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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
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026 10:30 a.m.

**An asterisk denotes an invitation to stand*

We Gather at God's Call

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit *What Is This Place* - Oosterhuis

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *When Morning Gilds the Skies* - Page

*Call to Worship (*responsive)* Nancy Davis, Worship Leader
Rejoice in the Lord always!
All thanks and praise to God!
Do not worry about anything.
We trust God who provides for us.
Let the peace of God settle among you.
We will share God's peace with all.

*Hymn *Let Us Build a House* 301

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)

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison)*
True God from True God,
we have not built a golden calf, but we have worshiped idols.

We have put our trust in what we build with our own hands.
We find security in what we can hoard instead of trusting your provision.
We listen to lies that spread hatred and division
instead of the radical truth of your word.

Forgive us. Melt down our idols until we see only you
and fix our sights on your way alone. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness
God shows us a different way -
a way of truth, honor, justice, purity, and excellence.
The path is open to all of us if we reach out and accept God's forgiveness.
Thanks be to God!
We will live as God's people, forgiven and freed.

*Response of Praise *We Are Forgiven* 447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

*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 today where you can learn more about Planned Giving from Rev. Erin Skinner of the Presbyterian Foundation and from our own Legacy Board. All are welcome and we hope you can join us!
- You are all 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.
- **Dinner Groups** are being formed for later this month! See the colorful insert in today's bulletin or your *Blessings* email newsletter for all the details and to sign up.
- The **suggested donations list for the Food Pantry** has been updated! You can get a copy of the list on the table in the Narthex outside of the church office or in your *Blessings* email newsletter.
- Looking Ahead (see the *Blessings* email newsletter for more details):
  - The next **Third Wednesday "Come to the Table" meal and fellowship** is on Oct. 21st at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!
  - We will recognize veterans of the US military at the church on Sunday, November 8th. See the *Blessings* email newsletter to find out how to include yourself, your loved one, or your friend in this recognition.
  - The Presbyterian Women is asking for items for Salvation Army Santa Sacks by November 15th. Please see the *Blessings* email newsletter for a list.



The Thank Offering is one of Presbyterian Women's two offerings.
It gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude
for the special blessings in their lives. The Creative Ministries Offering Committee
of Presbyterian Women read, prayed over, & selected 10 projects for funding in 2026.
More than 40% of the selected projects are related to health ministries.

This Week At MPC

Sunday, October 11

9:00 am Adult SS (117, 119)
9:30 am *(No Faith Village, MS SS, Preschool Sunday School, or Parent Fellowship)*
10:30 am Worship with Godly Play
Planned Giving Lunch & Learn after worship (FH)
4:00 pm Scouts (108, 119)
6:00 pm Youth Group (FH)

Monday, October 12

10:00 am Food Pantry
5:30 pm Admin. Comm. Meeting (L)
6:00 pm Scouts (108, 119)
6:30 pm Mass. Ringers (HBR)

Tuesday, October 13

10:00 am PW Morn. Circle Mtg (119)
4:15 pm N & D Meeting (L)

Wednesday, October 14

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
12:00 pm "LOL" Lunch Grp (GA)
2:00 pm Bethel Circle (SS)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (200)

Thursday, October 15

4:30 pm Mosaic (HBR)
6:00 pm Scouts (108, 119)

Friday, October 16

Church Office Closed
1:00 pm M & S Meeting (L)

Saturday, October 17

Church Office Closed
8:30 am Massanetta Springs Fall Cleanup

Sunday, October 18

9:00 am Adult Sunday School (FH)
9:30 am Preschool Sunday School, Faith Village, MS Sunday School, and Parent Fellowship
10:30 am Worship with Godly Play
Session Meeting after worship
4:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
6:00 pm *No Youth Group*

Serving October 11

Door Monitor: Marc Davis

Greeters:
Mark and Barbara Palmer

Ushers and Water Pourers:
Frank and Jean Gearing

Preschool Sunday School, Faith Village, and Middle School Sunday School:
Will not meet this Sunday

Godly Play:
Jack and Sarah Rimer

Nursery:
Katie Rodgers and Holly Veenis

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

Serving October 18

Door Monitor: Robin Reed

Greeters:
Deb Thompson and Clayton Robertson

Ushers and Water Pourers:
Doug Smith and TBD

Preschool Sunday School, Faith Village, and Middle School Sunday School:
Jennifer Coffelt, Carol Lown, Holly Veenis

Godly Play:
TBD

Nursery:
Katie Rodgers and Holly Veenis

Youth Group:
No Youth Group
(Homecoming Weekend)

We Gather around God's Word

*Sung Prayer for Illumination — *Spirit of the Living God* — 288

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Time with the Children — Gayle Allen

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. Includes crackers and juice. They will return to the sanctuary before worship ends.

Anthem — *Lead Kindly Light* — - Goodall

Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom, Lead Thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home, Lead Thou me on!
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene, one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou Shouldst lead me on.
I loved to choose and see my path, but now Lead Thou me on!
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears, Pride ruled my will:
Remember not past years, remember not past years.

So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still Will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone;
And with the morn those angel faces smile
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

Scripture — Philippians 4:1-9

Sermon — Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith *(responsively)* — *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. *(cont'd)*

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 — Planned Giving — Rev. Erin Skinner, *Presbyterian Foundation*

Invitation to 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 *God of the Fertile Fields* 714

God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields our daily bread:
forth from your bounteous hand come gifts your love has planned,
that all in every land be clothed and fed.

We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you all that you give;
help us in love to share, teach us like you to care
for people everywhere, that all may live.

As grows the hidden seed to fruit that serves our need, so your reign grows.
Let all our toil be used, no gift of yours abused,
no humble task refused your love bestows.

God of the countryside, dear to the Christ who died to make us one:
we pledge our lives anew in faithful love to you.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *Farewell, Good Friends! (Shalom, chaverim!)* 540

Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends!
Shalom, shalom!
Till we meet again, till we meet again,
shalom, shalom.

Shalom, chaverim! Shalom, chaverot!
Shalom, shalom!
Lehitraot, lehitraot,
shalom, shalom.