips

Elder Commissions

A = Administration & Finance, CL = Community Life,
MS = Mission & Service, ND = Nurture & Discipleship, W = Worship & Music

Pastor Nominating Committee

Bill Frazier, Ka Guinn, Jean Kilby, JoAnn Leobold, Ruth Rascoe,
Holly Veenis, and Wanda Wallace

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Staff

Rev. Keith Phillips, Pastor (kphillips@massanuttenchurch.org)
Bob Jerome, Director of Music (bjerome@massanuttenchurch.org)
Carol Lown, Organist (clown@massanuttenchurch.org)
Hannah Altman, Children and Youth Program Director (haltman@massanuttenchurch.org)
Ashlea Liptrap, Office Manager (office@massanuttenchurch.org)
Katie Rodgers, Financial Administrator & Nursery Caregiver
(finance@massanuttenchurch.org)
Anna Richardson, Digital Worship Coordinator (media@massanuttenchurch.org)
Dick Leecy and Cindy Grimes, Custodians

CONTACT US:

50 Indian Trail Road
Penn Laird, Virginia. 22846
540-434-6194
massanuttenchurch.org

USE THIS QR CODE
TO SHARE YOUR
OFFERING ONLINE



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
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

September 06, 2026 10:30 a.m.

**An asterisk denotes an invitation to stand*

We Gather at God’s Call

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* - Heber

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *My Faith Looks Up To Thee* - Wood

*Call to Worship (*responsive*) Ka Guinn, Worship Leader
Jesus says, “Where are two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there among them.”
We are here, O Lord, in your holy name.
We gather to proclaim the promises, to retell the stories,
to remember who we are as people of God.
Let us worship God together!

*Hymn *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* 306
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.
From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)
Beautiful Savior, you have made your law clear:
Love. Love one another. Owe one another nothing but love.
Do no wrong to a neighbor.

But we have not mastered what it is to love.
We have fallen short, causing harm to others
through careless action and thoughtless lack of action.

Forgive us.
Teach us how to love more fully, more perfectly,
as generously as you love, following your law and fulfilling your will.

*Assurance of Forgiveness
Christ does not judge us harshly, but forgives all our sin and leads us into new life.
We will not take this forgiveness for granted,
but will let it transform how we live and love.

*Response of Praise *Glory Be to the Father* 581

*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.*

*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 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God (v. 1)* 286
for Illumination

*Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*

Time with the Children David Allen

Anthem *More Love* - Davis

*More love, more love,
The heavens are blessing, the angels are calling,
O Zion, more love.*

MPC Annual Church Picnic

Join us for MPC’s annual church picnic next Sunday, September 13, immediately after worship in the picnic shelter! *Newman’s super-special, super-secret BBQ chicken will be provided.* Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Food may be dropped off when you arrive at church and will be moved to the picnic shelter during worship.

Volunteers are needed! Please visit the easels in the Narthex to review volunteer needs and sign up to help make this year’s picnic a wonderful success!



Life at Massanutten

- ♦ Adult Sunday School begins next Sunday, September 13th, at 9:00 a.m.
- ♦ For the first six weeks of the new program year, the **Faithful Conversations Adult Sunday School Class** will be tackling a study titled “Do Not Fear.” The command to ‘do not fear’ does not mean that there is nothing to be afraid of; it means that God will walk with us through whatever fears we have. Please join us at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings in Room 119.
- ♦ For the coming quarter, the **Covenant Adult Sunday School Class** continues with "The Present Word Adult Bible Lessons." We will study God's faithfulness through the experience of the nation of Israel from the death of Moses through Samuel's anointing of a king. Lessons will combine study of scriptures from both the Old Testament and New Testament with discussion to support our understanding of the faithfulness of God for us now. Covenant Class meets in Room 117 at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings.
- ♦ **Sunday School for children, youth, and families** will begin on Sunday, September 20th. Stay tuned for more details - including about our new Preschool Sunday School class!
- ♦ The first **“Come to the Table” Third Wednesday Dinner** will be on Wednesday, September 16th, at 5:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

This Week At MPC Sunday, September 6 10:00 am Sunday Morning Mingle 10:30 am Worship - Communion Monday, September 7 - Labor Day <i>Church Office Closed</i> Tuesday, September 8 4:15 pm Nurture & Discipleship (L) 5:15 pm Bylaws Task Force (L) Wednesday, September 9 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH) 12:00 pm "LOL" Lunch Grp (GA) 6:00 pm Personnel Comm Mtg (L) 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (200)	Thursday, September 10 9:00 am "Home Alone" Group (K) 4:00 pm Mosaic (FH) 7:00 pm Food Pantry Friday, September 11 2:00 pm Worship Commission (L) <i>Church Office Closed</i> Saturday, September 12 <i>Church Office Closed</i> Sunday, September 13 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119) 10:30 am Worship Church Picnic post-worship 1:00 pm Recorder Rehearsal (200) 3:00 pm PNC Meeting (L)
--	--

Church Office Closed for Labor Day:
The church office will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.
The office will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8.
We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Labor Day!

Serving September 6 Door Monitor: Harvey Mast Greeters: John and Pam Davis Ushers & Water Pourers: Keith and Linda Knupp Nursery: Katie Rodgers and Diann Reed <i>The children and youth programs will resume on September 20th.</i> <i>We hope you have enjoyed your summer!</i>	Serving September 13 Door Monitor: Mike Guinn Greeters: Ric and JoAnne Leobold Ushers & Water Pourers: TBD Nursery: Katie Rodgers and Katie Gray <i>The children and youth programs will resume on September 20th.</i> <i>We hope you have enjoyed your summer!</i>
--	--

Mark Your Calendars for these Special Dates!

Sun., 9/13 Adult Sunday School resumes Annual Picnic after worship	Wed., 9/16 Third Wednesday Dinners resume
	Sun., 9/20 Children & Youth programming resumes

*If ye love not each other in daily communion,
How can ye love God, whom ye have not seen?*

*If ye love not each other in daily communion,
How can ye love God, whom ye have not seen?*

*More love, more love.
The heavens are blessing, the angels are calling,
O Zion, more love, more love!*

Scripture	Matthew 18:15-20
Sermon	Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

*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.**

Invitation to Offering

*Communion Hymn	<i>Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether</i>	529
-----------------	---------------------------------------	-----

***Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name
two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them.***
Alleluia! Alleluia! Here we touch your garment's hem.

***As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the giver break the bread and bless the cup,***
Alleluia! Alleluia! so now bind our friendship up.

***All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.***
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

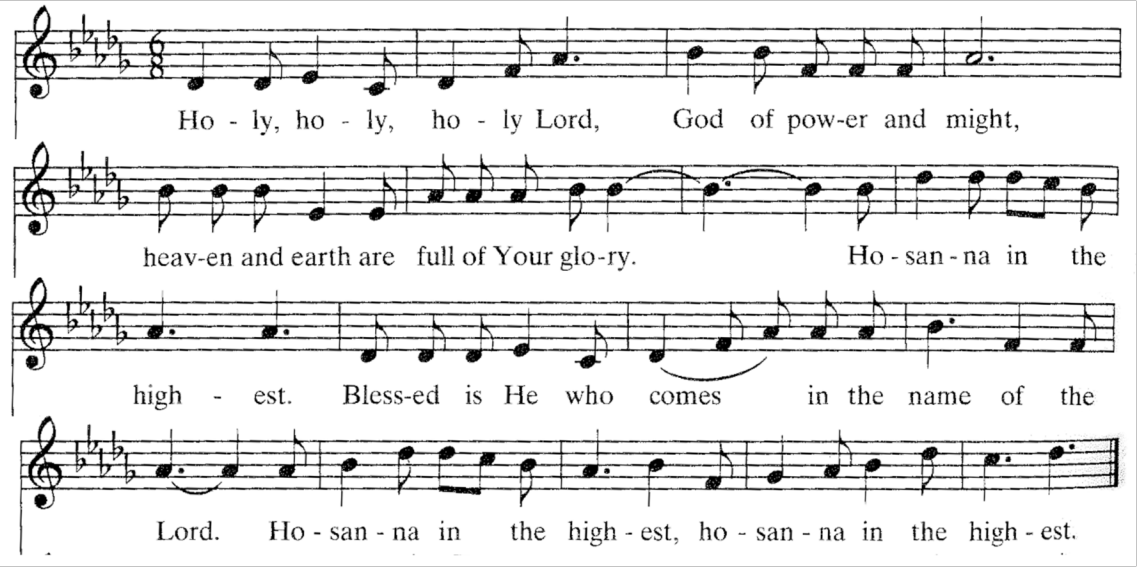
We Are Fed at God’s Table

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.

*Holy God ...
... who forever sing to the glory of your name :*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*In Christ, dividing walls are broken down ...
... Great is the mystery of faith:*
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Take our hearts, our lives, our hands ...

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 and 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 abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever
in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn	<i>O God of Every Nation</i>	756
<i>O God of every nation, of every race and land, redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand. Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled, in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world. From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right, from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night, from pride of race and station and blindness to your way, deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray. Lord, strengthen those who labor that all may find release from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase; when hope and courage falter, your still small voice be heard; with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird. Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease, when hatred and division give way to love and peace, till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.</i>		

*Benediction												
*Benediction Response	<i>Farewell Good Friends</i>	540										
<table border="0"><tr><td>ENGLISH:</td><td>HEBREW:</td></tr><tr><td><i>Farewell, good friends!</i></td><td><i>Sha-lom, cha-ve-rim!</i></td></tr><tr><td><i>Farewell, good friends!</i></td><td><i>Sha-lom, cha-ve-rot!</i></td></tr><tr><td><i>Sha-lom, sha-lom!</i></td><td><i>Sha-lom, sha-lom!</i></td></tr><tr><td><i>Till we meet again, till we meet again, sha-lom, sha-lom.</i></td><td><i>Le-hit-ra-ot, leh-it-ra-ot, sha-lom, sha-lom.</i></td></tr></table>			ENGLISH:	HEBREW:	<i>Farewell, good friends!</i>	<i>Sha-lom, cha-ve-rim!</i>	<i>Farewell, good friends!</i>	<i>Sha-lom, cha-ve-rot!</i>	<i>Sha-lom, sha-lom!</i>	<i>Sha-lom, sha-lom!</i>	<i>Till we meet again, till we meet again, sha-lom, sha-lom.</i>	<i>Le-hit-ra-ot, leh-it-ra-ot, sha-lom, sha-lom.</i>
ENGLISH:	HEBREW:											
<i>Farewell, good friends!</i>	<i>Sha-lom, cha-ve-rim!</i>											
<i>Farewell, good friends!</i>	<i>Sha-lom, cha-ve-rot!</i>											
<i>Sha-lom, sha-lom!</i>	<i>Sha-lom, sha-lom!</i>											
<i>Till we meet again, till we meet again, sha-lom, sha-lom.</i>	<i>Le-hit-ra-ot, leh-it-ra-ot, sha-lom, sha-lom.</i>											