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.*



Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

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

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,
Moderators: Rev. Lynne Clements*, Rev. Keith Phillips

Elder Commissions

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

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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
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 08, 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 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* - Purcell

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Let All Together Praise Our God* - Walther

*Call to Worship (*responsive)* Kath Wissinger, Worship Leader

Together, we choose to serve God, which means:
We choose love.
We choose hope.
We choose peace.
Together, we choose to serve God, which means:
We choose kindness.
We choose welcome.
We choose justice.
Together, we choose to serve God.
Let us worship God together.

*Hymn *In the Midst of New Dimensions* 315

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

Refrain
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey
now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

Through the flood of starving people, warring factions, and despair,
who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? (Refrain)

As we stand, a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,
grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams. (Refrain)

We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung. *(Refrain)*

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
may your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again. *(Refrain)*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison)*
Everlasting God, we say we want to see you,
we say we want to know you,
we say we want to serve you,
but we also do not want to put in the work.

We do not want to prepare for your coming
by working for your reign on this earth.
We do not keep alert for signs of you among us,
so we schedule you in for an hour or so on Sundays.

Forgive us.
Inspire us to put our faith to action.
Surprise us with your presence
so we might learn to always be ready for you to arrive.

*Assurance of Forgiveness
All who seek God will rejoice and be glad.
We proclaim that God is great because of this good news:
We are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*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.

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 Sarah Rimer

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.

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.

- **Please join us after today's worship to commemorate Veterans Day**. The *Community Life Commission* invites you to the Gathering Area immediately after the service for light refreshments and a display honoring veterans, featuring their names and items that reflect their military service. Together, we will take time to honor, remember, and give thanks for all who have served and those who are currently serving.

- **Wear Your Nametag!** Pastor Lynne's first day is coming soon! Please wear your nametag to help her get to know our church family by name. **Need a magnetic nametag?** Write "nametag" next to your name in the Connection Folder. The following Sunday, look for your new nametag on the wall as you enter the Narthex.

- **MPC Preschool: Shirley's Popcorn Fundraiser!** Enjoy a tasty treat while supporting MPC Preschool! Visit the Narthex table for ordering details. Orders are due by November 30, and popcorn will be delivered on December 14. Proceeds will help purchase new classroom toys, supplies for fun class projects, and fresh playground mulch this spring. Thank you for supporting our preschool!

- **Faithful Conversations: Exploring Hope**: For the next three 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.

This Week At MPC

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)

Monday, November 9
- 10:00 am Food Pantry
- 6:30 pm Scouts (108, 119)
- 6:30 pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)

Tuesday, November 10
- 9:00 am *Hood Cleaning (Kit. in use)*
- 10:00 am PW Morning Circle (119)
- 4:15 pm Nurture & Discipleship (L)
- 5:30 pm Nominating Comm. Mtg (L)

Wednesday, November 11
- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (SS) **Meeting at the Highlands*
- 12:00 pm "LOL" Lunch Grp (GA)
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (San)

Thursday, November 12
- 9:00 am "Home Alone" Group (FH/Kit)
- *1:00 pm Fire Suppression Test*
- 4:30 pm Mosaic (HBR)
- 6:00 pm Scouts (108, 119)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Expansion Mtg (L)
- 7:00 pm Food Pantry

Friday, November 13
- 1:00 pm Mission & Service Mtg (L)
- 4:00 pm Generosity Team Mtg (L)
- *Church Office Closed*

Saturday, November 14
- *Church Office Closed*

Sunday, November 15
- 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 Session Meeting after worship
- 4:00 pm Scouts (108, 119)
- 6:00 pm Youth Group (FH)

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, and MS Sunday School:
David Allen, Jennifer Coffelt, Carol Lown and Holly Veenis

Godly Play:
Robin and Diann Reed

Nursery:
Katie Rodgers and Erin Basgier

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

Serving November 15

Door Monitor: Nathan Enslen

Greeters:
Bettye Davis and Helen Groves

Ushers and Water Pourers:
Mike, Erin, Griffin, and Callan Basgier

Preschool Sunday School, Faith Village, and MS Sunday School:
Holly Veenis, Lindsay Pace, David Allen, and Jennifer Coffelt

Godly Play:
Jack and Sarah Rimer

Nursery:
Katie Rodgers and Holly Veenis

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

Anthem — *God Gives the Song* — Courtney
Performed by Emory Johnson, Cello

When time sweeps yesterday away, It leaves behind an empty heart,
Weeping in the night so dark and long.

When words are lost among the tears, When sadness steals another day,
God hears our cries and turns our sighs in to a song.

Sing to the One who mends our broken hearts with music.
Sing to the One who fills our empty hearts with love.
Sing to the One that gives us light to step into the darkest night.
Sing to the One who turns our sighs into a song.

From heaven falls a mercy sweet, the time for weeping is gone;
God hears our sighs and gives us His eternal song.

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Scripture — Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon — Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith — Adapted from *The Confession of 1967* (9.54-9.55)

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ,
such as a heavenly city, the household of God,
a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day
culminate in the image of the kingdom.

The kingdom represents God's triumph
over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation.
Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world,
stirring hope in all people and preparing the world
to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope,
the church applies itself to present tasks
and strives for a better world.
It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth,
nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.

In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement
to the final triumph of God.

Invitation to Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *Now Thank We All Our God (v. 1)* 643

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

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 *O Christ, the Great Foundation* 361

O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand
to preach your true salvation in every age and land:
pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,
to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.

Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,
we bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth:
one holy people gathered in love beyond our own,
by grace we were invited; by grace we make you known.

Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak,
where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak,
there let your church awaking attack the powers of sin
and, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.

This is the moment glorious when he who once was dead
shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head.
The Lord of all creation his heavenly kingdom brings:
the final consummation, the glory of all things

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (v. 4)* 543

Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

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Congregational Joys & Concerns

We Pray for Our Church Family…

Patricia Armstrong *(receiving treatment for a GIST tumor),* ***Don Enslen*** *(rehabilitation at Lifecare of New Market; cancer),* ***Bettye Davis*** *(cancer),* ***Adele Durost*** *(on hospice care),* ***Deborah Roberts*** *(back and shoulder injuries),* ***Kathy Marlowe*** *(recovering from TIA),* ***Judy Dent*** *(moved to healthcare at Sunnyside),* ***Sharon Posey*** *(rehabilitation at VMRC).*

We Pray for Friends of Our Church Family…

Owen Mann*;* ***Linda Caldwell****, mother of Kevin Caldwell;* ***Doug Joyner*** *(great uncle, cancer and Alzheimer's Disease),* ***Ella Perry*** *(friend, connective tissue disease), family and friends of Pastor Keith;* ***Bob Voorhees****, father of Patti Hobbie;* ***Ray Harvell,*** *father of Lindsey Harvell-Bowman (health concerns);* ***Joe Harvell****, uncle of Lindsey Harvell-Bowman (cancer); a member of our church seeks prayers for a private family health concern;* ***Dennis Oakes*** *(prostate cancer), brother-in-law of Patti Hobbie;* ***Lauren Kusterbeck*** *(cancer treatment), friend of Sharon Posey;* ***Julie Kunowsky*** *(Ovarian Cancer), friend of Diann Reed;* ***Tony*** *(brain tumor), friend of Diann Reed's family;* ***Jean Shepley****, mother of Sherry Matthews;* ***Dick Stutzman*** *(Parkinson's), friend of Ron Matthews;* ***Rev. Jerrod Lowry*** *(cancer treatments) and family, friends of Pastor Keith;* ***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;* ***Rev. Will Roberts*** *(prayers for discernment as he seeks his next call);* ***Rev. John B. Sterrett*** *(recovering from stroke and upcoming decisions), son of Doug Sterrett;* ***Joseph Sterrett*** *(mitral valve replacement), 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;* ***Blayke Liptrap*** *(son of Ashlea Liptrap);* ***Nathan Bales*** *(house burned down, recovering from broken ankle), son of the late Bob & Patsy Bales;* ***Lynda Coffelt*** *(mother of Jason Coffelt);* ***Karol Scarce*** *(multiple myeloma), friend of Sharon Posey;* ***Holly Veenis*** *requests prayer for a family member who was recently hospitalized for mental health recovery;* ***Christopher Rice and family*** *(recovering from strokes), neighbors of Holly & Drew Veenis;* ***Mary Powers*** *(leukemia), sister of Nancy Wayland;* ***Michael Gearing*** *and family (recent death of 8-year-old son in Utah), cousin of Frank Gearing;* ***Melinda Dobroth*** *(significant health issues), sister of Dale Dobroth;* ***Maureen Lane*** *(awaiting biopsy results), friend of Betty Yost;* ***John Black*** *(cellulitis in foot).*

We Pray for Our Mission and Ministry Efforts…

Massanutten Food Pantry, Blessings in a Bag, Habitat for Humanity, Open Doors, Valley Interfaith Action

We Pray for Those Serving Our Country…

Frank Overstreet*, grandson-in-law of Helen Groves (Middle East);* ***Jackie DeGaine****, daughter-in-law of Ka & Mike Guinn (Fort Jackson, SC);* ***Justin Brockhoff****, nephew of Jan Reser (Louisiana);* ***Marcus Sensabaugh****, son of Julia and Doug Sensabaugh (deployed);* ***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).*