

Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

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

**Thanks be to God for making us new. Amen.**

\*Response *For the Beauty of the Earth* (Dix)

*For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.*

**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 *King of Glory, King of Praise* - Walker  
Chancel Choir

*King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee  
And that love may never cease, I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;  
Thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spread me.  
Wherefore with my ut-most art, I will sing thee;  
And the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;  
And alone when they replied, thou didst hear me.*

Scripture Reading Matthew 16:13-28

Sermon *A Call to Life* Pastor John P. Leggett

\*Hymn *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* No. 417

\*An Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

**Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom.**

**Jesus announced the coming of God’s kingdom**

**and its hidden presence in the midst of the world’s kingdoms.**

**He taught his disciples to seek God’s kingdom first.**

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us**

**lives lived in pilgrimage toward God’s kingdom.**

**Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey**

**all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful.**

**No more than Christ are we spared**

**the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world.**

**We are in the world, but not of the world.**

**Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people**

**do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world,**

**but in the coming and hidden presence of God’s kingdom.**

**Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:**

**to serve as he has served us;**

**to take up our cross,**

**This Week at MPC**

**Sunday, August 31**

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

**Monday, September 1**

*Church Office Closed—Labor Day*

**Tuesday, September 2**

- 9:00am Yoga (Gathering Area)
- 12:30pm Prime Timers Luncheon (Golden Corral)
- 1:00pm Staff Meeting (Library)
- 5:30pm Yoga (Gathering Area)
- 7:00pm Property Ministry Meeting (105)

**Wednesday, September 3**

- 6:30am Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30pm Child Protection Training (Parlor)
- 6:30pm WOW Bible Teachers, Assistants and Table Parents Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**Thursday, September 4**

- 8:15am Volunteers mailing—*Ministry Link (note date change)*
- 9:00am Yoga (Gathering Area)
- 2:00pm Central Valley Mission Community (Mt. Olive Presbyterian Church)
- 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00pm Family Ministry Meeting (Parlor)

**Friday, September 5**

- 7:00pm Wedding—Laura Laycock and Jordan Lambert (Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall)

**Sunday, September 7**

- 9:00am Sunday School for all ages
- 10:00am Called Session Meeting (Library)
- 10:30am Worship Service
- 11:30am Lemonade Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
- 1:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service
- 4:30pm Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal (Bell Room)

- 5:00pm Child Protection Training (Parlor)
- 5:30pm Chancel Choir Picnic (Carol Lown’s house)
- 6:00pm Middle School Youth
- 6:00pm High School Youth

**STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY**

**Offering Given Last Week** \$6,940.25

**Offering Given Year to Date** \$404,061.68

**Weekly Need** \$14,227.00

**Difference** (\$79,656.32)

**Attending Worship Last Week** 364

*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; Sherry Gordon; Martha Morgan; Frank and Carol Way, Megan Phelps, Adam Teter**

**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; **Debbie Hartman**, friend of Kevin Caldwell; **Mark and Cheryl Lindsay and Family**, friends of the Hylton 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 (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)

**WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO**

**...Don and Alice Krech** and their family, on the death of Alice’s son , Bruce Boje.

Thanks to Those Serving During Worship	
Today	Next Week
<p><b>Greeters</b></p> <p>Collier and Betsy Harvey Patricia Copper and Carol Way</p> <p><b>Ushers</b></p> <p>Fred Burfoot, George Cross, Colin and Linda Green, Keith Knupp, Brian Phelps, Robin Reed, Sandy Taylor</p> <p><b>Sunnyside Bus Driver</b></p> <p>Randy Atkins</p> <p><b>Sunday School Nursery</b></p> <p>Rhonda Stees</p> <p><b>Acolyte</b></p> <p>Ross French</p> <p><b>Infant Nursery</b></p> <p>Brad and Angie Wheeler</p> <p><b>2 &amp; 3 Year Olds</b></p> <p>Linda Knupp and Gail Oppy</p> <p><b>Children’s Church Leader</b></p> <p>Tim and Jill Kincaid</p>	<p><b>Greeters</b></p> <p>Bob and Patsy Bales, Dale and Dorothy Dobroth, Stephen and Kristen Cosby</p> <p><b>Ushers</b></p> <p>Chris Bryant, William Comer, Larry French, Steve and Sherry Gordon, Randy Hylton, Eric Phillips, Dwight Newman</p> <p><b>Sunnyside Bus Driver</b></p> <p>Tim Miller</p> <p><b>Sunday School Nursery</b></p> <p>Sally Brown</p> <p><b>Acolyte</b></p> <p>Brady Hylton</p> <p><b>Infant Nursery</b></p> <p>Andrew and Julie Miller</p> <p><b>2 &amp; 3 Year Olds</b></p> <p>Sheila Laughlin and Gina Phelps</p> <p><b>Children’s Church Leader</b></p> <p>Alayne Leggett and Nancy Wayland</p>

**risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;  
to walk by faith, not by sight,  
to hope for what we have not seen.**

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 *Intermezzo* - Rheinberger

\*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 *Here I Am, Lord* No. 525

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude *Voluntary* - S. Wesley

(\*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](http://www.massanuttenchurch.org).

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 31**

- **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.
- Check out the bulletin board in the narthex for **Adult Education offerings** and **Vacation Bible School pictures**.
- Registration for **WOW, Worship On Wednesday**, continues. See the table in the Narthex for forms and details. WOW begins September 10.
- You can now log on to the MPC website to sign up for photo sessions for the **pictorial directory** or you can sign up in the narthex on Sunday September 7, 14, 21, or 28 from 10-10:30am and following worship. Schedule your appointment today!
- **Wednesday evening choir rehearsals begin September 3, at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Next Sunday we will receive our 4-Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering.**
- **Disciple Bible Studies** for the Fall: Sunday evenings, 6:00 p.m. The Christian Believer; Monday mornings, 9:00am. The Christian Believer; and Wednesday evenings, 6:30 p.m. An Invitation to Romans. Childcare will be offered during both the evening Bible studies.
- **ABC's of Worship:** Families with children in K-5th grade are invited to join us on Sunday, September 14 at 4:00 p.m. for a time of learning and fellowship as we explore the meanings of Light, Baptism, and Communion in worship. We will introduce some new opportunities for children to be involved in the worship life of the congregation in these areas. A light supper will be provided. Please indicate your interest by writing "ABC" next to your name on the Friendship Folder.
- Registration forms for the **Fall Gathering of the PW of the Shenandoah** on September 6 are available on the table in the narthex.
- **"Spectrum" Teen Handbell Ensemble** will resume rehearsals this evening at 4:30 in the bell room. We welcome new ringers. Music background is helpful.
- 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 6:30pm and Sunday, September 7 at 5:00 pm. 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 4:15 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.



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

August 31, 2008

10:30 a.m.

**Gathering**

Welcome and Announcements William Vance, Worship Leader

Prelude *Cornet Voluntary* - J. Travers

For Silent Meditation during the Opening Music

*God of all people, we gather at your call to worship you. Grant us an awareness of how deeply you love us, and may we respond to your love with lives of self-giving love. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

The peace of Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

**For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

\*Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* No. 263

\*Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

**Almighty God, help us to love what you command, and desire what you promise; that in the midst of this changing world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Merciful God, to whom all worship rightfully belongs: As his disciples have done since the beginnings of Christian witness, we have acknowledged Jesus as Lord. We confess that he is the way to you, yet we have tried to make our own way rather than trusting his way. Forgive our failures to follow him faithfully; incline our hearts to please him, and empower us by your Spirit to walk with him as true disciples, both in word and in deed, to your eternal glory. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.**