Help with the Hanging of the Greens!



We need your help decorating the sanctuary, Narthex, and other areas for the Advent and Christmas seasons! Please come to the church **on Saturday, November 28th, at 9:00 a.m.** to lend a hand. Breakfast goodies will be provided!

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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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
Reign of Christ Sunday

November 22, 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 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* - Pritchard

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *All Creatures of Our God and King* - Page

*Call to Worship (*responsive, based on Psalm 95*) Ka Guinn, Worship Leader
O come, let us sing to the Lord;
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
Let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great king above all gods.
Here in this place, let us worship God!

*Hymn *Here in This Place* 401

Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young; our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison)*

Lord Jesus, Judge of the nations:
We confess that we have not seen you among our neighbors in need.
We have not shared our food with the hungry;
We have not offered clothing to the destitute
or provided shelter to those without homes.
We have not welcomed the stranger in our midst.
In our neglect we have failed to serve you.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.
Open our eyes to recognize you in the faces of your beloved children.
Fill us with the Spirit of Christ, the advocate for the least among us,
that we be empowered to do justly, love kindness
and walk humbly before you.
Through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsive*)
However far we wander, however far we stray, God's steadfast love endures forever.
Hear the good news; In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Response of Praise *Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me* 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Introduction to Four Cents a Meal

TODAY'S ANTHEM WORDS:
"Bring Forth the Kingdom" - Haugen

You are the salt of the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God!

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God!

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!

You are a seed for the word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of god!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God!

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the Kingdom of God! (repeat)

Life at Massanutten

- Immediately after worship **today in the Fellowship Hall**, we will hold a reception with light refreshments as we welcome our new co-pastor, Pastor Lynne Clements!

- **Please Wear Your Nametag!** Please wear your nametag so Pastor Lynne 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.

- **MOSAIC Handbell Ensemble Concert This Afternoon: "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. 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!

- **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!

- **Advent Starts Next Sunday!** If you would like to follow along with the book that accompanies the sermon series Pastors Keith and Lynne will utilize, please pick up a book in the Church Office. The book is Advent in Plain Sight: A Devotion through Ten Objects, by Jill J. Duffield.

This Week At MPC

Sunday, Nov. 22—Reign of Christ Sunday
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)
4:00 pm Scouts (108, 119)
4:30 pm MOSAIC Concert (S) *setup begins at 1:00 pm*
6:00 pm Youth Group (off-site)

Monday, Nov. 23
10:00 am Finance Staff Meeting (L)
6:30 pm Scouts (108, 119)
6:30 pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (S, 200)
7:00 pm Brass Quintet (210)

Tuesday, Nov. 24

Wednesday, Nov. 25
7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
12:00 pm "LOL" Lunch Grp (GA)

The "Deep Dive" Bible Study will not meet Nov. 25th.

Thursday, Nov. 26—Thanksgiving Day
Church Office Closed

Friday, Nov. 27
Church Office Closed

Saturday, Nov. 28
9:00 am Hanging of the Greens—decorating for Advent (*breakfast goodies provided for volunteers!*)

Sunday, Nov. 29—First Sunday of Advent
9:00 am Covenant Class (117)
Faithful Conversations (FH)
10:30 am Worship (no Godly Play)
4:00 pm Scouts (108, 119)

The following will not meet on Nov. 29th:
- *Preschool Sunday School*
- *Faith Village*
- *Middle School Sunday School*
- *High School Breakfast*
- *Godly Play*
- *Youth Group*

Serving November 22

Door Monitor: Phyllis Hamilton

Greeters:
Ric and JoAnn Leobold

Ushers and Water Pourers:
Larry and Pam French

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

Godly Play:
Tim Russell and Dale Dobroth

Nursery:
Katie Rodgers and Katie Gray

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

Serving November 29

Door Monitor: Harvey Mast

Greeters:
Bo and Patti Hobbie

Ushers and Water Pourers:
Sally Brown and Doug Smith

Nursery:
Katie Rodgers and Barbara Palmer

Activities for Children & Youth are on Thanksgiving Break

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. *(repeat once)*

And now let the weak say, "We are strong;" let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" *(repeat once)*

Give thanks. Give thanks.

We Gather around God's Word

Time with the Children — Wanda Wallace

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.

First Scripture — Ephesians 1:15-23

Anthem — *Bring Forth the Kingdom* - Haugen

Second Scripture — Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon — Pastor Lynne Clements

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 *We Praise You O God (v. 1)* 612

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

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 *Joy to the World* 134

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *Here in This Place (first half of v. 4)* 401

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Congregational Joys & Concerns

We Pray for Our Church Family…

Patricia Armstrong *(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),* ***Ashley Gordon-Becker*** *(recovering from DIEP flap reconstruction surgery at home).*

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;* ***Christine Eacho*** *(recovering from heart failure), mother-in-law of Holly Veenis's sister;* ***Blayke Liptrap*** *(son of Ashlea Liptrap);* ***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;* ***Melinda Dobroth*** *(significant health issues), sister of Dale Dobroth; the family & friends of* ***Jackie Braumiller****, neighbor of John & Pam Davis, who recently died; the family &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 (Louisanna);* ***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).*