Guest Preacher Bio: *Today we welcome guest preacher* ***Cherokee Adams****. Cherokee currently serves as Registrar at Massanetta Springs and has called many places across the country home. Before joining Massanutten Presbyterian Church—and the "Bayside Cabal"—in 2025, she was a lifelong member of Bayside Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Cherokee was ordained as a Ruling Elder in January 2020 and served as a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Mission Agency in New Orleans from 2016 to 2018. Massanutten is currently supporting Cherokee on her journey toward Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) certification. Feel free to ask her about it! Growing up in a large family shaped her belief that family is defined not only by blood but also by the love, care, and support we show one another. Outside of work and church life, Cherokee is an avid reader and takes great pride in never missing a day of her reading streak.*

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

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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)

Clerk: Ron Matthews,
Moderators: Rev. Lynne Clements*, Rev. Keith Phillips

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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-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026 10:30 a.m.

An asterisk is an invitation to stand* **Bold indicates congregational participation

We Gather at God's Call

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit *O Day Of Rest and Gladness* - Woodworth

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *We Gather Together* - Carter

*Call to Worship (*responsive)*
This is the day our Lord has made:
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
These are the talents our Lord has given us:
Let us rejoice and be glad in them.
This is the time we have set apart to focus on the God who has created us:
Let us rejoice in worship.

*Hymn *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* 833

O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession *(unison)*
Creator God, you have chosen us.
You have chosen us to be the light in the world.
We have neglected to be that light.

You have chosen us to speak love.
We speak hate instead.
You have chosen us to see Jesus in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger,
the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned.
We chose to be blind instead.

Allow us to remember that we are chosen by you
to seek justice, love, and mercy for all of your beloved children,
not just the "good" ones.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Response of Praise *God Is So Good (vv. 1, 3)* 658

God is so good; God is so good;
God is so good; God's so good to me.

God loves me so; God loves me so;
God loves me so; God's so good to me.

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

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.

Life at Massanutten

- **Wear Your Nametag!** Pastor Lynne starts tomorrow! Please wear your nametag so she can learn everyone's name. Need a magnetic nametag? Write "nametag" next to your name in the Connection Folder, then pick it up from the Narthex wall the following Sunday.
- Immediately after worship **next Sunday in the Fellowship Hall**, we will hold a welcome reception with light refreshments as we welcome our new co-pastor, Pastor Lynne Clements!
- Join us at the table next Wednesday afternoon! Our monthly **"Third Wednesday"** dinner is on November 18th at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy great food, games, and fellowship.
- **Faithful Conversations: Exploring Hope:** Join our Adult Sunday School class over the next two weeks to explore how hope anchors us in God's promises and strengthens our faith. Sundays at **9 a.m. in Room 119.**
- **MOSAIC Handbell Ensemble: "Essential Elements."** Enjoy music celebrating earth, sky, air, and fire, with opportunities to sing along! Join us at MPC on Sunday, November 22, at 4:30 p.m. Other concerts: November 13 at 7 p.m. at Harrisonburg Baptist Church; November 14 at Luray UMC; and November 21 at 4:30 p.m. at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren—a benefit for Joseph Huffman with the Shenandoah Valley Ukulele Players. Contact Kath Wissinger or Carol Lown, or visit MosaicBells.org.
- **MPC Preschool: Shirley's Popcorn Fundraiser!** Support our preschool with a tasty treat! Ordering details are available at the Narthex table. Orders are due by November 30, and delivery is on December 14. Proceeds support classroom toys, projects, and mulch for the spring playground. Thank you!
- **Shenandoah Valley Choral Society: "Christmas Joy!"** Directed by Curtis Nolley, this festive concert features Richard Dirksen's "Welcome All Wonders" and traditional and contemporary carols. Join us at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren on December 11 at 7:30 p.m. or on December 13 at 3 p.m. Tickets are $15 for adults and $12 for seniors and students. They are available at the door, at Friendly City Food Co-op, at Bridgewater Foods Supermarket, or at singshenandoah.org.
- **Missing Kitchen Items!** Several items are missing from the church kitchen. If you have borrowed any kitchen items, please return them as soon as possible so they are available to everyone. Thank you for your help!
- **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.

This Week At MPC

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)

Monday, November 16
Pastor Lynne's First Day
- 10:00 am Finance Staff Meeting (L)
- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (L)
- 6:30 pm Scouts (108, 119)
- 6:30 pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)
- 7:00 pm Brass Quintet (210)

Tuesday, November 17
- *9a-3p Keith & Lynne at Presby Mtg.*

Wednesday, November 18
- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (SS) **Meeting at the Highlands*
- 9:00 am Preschool (FH)
- 12:00 pm "LOL" Lunch Grp (GA)
- 5:30 pm Third Wednesday Dinner (FH)
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (San)

Thursday, November 19
- 4:30 pm Comm. Task Force Mtg. (L)
- 4:30 pm Mosaic (HBR)
- 5:00 pm Crossroads Farm HOA Annual Meeting (FH/KIT)
- 6:00 pm Scouts (108, 119)

Friday, November 20
Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 21
Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 22
- 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 Reception for Pastor Lynne after worship (FH)
- 1:00 pm Mosaic Concert (San)
- 4:00 pm Scouts (108, 119)
- 6:00 pm Youth Group (Offsite)

High School Youth Conference at Massanetta Springs: Friday, November 20th through Sunday, November 22nd

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, Jennifer Coffelt, Sally Brown, David Allen and Hannah Altman

Godly Play:
Jack and Sarah Rimer

Nursery:
Katie Rodgers and Holly Veenis

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

Serving November 22

Door Monitor: Harvey Mast

Greeters:
Ric and JoAnn Leobold

Ushers and Water Pourers:
Sally Brown and Doug Smith

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

Godly Play:
Tim Russell and Dale Dobroth

Nursery:
Katie Rodgers and Katie Gray

Youth Group:
Cherokee Adams, Hannah Altman, Gus Scheidt, and Mark Palmer

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 — *Go Light Your World* (see insert) — - Pote

Scripture — Matthew 25:14 - 30

Sermon — "Ya Got Any Talent?" — Cherokee Adams

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.**

Sharing Our Faith — MPC Legacy Funds — Deb Thompson

Invitation to Offering

Song of Thanksgiving — *Morning Has Broken (v. 1)* — 664

***Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!***

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 *All Who Love and Serve Your City* 351

All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress,
all who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless:

In your day of wealth and plenty, wasted work and wasted play,
call to mind the word of Jesus, "You must work while it is day."

For all days are days of judgment, and the Lord is waiting still,
drawing near a world that spurns him, offering peace from Calvary's hill.

Risen Lord, shall yet the city be the city of despair?
Come today, our judge, our glory. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *Go, My Children, with My Blessing (v. 3)* 547

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

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),* ***Ashley Gordon-Becker*** *(surgery at UVA Nov. 13th).*

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;* ***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;* ***John Black*** *(cellulitis in foot); the family and friends of* ***Jackie Braumiller****, neighbor of John and Pam Davis, who recently died; the family and friends (including Elliott Brown) of* ***Hayden Fox****, who died recently in Utah.*

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).*