

**Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are sorry for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light,
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Let us remember together the good news which sets us free:

**The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Because of
God’s grace, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Response *To God Be the Glory* (To God Be the Glory)

*To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done!*

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 *Take My Life, and Let It Be* Hopson

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and keep them true; Lord, may they always speak of you.*

*Take my thoughts, my very will, Your true purpose to fulfill.
Take me, Lord, and yours I'll be, Yours for all eternity.*

*Lord, in mercy, hear my plea, May I now your loved one be,
Loving for your love to see; Oh, hear me, hear me, Lord. Amen.*

Scripture Reading Romans 12:1-8

Sermon *Climbing in the Offering Plate* Pastor John P. Leggett

*Hymn *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* No. 379

*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.**

This Week at MPC

Sunday, August 24

9:00am Back to School Breakfast
10:30am Worship Service
11:30am Lemonade Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
11:40am Nominating Committee Meeting (105)
1:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service
2-4:00pm High School Youth Pool Party

Monday, August 25

6:00pm Presbyterian Women Picnic (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, August 26

8:00am-1:00pm Staff Retreat
-9:00am Yoga Canceled-
5:30pm Yoga (Gathering Area)

Wednesday, August 27

6:30am Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, August 28

8:15am volunteers mailing—*Our Journey*
9:00am Yoga (Gathering Area)
7:00pm Food Pantry

Friday, August 29

6:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Saturday, August 30

11:00am-2:00pm Pilgrimage 9 (Marketplace)

Sunday, August 31

9:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
10:30am Worship Service
11:30am Lemonade Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
1:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service
4:30pm Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal (Bell Room)

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Offering Given Last Week \$8,329.75

Offering Given Year to Date \$396,720.43

Weekly Need \$14,227.00

Difference (\$72,770.57)

Attending Worship Last Week 289

*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

Bill Jackson; Anne Bradley; Bob Schuster; Barbara Walker; Sherry Gordon; Martha Morgan; Betty Hancock; Frank and Carol Way; Zoe Speakman; Rose Pollard; Doug Sensabaugh (Mission Trip to Ethiopia).

FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

William & Patricia Posey, parents of Bill Posey; **Bruce and Mildred McCall, Mac McCall, Opal Newland**, family of Dodie Groseclose; **Dr. Clem Mueller**, friend of our church family; **Kelly Necessary**, friend of Jim & Gail Oppy; **Bonnie Simmons**, friend of Chris and Jessica Preston; **Patsy Jordan**, friend of our church family; **Frances Plecker**, a friend of our church family; **Jeff Reid**, friend of Bill Frazier; **Kristell Aldana-Pacheco and Belinda Campbell**, friends of Chris McAnulty; **Stephen Craun**, friend of Bill and Sharon Posey; **Marge Nolan**, aunt of Bill Frazier; **Don and Mary Bagwell**, friends of Kathy Frakes; **Chalmers Goshorn**, brother of Ann Oldman and Bob Goshorn; **Teresa Shafer**, friend of Mary Morris; **Jim Dobbs**, son of Harry and Alberta Dobbs; **Frank Demas**, brother-in-law of Rick and Cindy Pachis; **J. W. and Erin Johnson and family**, friends of Butch and Leslie Dutt; **Virginia Gammon**, mother of Doris Field; **Ed and Darla Daggit**, friends of our church family; **Noel Gleason**, family of Kevin and Beth Webb; **J.C. DePoy**, friend of Nona Bowman; **Bonnie Dellinger and Mary Sue VanHuss**, friends of Herman and Charlotte Landes; **Mary Gladys Shifflett**, friends of William Preston; **Bob Moran**, father of Patrick Moran and friend of the Schwalbach and Webb families; **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; **Phil Chavez**, community member prayer request; **Tyler Long**, friend of Ed Comer.

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)

Thanks to Those Serving During Worship	
Today	Next Week
<p>Greeters</p> <p>Ed and Cathy Comer Nancy Lu Irvine and Emily Reid</p> <p>Ushers</p> <p>Bob Bales, Bud and Betty Long, Tim Miller, Bob Milner, John Myers, Glenn Strawderman</p> <p>Sunnyside Bus Driver</p> <p>Linda Green</p> <p>Sunday School Nursery</p> <p>Ginny Biggs</p> <p>Acolyte</p> <p>Seth Diehl</p> <p>Infant Nursery</p> <p>Fleming and Sharon Jones</p> <p>2 & 3 Year Olds</p> <p>Juli Colville and Leslie Dutt</p> <p>Children’s Church Leader</p> <p>Angie Baylor and Susie Diehl</p>	<p>Greeters</p> <p>Collier and Betsy Harvey Patricia Copper and Carol Way</p> <p>Ushers</p> <p>George Cross, Colin and Linda Green, Keith and Linda Knupp, Brian Phelps, Robin Reed, Sandy Taylor</p> <p>Sunnyside Bus Driver</p> <p>Randy Atkins</p> <p>Sunday School Nursery</p> <p>Rhonda Stees</p> <p>Acolyte</p> <p>Ross French</p> <p>Infant Nursery</p> <p>Brad and Angie Wheeler</p> <p>2 & 3 Year Olds</p> <p>Linda Knupp and Gail Oppy</p> <p>Children’s Church Leader</p> <p>Tim and Jill Kincaid</p>

**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.**

Blessing of the Backpacks

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 *Adagio from Sonata VI* Mendelssohn

*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 *Called As Partners in Christ's Service* No. 343

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Response

*Postlude *Let All Creation Dance* Burkhardt

(*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 AUGUST 24:

- **The Presbyterian Women will be holding their annual picnic** on Monday, August 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish or two and a friend that may be interested in PW.
- **Iowa Clean-up Opportunity:** Our Deacons, in conjunction with the Mossy Creek Presbyterian Church, have planned a mission trip to assist the recent flood victims in Iowa. We are looking for anyone interested in lending their time and talents to join us in this venture the week of September 15 through the 21st. If you'd like more information please call Jim Huffman @ 289-3296 or 383-5883.
- Registration for **WOW, Worship On Wednesday**, has begun. See the table in the Narthex for forms and details.
- Stop by the **Adopt-a-College Student** table in the narthex this morning. The Congregational Care Ministry wants you to get involved with a college student. Names and addresses will be available along with ideas of how to stay connected.
- **Wednesday evening choir rehearsals begin September 3, at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Disciple Bible Studies** for the Fall: *Sunday evenings, 6:00 p.m. The Christian Believer; Monday mornings, 9:00 a.m. The Christian Believer; and *Wednesday evenings, 6:30 p.m. An Invitation to Romans. *Childcare will be offered during the evening Bible studies. Please sign up at the Disciple display in the Narthex.
- **The Congregational Care Ministry is collecting shoeboxes** for college student and military care packages. Please leave your boxes on the stage in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Massanutten School is collecting Campbell's Soup labels.** Place your labels in the container near the nursery on the lower level.
- The **Fall Gathering of the Presbyterian Women of the Shenandoah** will be held at Massanetta Springs Conference Center Saturday, September 6. Registration forms are available on the PW table in the narthex.
- **"Spectrum" Teen Handbell Ensemble** will resume rehearsals next Sunday (August 31) at 4:30 p.m. in the bell room. We welcome new ringers. Music background is helpful. Commitment is essential. Please contact Kath Wissinger by Thursday the 28th. 289-6973
- All volunteers working with children and/or youth who have not attended a previous **Child Protection Orientation** meeting are required to do so this fall. We have set aside 2 dates: Wednesday, September 3 at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, September 7 at 5:00 p.m. Please contact Nancy Ruh, 434-6194, or nruh@massanuttenchurch.org, to let her know your preference.
- **Yoga for Kids** (and parents, if desired) will begin Wednesday, September 17 at 4:30 p.m. We will begin with 30 minute classes, so we will finish by 5:00 p.m. (in time for WOW). We will offer 4 week sessions with a maximum of 6-8 children. Contact Nancy Ruh if your child is interested in participating.



Massanutten
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

August 24, 2008

10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements Bill Heinemann, Worship Leader

Minute for Mission Family Ministries Bo Hobbie

Prelude *Let Us All Together Praise Our God* Pachelbel

For Silent Meditation during the Opening Music

God of grace and glory, you have called us together to worship you. We come as different people from different places only to find ourselves made one by you. May you receive all honor and glory from our worship this day. Amen.

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

In the same way that each one of us was baptized into Christ and reborn to live a new life in him, so the church also comes to birth in the waters of baptism, and receives its identity in the Spirit of Christ.

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.

*Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King* No. 455

*Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

We belong to you, O God. Everything that we are and all that we have are gifts from your loving hands. May our lives reveal that we are a living response to your grace, and may we abound in hope and joy. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.**

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