

You gave us gifts and graces beyond measure,

but too often we fail to live in grateful praise for the gifts we are given.

You challenge us to be the bearers of your good gifts to all,

but too often we fail to live gracefully and gratefully as we share.

Gracious and loving God, forgive our lack of doing, our lack of giving, and our lack of trust. Guide us to live and act out of the love you have so generously given us. Make this community of faith a place in which we are nurtured and supported in the faith and encouraged to live gracefully and gratefully.

Remind us of our calling to share the many gifts you give, to proclaim the gospel in word and deed; to move gratefully and graciously in the world, to give freely that which each has been given; to live lives of worship, praise, thanksgiving, and honor for the gift of life and salvation given to us in Christ Jesus. Amen.

*Response *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

*Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends thy word;*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns rise and set no more.*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! 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. Ages 4 through 2nd grade may be picked up in Room 119.

Anthem *Even the Fish Obey* Goodman/Crane/Harris
Carol Choir

Scripture Reading I Thessalonians 5:16-18

Sermon *Grateful Living* Pastor John P. Leggett

*Hymn *We Give Thee but Thine Own* No. 428

*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, October 26

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
10:30am Worship Service
1:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service
4:00pm Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal (Bell Room)
5:00pm Covered Dish Dinner followed by Harvest Party
6:00pm Disciple Bible Study (Parlor)
6:30pm Room 106 in use/L. Knupp

Monday, October 27

1:00pm Small Group *What’s So Amazing About Grace* (Blue Ridge Room, Sunnyside)
2:00pm Continuing Small Group (Jefferson Room, Sunnyside)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (119)
7:00pm Cub Scouts (117)
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers Rehearsal (Bell Room)
7:30pm Worship Ministry (Library)

Tuesday, October 28

No Morning Yoga

8:00am-12 noon Staff Retreat (Parlor)
5:30pm Evening Yoga (119)
7:00pm Redeemer Classical School Program (Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary/GA/Room 207/Nursery)

Wednesday, October 29

6:30am Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
8:15am *Ministry Link* mailing volunteers
10:30am PW Coordinating Team Mtg. (Parlor)
11:00am-2:00pm Massanutten School’s Fall Festival (Fellowship Hall)
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 30

9:00am Yoga (Gathering Area)
1:30pm Sunnyside Fall Gathering with Church Staff (Sunnyside)

Friday, November 1

6:30pm Korean Presbyterian Church Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, November 2

6:00pm Recorders Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Sunday, November 2

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Fellowship Time (Gathering Area)
10:30am Worship Service
11:45am Inquirer’s Class (Fellowship Hall)
1:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service
4:30pm Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal (Bell Room)
6:00pm Middle School and High School Youth
6:00pm Disciple Bible Study Class (Parlor)

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Offering Given Last Week \$7,448.75

Offering Given Year to Date \$494,623.26

Weekly Need \$14,227.00

Difference (\$102,910.74)

Attending Worship Last Week 300

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; Frank and Carol Way; Greg Trobaugh; Ann Wilkinson; Dan Chalfant; Megan Phelps; Caitlyn Miller

FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Chalmers Goshorn, brother of Ann Oldman and Bob Goshorn; **Jim Dobbs**, son of Harry and Alberta Dobbs; **Patty Sigmon**, mother of Angie Wheeler; **Cindy McKean**, friend of Mary Morris; **Karen Monger**, aunt of Scott and Lisa Kanney; **Maggie Paisley**, great-niece of Marge Langfitt; **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; **Michael and Jenny Mehosky**, grandson (and spouse) of Emily Reid; **Bob and Thelma Rexrode**, sister and brother-in-law of Buck Ritchie; **Joe Arnold**, father of Jan Arnold; the **Shirey Family**, friends of our church family; **Tina Capuano**, friend of Kevin Caldwell; **Charles and Aggie Raines and their family; Don Grimes**, friend of our church family.

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)

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO . . .

...Ray and Wendy Stapleton and their family on the death of Ray’s grandmother, Laura Smith.

Thanks to Those Serving During Worship

Today	Next Week
Greeters	Greeters
Dwight and Betsy Newman Jim and Gail Oppy	Mark and Barbara Palmer Don and Carol Poulson
Ushers	Ushers
Tim and Lisa Cooper, Linda and Colin Green, Bill Heinemann, Greg and Ann Trobaugh, Jack Wysor	Bob Bales, Larry French, Jeff Lown, John Myers, Don and Carol Poulson, Chris Preston, Curt Schwalbach
Sunnyside Bus Driver	Sunnyside Bus Driver
Pat Armstrong	Phil Miller
Sunday School Nursery	Sunday School Nursery
Rhonda Stees	Kay Davis
Acolyte	Acolyte
Emily Coffelt	Communion—No Acolyte
Infant Nursery	Infant Nursery
Chris and Jennifer Bryant	Chris and Mari Kyle
2 & 3 Year Olds	2 & 3 Year Olds
Becky Hylton and Stephanie Toothman	Deb Comer and Susie Diehl
Children’s Church Leader	Children’s Church Leader
Deb Comer and Vaniene Delucas	Jennifer Bryant and Kim Phillips

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 Thanks Be to God Handel

*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 Arise, Your Light Is Come No. 411

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude To God Be the Glory (*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. 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 26

- The Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering will be received this morning. Your gifts to the Thank Offering will support projects that meet the needs of people who are elderly, disabled, homeless, or displaced as well as children, youth and women through health, peace and justice programs, both internationally and in the US.
You and your family are invited to attend our Annual Fall Covered-Dish Dinner and Harvest Party this evening beginning with dinner at 5:00 p.m. followed by games downstairs and "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. Church members are encouraged to decorate their cars and bring treats so they can take part in the "Trunk or Treat".
You are invited to join us for a covered-dish luncheon to celebrate "Baby Leggett" on Sunday, November 9 at 11:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Drinks, and dessert will be provided. You are asked to bring a meat or meat casserole and a vegetable or salad that will feed your family and several guests. Please make your reservations for the meal on the Friendship Folder by November 2. If you have questions please contact Deb Comer at 298-8504 or comerkrew@aol.com or call the church office.
The flowers in the gathering area are in honor of Emily Reid given by Virginia Conger.
Sunnyside's Apple Butter Festival will be held on Saturday, November 8.
Harrisonburg and Rockingham Thermal Shelter (H.A.R.T.S.): November 24-30 Stop by the table in the Narthex to learn how you can get involved and to sign up.
Doggie Treats made by Faith Village will be available in the Narthex for the next several weeks. Stop by and pick up treats for your special friend!
Women's Hobby Night will be held the first Friday night of each month from 6:30-10:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your hobby (scrapbooking, knitting, etc) and join us for a night of crafting. (See the Ministry Link for more information.)
The congregation of Mossy Creek Presbyterian Church will be celebrating 240 years of ministry with a Cemetery History Walk this evening beginning at 3:00 p.m. You are invited to explore the Mossy Creek Cemetery and meet several people from early in the congregation's history who will be sharing a bit of news from the past. Light refreshments will be served as well!
The YEPOGS (Young Energetic People of God) are asking for donations of fleece (one yard minimum). The YEPOGS will use the fleece to make lap blankets for an area nursing home. Please leave your donations in the narthex.
Daylight savings time ends at midnight on Saturday, November 1. Please remember to turn your clock back one hour when you retire on Saturday night.
Clean-up Buckets - Information on assembling the buckets is available in the Narthex. The last date to drop off assembled buckets is Friday, October 31.



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

October 26, 2008

10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements Carol Miller, Worship Leader

Minute for Mission Stewardship

Prelude Elevation Dubois

For Silent Meditation during the Opening Music

Faithful stewards are characterized by two attitudes: gratitude and trust. A grateful person is one who has a deep sense of life as a gift and, so, appreciates and enjoys life much more than he or she would otherwise. Those who view life as a gift and who receive all things, including life itself, with gratitude are likely to be the happiest people on earth. Further, acknowledgment of God as the giver of all that we have implies trust in God's continuing benevolence. Such trust is the antithesis of anxiety.

(Mark Allan Powell in Giving to God)

*Call to Worship (responsively)

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

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

*Prayer of the Day (unison)

God of abundant blessings, tune our hearts to sing your praise. Teach us the way of gratitude so that we would not fail to notice your good gifts which fill our lives. We offer you our prayer through Jesus, the One you gave for the world. Amen.

A Litany of Telling and Sharing (responsively)

Loving God, you claim us as your own,

but too often we forget that we are yours.

You call us to many tasks,

but too often we neglect that which you ask of us.

You created us and gifted us with your marvelous story,

but too often we keep the story and fail to share it.

You shower us with the many gifts of your grace,

but too often we take the gifts for granted and keep them as if they were our own.

You send us to share the good news of the gospel with others,

but too often we do not speak it, afraid or embarrassed to bear witness.

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