

**O God, you are our hope!
Awaken us from our sleep
and help us live in, and as, Christ's light in all we do.
Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness (responsively)

John tells us in his gospel that Jesus is the light of the world; the light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.

Through Jesus Christ we have all received grace upon grace. Thanks be to God, our sins are forgiven.

*Response *Jesus Christ is Risen Today!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

Liturgy of the Word

Time with the Children

Children are invited to gather at the chancel steps. Following the *Time with the Children*, children will return to their seats in the sanctuary or follow their leaders downstairs to Children's Church.

Infants through age 2 may be picked up in Room 202. 3's may be picked up in Room 203. 4 year old and Kindergarten children may be picked up in Room 105. 1st and 2nd graders may be picked up in Room 108.

Anthem *Small Deeds* John Horman
Carol Choir

Scripture Reading I Thessalonians 5:1-11

Sermon *Clothed in Faith, Hope and Love* Pastor Ann Pettit

*Hymn *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* No. 20

*An Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.**

(Romans 8:1,28,38,39)

This Week at MPC

Sunday, November 16

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
10:30am Worship Service
1:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service
3:00pm Grief Workshop (Gathering Area)
4:30pm Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal (Bell Room)
5:45pm Vision Team meeting (Gathering Area)
6:00pm Disciple Bible Study Class (Parlor)
6:00pm Middle School Youth
6:30pm New Member Reception followed by Session Meeting (Gathering Area)

Monday, November 17

1:00pm Small Group *What's So Amazing About Grace* (Blue Ridge Room, Sunnyside)
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers Rehearsal (Bell Room)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (119)

Tuesday, November 18

9:00am Yoga (Gathering Area)
12:00pm MPC Clergy Luncheon (Highlands, Sunnyside)
1:00pm Staff Meeting (Library)
7:00pm Room 119 in use/Beth Webb

Wednesday, November 19

6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
9:15am Crossroads Pealers Rehearsal (Bell Room)
10:30am PW Coordinating Team (Parlor)
1:00pm Small Group (home of Rich and Pat Armstrong)
4:00pm Disciple Bible Study (home of Peggy Reinhold)
4:15pm Yoga for Children (Gathering Area)
5:00pm WOW
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, November 20

9:00am Yoga (Gathering Area)
11:00am JMU Life Long Learning Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
7:00pm Living the Mission—Deacons Team #1 (Library)

Friday, November 21

6:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, November 22

6:00pm Recorders Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Sunday, November 23

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Reception of New Members (Library)
10:00am Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
10:30am Worship Service
11:30am Covered-Dish Thanksgiving Meal

12:30pm Mission Program (Gathering Area)
1:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service (Sanctuary)
4:30pm Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room)
6:00pm Disciple Bible Study (Parlor)

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Offering Given Last Week \$12,471.95

Offering Given Year to Date \$520,290.67

Weekly Need \$14,227.00

Difference (\$107,449.61)

Attending Worship Last Week 331

In response to the blessings of God in our lives, we give of ourselves—our time, our talents, our treasures, our hearts.

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Sherry Gordon; Ann Wilkinson; Dan Chalfant; Megan Phelps; Zoe Speakman

FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Chalmers Goshorn, brother of Ann Oldman and Bob Goshorn; **Jim Dobbs**, son of Harry and Alberta Dobbs; **Karen Monger**, aunt of Scott and Lisa Kanney; **Cornelia Robinson**, cousin of Jack and Nancy Heintzleman; **Angela Boley**, friend of the Food Pantry; **Amelia Herring**, friend of Morgan Neary; **Flora Phelps Gutshall**, mother of Brian Phelps; **Lois Figgatt**, friend of Dee and Martha Floyd; **Debbie Via**, cousin of Margaret Hylton; **Lynn Gurley**, cousin of Reid and Sheila Laughlin; **Parker Vance**, son of Bill and Suzanne Vance; **Jackie Taylor**, sister-in-law of Chuck and Anne Bradley; **Ben and Jessie Alger and their newborn baby**, friends of Kyle, Jeffrey and Jeremy Long; **Bob and Thelma Rexrode**, sister and brother-in-law of Buck Ritchie; the **Shirey Family**, friends of our church family; **Tina Capuano**, friend of Kevin Caldwell; **Don Grimes**, friend of our church family; **Andrea Lohr**, friend of Jennifer Strawderman; **Richard Williams**, friend of Whit and Helen Scully; **Jean Glick**, friend of Mary Morris; **Tyler Long**, friend of Ed Comer; **the family of Roy Smith**; **Sharon Williams**, cousin of Melissa Caldwell.

Please place prayer request cards (found in the seat ahead of you) in the offering plate to be included in our congregation's prayers. Feel free to resubmit any prayer concerns you may have.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Mark B. Heltzel, son of Helen Groves (Washington, D.C.)
Elizabeth "Lee" Davis, daughter of Marc & Nancy Davis (Kuwait)
Jon Guinn, son of Mike and Ka Guinn (Savannah, GA)
Chad Ritchie, son of Robert & Ramona Ritchie (Florida)
Chris Jerome, son of Bob Jerome (Newport, RI)
Stephanie Beard, granddaughter of Jean Beard (Germany)
Erin Burtner, cousin of Susan Newsome (New York)
Sean Duncan, cousin of Scott and Lisa Kanney (Kansas)
Scott Andrews, friend of Sam Thompson (Persian Gulf)
Zulnea Andrews, friend of Sandy Thompson (Texas)
Chris Kibler, brother of Alana Miller (New York)

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO . . .

...the family and friends of Virginia Eckes.

Thanks to Those Serving During Worship

Today

Greeters

Dave Stubblefield and Skip Wissinger
John and Sally Brown

Ushers

Bud and Betty Long, Bob Milner, Jim and Gail Oppy, Bruce Rohlf, Sandy Taylor

Sunnyside Bus Driver

Richard Ours

Sunday School Nursery

Dannie Allen

Acolyte

Matthew Atkins

Infant Nursery

Nancy Lu Irvine and Becky Rohlf

2 & 3 Year Olds

Linda Knupp and Gail Oppy

Children's Church Leader

Leslie Dutt and Wendy Stapleton

Next Week

Greeters

Bill and Ellen Painter
Buck and June Ritchie and Ruth Smith

Ushers

William Comer, Netta Coulter, Steve and Sherry Gordon, Fleming Jones, Tim Miller, Eric Phillips, Robin Reed

Sunnyside Bus Driver

Brian Phelps

Sunday School Nursery

Kim Phillips

Acolyte

Seth Diehl

Infant Nursery

David and Dannie Allen

2 & 3 Year Olds

Ellen Painter and Gina Phelps

Children's Church Leader

Angie Baylor and Robin Lam

Concerns of the Church and Prayers of the People

The Deacons may be found circulating through the congregation before and after worship. They can be identified by their red name tags. You are invited to share any prayer concerns with them to be included in our congregation's prayers.

Gathering of the Offering

Offertory Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. McChesney
Spectrum Handbell Ensemble

*Doxology No. 592

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*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.

Sending

*Hymn Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies No. 462

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude God of Grace and God of Glory CWM Rhonda

(*Please stand, who are able.)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT MASSANUTTEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We're glad you are here to worship God with us this morning. If you're looking for a church home, we invite you to consider joining Massanutten. Feel free to speak with our Pastor or a Deacon after worship, or call Pastor John Leggett at 540/434-6194 during the week.

Please see one of our Ushers if you would like a large Print Hymnal, Bible, or Bulletin.

Children are welcome in the sanctuary at all times, but a Nursery is available for Infants to 3 years old in Room 202 during the Worship Service. Pagery are available for parents of children staying in our nursery.

When the Friendship Folder is passed to you, please include your phone number and address.

Prayer Request Cards may be found in the seat racks. Please place them in the offering plate.

Please see the information on the tables in the Narthex to learn more about what's going on at Massanutten. Extra copies of our bi-monthly newsletter, The Ministry Link, may be found there. Please call the church office (540/434-6194) if you are not receiving The Ministry Link by mail.

Printed copies of recent sermons are available on the table in the narthex.

Worship service CDs are available; if you would like one, please call the church office.

You can find additional information about the many ministries and activities of Massanutten on our website: www.massanuttenchurch.org.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 16

- Our new Children's Church program for 4 year old and Kindergarten children began last week. The children now meet in the **Godly Play Room (room 105)**. Parents are invited to see our room on Wednesday, November 19 at 6:00pm, or one of our Open Houses on November 30 and December 6 between Sunday school and worship.
- The Congregational Care Ministry will be hosting a **Grief Workshop** this afternoon at 3:00pm in the Gathering Area. The workshop will provide you with resources to assist you in times of grief.
- **Mission Worker to visit MPC on Sunday, November 23** for morning worship, lunch and program. Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for more information concerning the mission worker and the program. The Fellowship Ministry will host the Thanksgiving meal following worship on November 23. Turkey, dressing, gravy and drinks will be provided. Please bring a vegetable/salad and a dessert to feed your family as well as our guests. Make your reservations for the meal on the Friendship Folder today so we will know how much food to prepare.
- **The small group studying Godviews** by Jack Haberer will meet Wednesday, November 19 at 1:00pm at the home of Rich and Pat Armstrong on Glenside Drive at Sunnyside. Dr. Edward Riedesel will facilitate the lesson "Redignifying Our Disputing". All are welcome to attend. Call Pat at 437-8813.
- **Angel Tree:** Would you like to help make a child's Christmas Special? If so, select an ornament from the Angel Tree in the narthex. Please purchase the clothing items specified and if you are able, purchase a wish gift item. If you would like you can partner with another church family to purchase the items needed. Purchase and wrap your gifts and place the ornament on the outside of the gift. If you have more than one package, please clearly identify each with copies of the ornaments or tags. Return your item to the church no later than December 7th. All gifts will be distributed to the children of our Food Pantry friends.
- The Congregational Care Ministry will assemble **care packages for college students and military personnel on Sunday, November 30**. Please place any items you wish to donate in the box designated in the narthex.
- The Presbyterian Women are seeking volunteers to "**ring the bell**" at the **Salvation Army Kettle** at J. C. Penney inside Valley Mall on Saturday, December 6. Two, one hour shifts remain open- 5:00-6:00pm and 7:00-8:00pm. If you can help, write *bell* beside your name on the Friendship Folder and indicate the time you are available.
- **Brave Hearts of Massanutten**, mark your calendar! Our next **Blood Drive** is December 16. We are looking for a few good men and women to share the gift of life. Sign up after Sunday worship service or call Shawn Green at 289-5735.
- **HARTS** is almost fully staffed! There are a few places where help is still needed: Fellowship from 7-10pm on Thursday and Saturday; Overnights on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and bathroom cleaning on Sunday morning. See the sign-up sheets in the narthex to let us know of your ability to help fill these spots.



Massanutten
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Service for the Lord's Day
Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2008

10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements Anne Bradley, Worship Leader

Prelude What is This Place? arr. Richard Proulx

What is this place where we are meeting?

Only a house, the earth its floor,

Walls and a roof sheltering people,

Windows for light, an open door.

Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here,

And know our God is near.

For Silent Meditation during the Opening Music

God of grace, move among us in this time, that our hearts and minds would join together in the joyful worship and praise of you, our Creator. Let our prayer and song reflect our deep love for you, and our actions in the days ahead proclaim our commitment to living into the hope of our salvation. Through Christ we pray, Amen.

*Call to Worship (responsively)

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up to the Lord.

*Hymn A Mighty Fortress Is Our God No. 260

*Prayer of the Day (unison)

Draw us close to you, O God, and let our hearts and minds dwell on your word and your ways. Show us how to be a vibrant reflection of the love and grace you extend to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God,

our prayers spring from hearts that long to be faithful, but often fail to live out this deep desire.

We want to be the children of light Paul wrote about, but find it hard to let go of the night.

Though we have committed our lives to the light of Christ, dark nights of the soul continue to haunt us.

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