

Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*) George Cross
 Friends, know that God’s love is deep and sure and through Christ, the riches of grace have been lavished upon us.

Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ we are free to live as forgiven people. Amen!

*Response *Amazing Grace* No. 280

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
 How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Liturgy of the Word

Time with the Children Ed Comer
 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. Ages 4 through 2nd grade may be picked up in Room 108.

Scripture Reading Denny Slane
 Philippians 4:1-9

Anthem *Elijah Rock* - traditional

Scripture Reading Exodus 32:1-14

Sermon *Desert Dwelling* Pastor Ann Pettit

*Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* No. 281

*An Affirmation of Faith [A Brief Statement of Faith] John Irvine

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
 In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
 Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,**

**accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
 and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
 We deserve God’s condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
 In everlasting love,
 the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.**

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

**Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
 Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
 like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
 God is faithful still.**

This Week at MPC

Sunday, October 12
 9:00am Sunday School
 10:00am Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
 10:30am Worship Service
 11:35am Mission Ministry (Library)
 1:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service
 4:30pm Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal (Bell Room)
 6:00pm Leadership Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
 6:00pm Disciple Bible Study (Parlor)

Monday, October 13
 10:00am Food Pantry (113/119)
 1:00pm Small Group *What’s So Amazing About Grace* (Blue Ridge Room, Sunnyside)
 2:00pm Continuing Small Group (Monroe Room, Sunnyside)
 7:00pm Sessional Ministries
 7:00pm Deacon Ministry Chairs Mtg. (Library)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts (119); Cub Scouts (114)
 7:30pm Worship Ministry

Tuesday, October 14
No Yoga Today
 10:00am Circle #2 (Highlands); Circle #3 (Sunnyside); Shoshana (Home of Carol Kreowski)
 1:00pm Staff Meeting; Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)
 7:00pm Circle #5 (Library)

Wednesday, October 15
 6:30am Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
 8:15am Volunteers—Ministry Link
 9:15am Crossroads Pealers Rehearsal (Bell Room)
 4:15pm Children’s Yoga (Gathering Area)
 5:00pm WOW (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30pm Disciple Bible Study (home of Peggy Reinhold)
 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, October 16
 9:00am Yoga (Gathering Area)

Friday, October 17
 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday, October 18
 11:00am Wedding: Morgan Showalter and Ben Shirkey

Sunday, October 19
 9:00am Sunday School
 10:00am Fellowship Time (Gathering Area)
 10:30am Worship Service
 11:45am Covered Dish Luncheon with Korean Presbyterian Church (FH)
 1:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service
 2:00pm Memorial Service for Martha Morgan (Meredith Chapel, Sunnyside)
 4:30pm Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal (Bell Room)
 5:45pm Vision Team (Gathering Area)
 6:00pm Middle and High School Youth
 6:30pm New Member Reception followed by Session Meeting (GA)

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Offering Given Last Week \$15,911.25
Offering Given Year to Date \$475,186.29
Weekly Need \$14,227.00
Difference (\$93,893.71)
Attending Worship Last Week 288

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

Bob Schuster; Sherry Gordon; Frank and Carol Way; Greg Trobaugh; Ann Wilkinson; Nona Bowman; Dan Chalfant; Megan Phelps; Bob Milner

FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Patsy Jordan, friend of our church family; **Chalmers Goshorn**, brother of Ann Oldman and Bob Goshorn; **Jim Dobbs**, son of Harry and Alberta Dobbs; **J.C. DePoy**, friend of Nona Bowman; **Steve Hunter**, father-in-law of Jeannie Sutherland; **Claire Parker**, aunt of Leslie Dutt; **Patty Sigmon**, mother of Angie Wheeler; **Maurice and Becki Johnson**, friends of Mary Morris; **Tyler Long**, friend of Ed Comer; **Debbie Hartman**, friend of Kevin Caldwell; **Katie Cave**, friend of Josh Hylton; **Peggy McBride**, sister of Marilyn Spillman; **Dana Shreve**, friend of Leigh-Anne Lees; **Cindy McKean**, friend of Mary Morris; **Karen Monger**, aunt of Scott and Lisa Kanney; **Rex Via**, friend of our church family; **Maggie Paisley**, great-niece of Marge Langfitt; **Judy Draper**, aunt of Leigh-Anne Lees; **Cornelia Robinson**, cousin of Jack and Nancy Heintzleman; **Angela Boley**, friend of the Food Pantry; **Laura Smith**, grandmother of Ray Stapleton; **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; **Cheri Bowman**, friend of our church family; **Parker Vance**, son of Bill and Suzanne Vance; **Jacki Taylor**, sister-in-law of Chuck and Anne Bradley; **Ben and Jessie Alger and their new baby**, friends of Kyle, Jeffrey and Jeremy Long.

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 (Iraq)
Sean Duncan, cousin of Scott and Lisa Kanney (Missouri)
Scott Andrews, friend of Sam Thompson (Persian Gulf)
Zulnea Andrews, friend of Sandy Thompson (Texas)
Chris Kibler, brother of Alana Miller (New York)

Thanks to Those Serving During Worship	
Today	Next Week
Greeters	Greeters
Denny and Rebecca Arthur Steve Gordon and Dwight William Newman	Alberta Dobbs and Jean Forbes Deitrich and Audrey Maune
Ushers	Ushers
William Comer, Steve and Sherry Gordon, Keith and Linda Knupp, Brian Phelps, Robin Reed, Bruce Rohlf	Chris Bryant, Netta Coulter, Randy Hylton, Tim Miller, Jim and Gail Oppy, Eric Phillips, Chris Scott
Sunnyside Bus Driver	Sunnyside Bus Driver
Linda Green	Randy Atkins
Sunday School Nursery	Sunday School Nursery
Dale and Dorothy Dobroth	Becky Rohlf
Acolyte	Acolyte
Brady Hylton	Logan Comer
Infant Nursery	Infant Nursery
Brad and Angie Wheeler	David and Dannie Allen
2 & 3 Year Olds	2 & 3 Year Olds
Laura Atkins and Angie Baylor	Ginny Biggs and Jeannie Sutherland
Children’s Church Leader	Children’s Church Leader
Betsey Branner and Jennifer Coffelt	Kevin and Rhonda Stees

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		Greg Armstrong
Offertory	Amazing Grace Kath Wissinger, pianist	Virginia Harmony 1831 - arr. John Carter
*Doxology		No. 592
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		Dick Forbes
*The Lord's Prayer (unison)		Dick Forbes

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	God of Our Life	No. 275
*Charge and Blessing		
*Postlude	Hymnus	- Peeters

(*Please stand, who are able.)

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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. **Pagers** 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.*

Do you have trouble hearing in the service? Please see an usher for information about Sonic Ear.

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 OCTOBER 12

- The members and friends of **MPC and the Korean Presbyterian Church will hold a joint covered-dish luncheon** on Sunday, Oct. 19 at 11:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Everyone from both congregations will bring food to share. Drinks will be provided. Please make your reservations today by writing "lunch" beside your name on the Friendship Folder this morning along with number from your family that will be attending.
- Have you signed up for a photo session for our new **Pictorial Directory**? If not, do so this morning in the narthex or by calling the church office immediately. This week is the last chance you have your photograph taken for the directory!
- Clean-up Buckets Needed.** Shenandoah's Disaster Response Team has issued an immediate call for congregations to assemble Gift of the Heart Clean-up Buckets in response to the flooding in the Gulf as well as throughout the mid-west. Flyers concerning what to put in the buckets and how to package the bucket are available on the table in the narthex.
- You and your family are invited to attend our **Annual Fall Covered-Dish Dinner and Harvest Party on Sunday, October 26.** Come for dinner at 5:00 p.m. and stay for games and fellowship followed by "Trunk or Treat" in the church parking lot (Children may wear costumes). Chicken and drink will be furnished by the Fellowship Ministry. Please bring a dish to complement the meal. Please make your reservations for the dinner on the Friendship Folder, by writing "dinner" beside your name and the number from your family that will be attending or by calling the church office by noon on Monday, October 20. This will enable us to prepare enough chicken for everyone.
- Women's Hobby Night:** Bring your hobby (scrapbooking, knitting, crocheting, etc. and join us for a night of crafting in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30-10:30 p.m. on the first Friday of each month. Please bring a snack to share. For more information call Dawn Huffman (289-3296) or Alana Miller (433-1823).
- Sunnyside's Apple Butter Festival** will be held on Saturday, November 8 from 8:00am-12noon at the Main Building (Eiland Center). There will be apple butter, a Christmas and Craft Sale, Furniture, Media and Entertainment Sale and the "Sunny Treasurers" Gift Shop Sale.
- Harrisonburg and Rockingham Thermal Shelter (H.A.R.T.S.):** This year the Community Outreach Ministry at MPC has committed to working cooperatively to provide coverage for two weeks: November 24-30 and March 16-23. If you are interested in signing up, please contact the church office. Stop by the table in the Narthex to learn more about how you can get involved and sign up. Also, see the October 15 *Ministry Link* for more information and contact the church office if you have questions.



A Service for the Lord's Day
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 2008 10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements E. J. Morris, Worship Leader

Minute for Mission Mark Davis

Prelude Nocturne
Spectrum Handbell Ensemble - Kevin Olson
arr. Wissinger

For Silent Meditation during the Opening Music
God of all times and places, enter into our worship this morning. Still our restlessness, renew our spirits and open our hearts to Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) H. M. Raynal
Praise the Lord!
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.
And let the people say,
Amen—praise the Lord!

*Hymn O Worship the King, All Glorious Above No. 476

*Prayer of the Day (*unison*) Bill Frazier
O God, join our hearts and minds together that our worship today would reflect the depth of our thanksgiving. Let our praise rise up from within and fill the space around us with gratitude. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession Les West

Prayer of Confession (*unison*) Les West

God of compassion and mercy
As David sought your help, so we cry out to you today:
Who can detect our errors?
Clear us from hidden faults!
We confess that we are not the people you have called us to be and often are not even aware of how we have failed you.
Forgive us when we do not offer you the best we have to give.
Help us to live faithfully, trusting you with our lives.
Show us how to serve, even when serving is hard.

These things we pray, trusting in your gracious mercy through Christ our Lord. Amen!