

**We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded,
nor have we rightly loved ourselves.
Forgive us, gracious God,
and bring us back into the fullness
of our covenant with you and one another.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which God loved us, even when we were dead through our sin, made us alive together with Christ and raised us up with him.

For by grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God.

*Response *There's A Wideness in God's Mercy* No. 298

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 108.

Anthem *Jesus Loves Me*
God's Children Choir

Scripture Reading Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon *The Love of God and Neighbor* Pastor John P. Leggett

*Hymn *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* No. 367

*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)

Reception of New Members

This Week at MPC

Sunday, September 28

9:00am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
11:30am Care Group Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
1:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service
2:30pm CROP Walk (Liberty Street Parking Lot)
4:30pm Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal (Bell Room)
6:00pm Disciple Bible Study (Parlor)

Monday, September 29

1:00pm Small Group (Highlands - Blue Ridge Room)
2:00pm Small Group (Sunnyside - Monroe Room)
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers
7:00pm Deacon Ministry Chairs Mtg. (Library)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (119)

Tuesday, September 30

9:00am Yoga (Gathering Area)
11:30am Staff Lunch followed by Staff Meeting (Library)
5:30pm Yoga (Gathering Area)

Wednesday, October 1

6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
8:15am Volunteers prepare newsletter for mailing
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 2

9:00am Yoga (Gathering Area)
7:00pm Family Ministry (Parlor)

Friday, October 3

6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal and Rehearsal Dinner
(Outdoor Chapel and Fellowship Hall)
6:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Choir Rehearsal
(Choir Room)

Saturday, October 4

2:00pm Wedding Jessica Jones and Dylan Bateman
(Outdoor Chapel)
6:00pm Recorders Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Sunday, October 5

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
10:30am Worship Service
1:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service
4:00pm Blessing of the Animals (Outdoor Chapel)
4:30pm Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal (Bell Room)
6:00pm Disciple Bible Study Class (Parlor)
6:00pm Middle and High School Youth

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Offering Given Last Week \$6,824.88

Offering Given Year to Date \$451,467.67

Weekly Need \$14,227.00

Difference (\$89,158.33)

Attending Worship Last Week 339

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; Martha Morgan; Frank and Carol Way; Greg Trobaugh

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; **Ramona Sanders**, friend of our church family; **Maggie Paisley**, great-niece of Marge Langfitt; **Barbara Miller**, friend of Ron and Sherry Matthews; **Judy Draper**, aunt of Leigh-Anne Lees.

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 (Department of Navy Medical and Surgery, Washington, D.C.)
Elizabeth "Lee" Davis, daughter of Marc & Nancy Davis (stationed in Kuwait)
Jon Guinn, son of Mike and Ka Guinn (stationed in Savannah, GA)
Chad Ritchie, son of Robert & Ramona Ritchie (stationed in FL)
Chris Jerome, son of Bob Jerome (stationed in Newport, RI)
Stephanie Beard, granddaughter of Jean Beard (stationed in Germany)
Erin Burtner, cousin of Susan Newsome (stationed in Iraq)
Sean Duncan, cousin of Scott and Lisa Kanney (stationed in Missouri)
Scott Andrews, friend of Sam Thompson (stationed in the Persian Gulf)
Zulnea Andrews, friend of Sandy Thompson (stationed in Texas)
Chris Kibler, brother of Alana Miller (stationed in New York)

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO...

Dick and Karen Leecy and their family on the death of Dick's uncle, Ira Campbell.

Thanks to Those Serving During Worship	
Today	Next Week
Greeters	Greeters
Gary and Crystal Blosser Bud and Betty Long	Dick and Carol Miller Kay Davis and Sherry Matthews
Ushers	Ushers
Bob Bales, Kevin Caldwell, Fleming Jones, John Myers, Chris Preston, Curt Schwalbach, Glenn Strawderman, Sandy Taylor	George Cross, Bud and Betty Long, Keith and Linda Knupp, Bob Milner, Dwight Newman
Sunnyside Bus Driver	Sunnyside Bus Driver
Richard Ours	TBA
Sunday School Nursery	Sunday School Nursery
Pam French	Kristen Suter-Blye
Acolyte	Communion Stewards
Jacob Laughlin	Jacob Bales, Andrew Caldwell, Rachel Leggett, Kendra Strawderman
Infant Nursery	Infant Nursery
Mark and Barbara Palmer	Sue Newman and Stephanie Toothman
2 & 3 Year Olds	2 & 3 Year Olds
Julia Sensabaugh and Wendy Stapleton	John and Sally Brown and Hunter Davis
Children's Church Leader	Children's Church Leader
Reid and Sheila Laughlin	Barbara Palmer and Beth Webb

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 Be Thou My Vision Arr. Wood

*Doxology (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, Alleluia

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*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 Be Thou My Vision No. 339

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Response

*Postlude All Praise to Thee O God J.S. Bach

(*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.



A Service for the Lord's Day
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 28, 2008 10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements Melissa Leecy, Worship Leader

Prelude O God Our Help in Ages Past Arr. Willan

For Silent Meditation during the Opening Music

As we worship you, O God of abundant blessings, we ask that you would help us to be lost in wonder, love, and praise. Sweep us into the story of your steadfast love, that we would then love you and neighbor with all that we are. Through Jesus Christ, the author of perfect love. Amen.

*Call to Worship (responsively)

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

*Hymn Our God, Our Help in Ages Past No. 210

*Prayer of the Day (unison)

O God, the love you pour out upon us invites us to share that love with our neighbors. May you give us the courage and the will to show our love in real and life-giving ways. Through Jesus Christ, whose love for us cost him his life. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 28

- It is time to make your appointment for a photography session for our new directory. Everyone needs to make an appointment—no old pictures will be used. You can log on to the MPC website to sign up for a photo session for the pictorial directory or you can sign up in the narthex this morning from 10-10:30 a.m. and following worship. Schedule your appointment today!
Care Group Fellowship. During the month of September Care Group Shepherds have been meeting with their Care Groups in the fellowship hall for cookies and lemonade following worship. The following shepherds will be meeting with their Care Groups today: David Allen, Reid Laughlin, Melissa Leecy, Jeff Lees, Tim Long, Mary Morris, Vonnie West and Skip Wissinger.
A small group study for Sunnyside residents called "What's So Amazing About Grace" will begin tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. at The Highlands in the Blue Ridge Room.
The Women's Sunday School Class has been suspended. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Ruh.
We found a leader! The short-term Disciple Bible Study Invitation to Romans, will begin Wed., Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Peggy Reinhold who will lead this 8 week study. Contact the church office if you are interested in joining the group.
The Massanutten Golf Tournament will be held at Lakeview Golf Course on Sat. Oct. 11 at 10:00 a.m. Invite a friend and come out for a day of good fellowship and fun. The deadline for signing up is Wed., October 1. The fee is \$35 plus \$8 for lunch. Please have your check, made out to MPC, in the church office by Oct. 1.
Next Sunday we will receive our Peacemaking Offering.
We will be offering an outdoor service of Pet Blessing on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 4:00 p.m. at the outdoor Chapel. Please bring pets on a leash or in a cage.
You are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of People Helping People on Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 6:00 p.m. with a covered-dish meal in the church fellowship hall. Chicken, beverages and table service will be provided.
The Prime Timers Fall Outing will be held at Betty Long's family cabin near Luray on Monday, Oct. 6. Church members and friends will carpool from the church at 11:00 a.m. and lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share. Beverages, plates, cups, etc. will be provided. Maps to the cabin are available on the table in the narthex.
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. Please make your reservations for the meal by writing "lunch" beside your name on the friendship folder and the number from your family that will be attending.

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