Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

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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
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

October 4, 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 (Sanctus)* - Ruff

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Children of the Heavenly Father* - Held

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Tim Russell, Worship Leader
We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north,
to celebrate the God of peace who accompanies us in our acts of peace.
This God of peace accompanies us in each and every circumstance around us.
We praise God's name! Amen!

*Hymn *Come All You People* 388

Come all you people,
come and praise your Maker;
come all you people,
come and praise your Maker;
come all you people,
come and praise your Maker;
come now and worship the Lord.

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious Lord, creator of this universe,
you have given us a world of abundance and diversity,
of beauty and possibility, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness.

You give us the gift of community,
yet we separate ourselves from those who are different.
You gave us wisdom and creativity
and we have used those for personal gain at the expense of others.

We ignore the poor and the weak and have honored the rich and powerful.
In all this and more, we have not lived according to your will.

Forgive us Lord, and put a right spirit within us.
Lead us into discomfort at easy answers,
half-truths and superficial relationships.

Kindle our anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people.

Bless us with enough foolishness
to believe that we can make a difference in this world.
And then grant us the courage to follow where you lead. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

God has forgiven us and sent us out to live life anew.
Thanks be to God, who through Jesus Christ leads us into the ways of peace.

*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.

Life at Massanutten

- There will be a **Lunch & Learn** after worship next Sunday where you can learn more about Planned Giving from Rev. Erin Skinner of the Presbyterian Foundation and from our own MPC Legacy Programs. Please RSVP by writing "Legacy" in the Connection Folder.
- Please join us on Saturday, October 10th, beginning at 8:30 a.m. for our **MPC Fall Grounds Cleanup Day**! Bring your own yard tools and help us keep our property looking its best. All helping hands are welcome!
- You're also invited to help with the **Fall Cleanup at Massanetta Springs** on Saturday, October 17th from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. RSVP by calling (540) 434-3829.



MPC will collect the PC(USA)'s World Communion Offering today.
This offering works to ensure all God's people flourish as God intends
through ministries working for racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking,
global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations.
To learn more, visit pcusa.org/wco.

Today's Guest Preacher

Today's Guest Preacher is Dr. Jennifer L. Aycock, Assistant Professor of Religion at James Madison University. She also serves as Director of Communications and Strategic Initiatives for the American Society of Missiology. Prior to moving to the Valley, she taught at Hood Theological Seminary and Columbia Theological Seminary. She holds a PhD and a Master's of Theology from Emory University, and a Master's of Divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Dr. Aycock's areas of research include African Christianity during colonization and African Diaspora Christianity in the twentieth century. Dr. Aycock is a friend of MPC and frequently worships with us. Last summer, she taught at Zomba Theological University in Malawi, a university of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian.

This Week at MPC

Sunday, October 4 - World Communion Sunday
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (FH)
- 9:30 am Preschool SS, Faith Village, Middle School SS, and Parent Fellowship
- 10:00 am Sunday Morning Mingle (FH)
- 10:30 am Worship with Godly Play
- 4:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
- 6:00 pm Youth Group (FH)

Monday, October 5
- 5:00 pm Cub Scouts (FH)
- 6:00 pm R. Young (GA until 9pm)
- 6:30 pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)

Tuesday, October 6
- 10:00 am PW CT Meeting (L)

Wednesday, October 7
- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
- 12:00 pm "LOL" Lunch Group (GA)
- 6:00 pm Personnel Comm. Meeting (L)
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice (200)

Thursday, October 8
- 9:00 am "Home Alone" Group (FH)
- 1:00 pm Community Life Meeting (L)
- 4:30 pm Comm. Task Force Mtg (L)
- 4:30 pm Mosaic (HBR)
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
- 7:00 pm Food Pantry

Friday, October 9 - *MPC Office Closed*
- 2:00 pm Worship & Music Mtg. (L)

Saturday, October 10 - *MPC Office Closed*
- 8:30 am MPC Grounds Cleanup Day

Sunday, October 11
- 9:00 am Adult SS (117, 119)
- 9:30 am Preschool SS, Faith Village, Middle School SS, and Parent Fellowship
- 10:30 am Worship with Godly Play
  Planned Giving Lunch & Learn after worship (FH)
- 4:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
- 6:00 pm Youth Group (FH)

Serving October 4

Door Monitor: Nathan Enslen

Greeters: Chris and Phyllis Hamilton

Ushers and Water Pourers:
Bo and Pattie Hobbie

Preschool Sunday School, Faith Village, and Middle School Sunday School:
Jennifer Coffelt, Ellen Blose, David Allen, and Holly Veenis

Godly Play: Robin and Diann Reed

Nursery: Katie Rodgers and Barbara Palmer

Youth Group:
Cherokee Adams, Doug Sensabaugh, Gus Scheidt, and Hannah Altman

Serving October 11

Door Monitor: Marc Davis

Greeters: Mark and Barbara Palmer

Ushers and Water Pourers:
TBD

Preschool Sunday School, Faith Village, and Middle School Sunday School:
Jennifer Coffelt, Ellen Blose, David Allen, and Holly Veenis

Godly Play: Jack and Sarah Rimer

Nursery: Katie Rodgers and Holly Veenis

Youth Group:
Cherokee Adams, Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt, and Hannah Altman

We Gather around God's Word

*Sung Prayer for Illumination — *Listen, God Is Calling* (v. 1) — 456

Leader: Listen,
All: listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy. [repeat once]

Leader: Jesus gave his mandate:
All: share the good news
Leader: that he came to save us
All: and set us free.

Leader: Listen,
All: listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy. [repeat once]

Time with the Children — Hannah Altman

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 — *My Hope Is In The Lord* - Forman
(see bulletin insert for words to the anthem)

Scripture — Ephesians 2:11-22

Sermon — Dr. Jennifer L. Aycock

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (unison) — *The Belhar Confession (DRMC, South Africa, 1986)*

We believe in the triune God - Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit -
who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit.
We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest
in the church as the community of believers
who have been reconciled with God and with one another;
that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation
for the church of Jesus Christ;

that through the working of God's Spirit unity is a binding force,
yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought:
that this unity must become visible
so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred
between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered,
and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity
may have no place in the church and must be resisted;

that this unity can be established only in freedom and not under constraint;
that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions,
as well as the various languages and cultures,
are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ,
opportunities for mutual service and enrichment
within the one visible people of God;

that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church.
that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands,
namely against injustice and with the wronged;

that in following Christ the church must witness against
all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests
and thus control and harm others.
Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God - Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit -
be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

Sharing Our Faith — Massanetta Springs Fall Cleanup — Doug Smith

Invitation to Offering

*Communion Hymn — *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* — 526

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken; the wine is poured;
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

<u>Refrain:</u>
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
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Christ is able to make us one;
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. (Refrain)

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere! (Refrain)

We Are Fed at God's Table

(see insert)

We Are Sent to the World

*Sending Hymn — *We Are One in the Spirit* — 300

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

<u>Refrain:</u>
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response — *We Are One in the Spirit (refrain)* — 300

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.