Guest Preacher Bio: *We are pleased to welcome* ***Rev. Clayton Rascoe*** *as our guest preacher. Rev. Rascoe serves as Executive Director of Massanetta 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 Massanetta Springs, and have two daughters, Ruth and Carolina, both of whom are members of MPC. We are grateful to welcome him this Sunday.*

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

Stated meetings of Session occur on the 3rd Sunday of the month after worship (except July & Dec.)

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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)
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Ric Leobold (A)	*Vacancy*	Kath Wissinger (A)

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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
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2026 10:30 a.m.

**Bold indicates congregational participation*

**An asterisk is an invitation to stand*

We Gather at God's Call

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* - Elvey

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Healer of Our Every Ill* - Haugen / Kolander

*Call to Worship *(responsively)*

When God stops by, everything changes.
Rivers turn to dry land, the deserts turn into springs.
The hungry are fed, the lost are guided home.
Come to us, mighty God, and transform our hearts and souls.

*Hymn *O Lord My God* 625

Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: *(refrain)*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin: *(refrain)*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim,
"My God, how great Thou art!" *(refrain)*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison)*
Christ who kneels to wash our feet, despite your clear example,
we cannot shake our usual ways of life.

We admit: we are tempted by honor and status.
We admit: we like to seem holier than we are.
We admit: we like to be respected more than others.
We admit: we would rather be "great" than a servant.

But you who are the greatest became the servant of all.
Help us to imitate you.
Humble us that we might be not just the image of your disciple,
but that we actually embody your teachings.

A time of silence is kept for personal confession.

*Assurance of Forgiveness *(responsively)*
When we cry to God in our trouble, God delivers us from our distress.
Thank God for such steadfast love, wonderful works, and unfailing forgiveness.

*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 for Illumination *Be Thou My Vision (v. 1)* 450

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Time with the Children Pastor Keith Phillips

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 *Give Me Jesus with Steal Away to Jesus* - Schram

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus!
You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

Life at Massanutten

The **2026 Congregational Nominating Committee** has begun work on selecting a slate of nominees for the Class of 2030 Session members. We are seeking suggestions for those nominees from the congregation. As always, we are seeking a diverse selection that represents the various demographics within our congregation. If you know someone you would like to see represent you (or if you are willing to serve), please let the committee know. **Committee members are Chris Hamilton, Gus Scheidt, Frank Gearing, Tim Russell, Sarah Rimer, & David Allen.** You can submit your suggestions in writing to the church office, to Pastor Keith, or directly to one of the committee members. The committee will meet next on Nov. 10th to begin narrowing the list to a final slate, so input before that date would be helpful. If possible, please contact the person you would like to see nominated and confirm they would be willing to serve before submitting their name. Thank you.

- Today we will remember the **saints of Massanutten Presbyterian Church** who have joined the Church Triumphant since last All Saints Sunday. The tablecloth on the Communion Table bears the names of those who have served the Lord, here and in other places. Some have joined the Church Triumphant—others continue sharing themselves with the Church in our time. We give thanks for the faithfulness of all of them and for the love of God which holds us in life and in death.
- **Next Sunday, November 8, we will commemorate Veterans Day**. The *Community Life Commission* invites you to honor the veteran(s) in your life by sharing their name, their connection to you, and the military branches in which they served. Please email this information to Ashlea at office@massanuttenchurch.org or call the church office. Following the worship service on November 8, a display in the Gathering Area will feature these veterans' names and items reflecting their service. Please join us for refreshments as we honor those who have served.
- **Faithful Conversations: Exploring Hope**: For the next four weeks, the Faithful Conversations Adult Sunday School Class will explore HOPE. Our faith grows as we follow Jesus' example and teachings. Hope keeps us anchored in God and helps us keep going, even when we cannot see the way forward. Christian hope rests in God's promises rather than our own strength or circumstances, inviting us to trust in God and wait in faith. **Join us Sundays at 9 a.m. in Room 119 as we hear, see, share, and proclaim HOPE!**
- **Salvation Army Santa Sacks** – This annual local mission project of the **Presbyterian Women** benefits the Salvation Army. We are invited to join in this effort. A list of needed items can be found in the Narthex on the Santa Sack Collection Box. Please make your contribution by November 15th.
- Do you know an MPC college student? **The Nurture & Discipleship Commission is hoping to bring back the College Connection.** Church members would agree to contact students with notes & emails of support & encouragement for a period of at least one year. We need the following student information: college mailing & email addresses, birthday, and any other pertinent information. Email Gina Holden at vholden1@aol.com with this information or for questions.
- **Doug Smith extends his sincere thanks** to everyone who helped with the Massanetta Springs Fall Cleanup Day on October 17. Your time, hard work, and willingness to lend a hand were greatly appreciated!

⇒ ***Safety Message:*** *Your car fob is equipped with a built-in alarm feature. Familiarizing yourself with its operation is essential, as it can serve as a vital tool in emergencies. If you feel threatened or find yourself in a precarious situation, activating the alarm may help draw attention and deter potential threats. Make sure to practice using it so that you can respond quickly and confidently when it matters most.*

This Week At MPC

Sunday, November 1 - All Saints Sunday
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117, 119)
- 9:30 am Preschool Sunday School, Faith Village, MS Sunday School, and Parent Fellowship
- 10:00 am Sunday Morning Mingle (FH)
- 10:30 am Worship with Godly Play and Communion
- 6:00 pm Youth Group (FH)

Monday, November 2
- 3:00 pm Election Set-up (Narthex/FH)
- 6:30 pm Scouts (108, 119)
- 6:30 pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)

Tuesday, November 3
- 5:00 am General Election (Narthex/FH)
- 10:00 am PW CT Meeting (L)

Wednesday, November 4
- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
- 12:00 pm "LOL" Lunch Grp (GA)
- 5:30 pm Personnel Meeting (L)
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (200)

Thursday, November 5
- 10:00 am Coffee Small Group (KK)
- 4:30 pm Mosaic (HBR)
- 6:00 pm Scouts (108, 119)

Friday, November 6
- 6:30 pm Dance Group (FH)
- *Church Office Closed*

Saturday, November 7
- *Church Office Closed*

Sunday, November 8
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117, 119)
- 9:30 am Preschool Sunday School, Faith Village, MS Sunday School, and Parent Fellowship
- 10:30 am Worship with Godly Play Community Life Recognizing Veterans after Worship (GA)
- 1:00 pm Recorder Rehearsal (200)
- 4:00 pm Scouts (108, 119)
- 6:00 pm Youth Group (FH)

Serving November 1 - All Saints Sunday

Door Monitor: Dick Leecy

Greeters:
John and Pam Davis

Ushers and Water Pourers:
Lewis, Emily, and Jacob Burkholder

Preschool Sunday School, Faith Village, Middle School Sunday School, and High School Breakfast:
Jennifer Coffelt, Carol Lown, Holly Veenis, Emily Burkholder, and Sarah Rimer

Godly Play:
Ka Guinn and Holly Veenis

Nursery:
Katie Rodgers and Erin Basgier

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

Serving November 8

Door Monitor: Marc Davis

Greeters:
Tom and Gina Holden

Ushers and Water Pourers:
Keith and Linda Knupp

Preschool Sunday School, Faith Village, Middle School Sunday School, and High School Breakfast:
Jennifer Coffelt, Carol Lown, Holly Veenis, Emily Burkholder, and Sarah Rimer

Godly Play:
Robin and Diann Reed

Nursery:
Katie Rodgers and Erin Basgier

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

But I will steal away, steal away, Steal away to Jesus,
Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got time to stay here.

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus!
You can have all this world, Have all this world,
Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus

Scripture — Matthew 5:1-12, 1 John 3:1-7

Sermon — Rev. Clayton Rascoe

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 — *For All the Saints* — 326

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

We Are Fed at God's Table

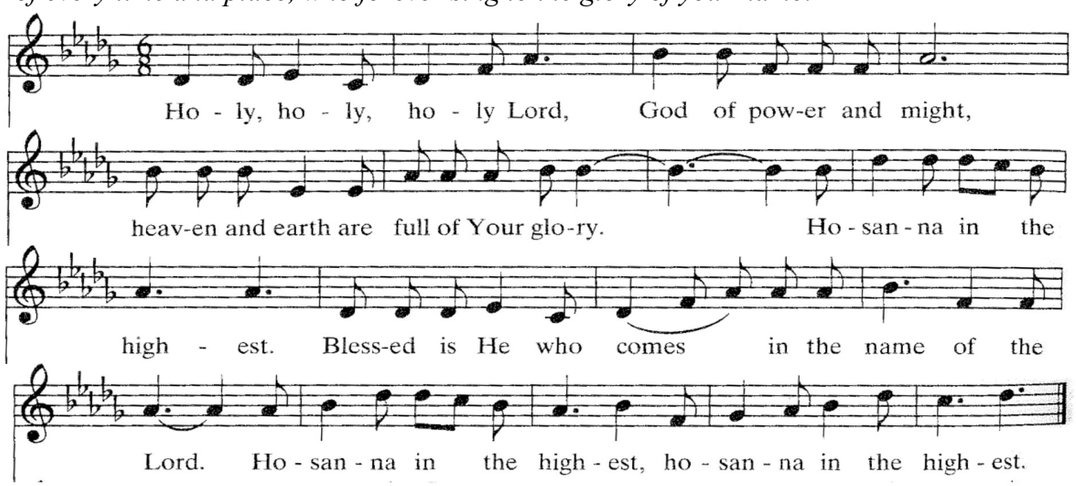
Invitation to the Table

Since this time last year, the following people special to our congregation have joined the Circle of the Saints:

Joseph Arnold	12/14/25
Anita Brechtel	01/12/26
Sharon Pafford	04/09/26
Glenda Stickley	05/01/26
Floyd Wall	08/05/26
Mary Hoefling	09/28/26

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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy ... [the leader continues] ... and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:



You are holy, O God of majesty ... [the leader continues] ... that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

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

Gracious God ... [the leader continues]

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
(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 (*responsive)*
God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ
and with that great multitude of the faithful -
those who hunger and thirst no more
and worship night and day in your temple.

Lead us in the paths of righteousness
and guide us to the springs of the water of life,
until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing:
Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Are Sent to the World

*Sending Hymn *The Church of Christ in Every Age* 320

The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, without reserve, and spread Christ's liberating word.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *God Be with You Till We Meet Again (v. 1)* 542

God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

Communion Preparation Teams Needed*! If you and at least one other person are interested in preparing communion 2-3 times a year, please reach out to Beth Smith. Training is provided. It takes about one hour of prep work before worship, and cleanup is about one hour after worship. You can reach Beth at elizellen1456912@gmail.com.*