

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church: we have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Let us take comfort in the assurance that even those things that are hidden from memory, or are too deep for our words, are not beyond God’s forgiving love.

**God, who knows us completely, bestows pardon and peace. Thanks be to God.**

\*Response *Jesus Shall Reign* (Duke Street)  
*Let every creature rise and bring Honors peculiar to our King;*  
*Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud Amen!*

**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 *If You Love Me* Wilby  
*If you love me, keep my commandments,*  
*and I will pray the Father,*  
*and He shall give you another Comforter,*  
*That he may abide with you forever;*  
*E'en the Spirit, the Spirit of Truth.*  
  
*And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you,*  
*and shall be in you.*  
*I will not leave you comfortless.*  
*I will come to you.*

Scripture Reading Romans 13:8-14

Sermon *The Law of Love* Pastor John P. Leggett

\*Hymn *Though I May Speak* No. 335

\*An Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

**God made us for life in community. God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness. We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility. We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility**

**This Week at MPC**

**Sunday, September 7**

9:00am Sunday School for all ages  
10:00am Called Session Meeting (Library)  
10:30am Worship Service  
11:30am-12:00 noon Care Group Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)  
1:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service  
*Monday afternoon Small Group will resume on Sept. 22*  
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 and High School Youth

**Monday, September 8**

10:00am Food Pantry  
7:00pm Session Ministries  
7:00pm Deacons Meeting  
7:00pm Boy Scouts  
7:30pm Worship Ministry Meeting

**Tuesday, September 9**

9:00am Yoga (Gathering Area)

10:00am Circle #3 (Sunnyside)  
10:00am Shoshana Circle with Juli Colville  
1:00pm Staff Meeting (Library)  
3:00pm Windcatchers Meeting (Library)  
5:30pm Yoga (Gathering Area)  
7:00pm Circle #5 (Library)

**Wednesday, September 10**

6:30am Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
5:00pm WOW (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**Thursday, September 11**

9:00am Yoga (Gathering Area)  
1:00pm Circle #4 (Sunnyside)  
1:30pm Circle #1 (Gathering Area)

**Friday, September 12**

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

**Saturday, September 13**

6:00pm Recorders Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**Sunday, September 14**

10:30am Worship Service  
11:30am Care Group Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)  
1:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service  
4:00pm The ABC’s of Worship (Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary)  
4:30pm Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal (Bell Room)  
6:00pm Disciple Bible Study Class (Parlor)

**STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY**

**Offering Given Last Week** \$11,347.50

**Offering Given Year to Date** \$415,409.18

**Weekly Need** \$14,227.00

**Difference** (82,535.82)

**Attending Worship Last Week** 245

*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; **Kelly Necessary**, friend of Jim & Gail Oppy; **Patsy Jordan**, friend of our church family; **Frances Plecker**, a friend of our church family; **Chalmers Goshorn**, brother of Ann Oldman and Bob Goshorn; **Jim Dobbs**, son of Harry and Alberta Dobbs; **Frank Demas**, brother-in-law of Rick and Cindy Pachis; **Virginia Gammon**, mother of Doris Field; **Noel Gleason**, family of Kevin and Beth Webb; **J.C. DePoy**, friend of Nona Bowman; **James Fairfield, 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, **Katie Cave**, friend of Josh Hylton.

*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
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Greeters</b>
Bob and Patsy Bales, Dale and Dorothy Do-broth, Stephen and Kristen Cosby	Keith and Linda Knupp Ann Callender, Ruth Sensabaugh, and Pat Armstrong
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
Chris Bryant, Larry French, Steve and Sherry Gordon, Randy Hylton, Eric Phillips, Dwight Newman	Linda and Colin Green, Jeff Lown, Jim and Gail Oppy, Chris Scott, Greg and Ann Trobaugh
<b>Sunnyside Bus Driver</b>	<b>Sunnyside Bus Driver</b>
Tim Miller	Phil Miller
<b>Sunday School Nursery</b>	<b>Sunday School Nursery</b>
Sally Brown	Betsy Harvey
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>
Brady Hylton	Kyle Nickel
<b>Infant Nursery</b>	<b>Infant Nursery</b>
Andrew and Julie Miller	Jeff and Leigh-Ann Lees
<b>2 &amp; 3 Year Olds</b>	<b>2 &amp; 3 Year Olds</b>
Sheila Laughlin and Gina Phelps	Kim Phillips and Carol Poulson
<b>Children’s Church Leader</b>	<b>Children’s Church Leader</b>
Alayne Leggett and Nancy Wayland	Ricki Irvine and Janet Morris

by trying to live without God and other people  
or against God and other people.  
Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being,  
and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them.  
Since every human being is made  
for communion with God and others,  
we must treat no one with contempt.  
We are to respect and love all other people  
and ourselves as well.

Commissioning for Our Christian Education and Music Ministry Leaders

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 *When In the Hour of Utmost Need, I Pray* J. S. Bach

\*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 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* No. 438

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude *Up, Bestir Thee Now, My Spirit* Walther  
(\*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 SEPTEMBER 7**

- **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.*
- 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 10-10:30a.m. and following worship. Schedule your appointment today!
- If you work with children and/or youth and have not attended a previous **Child Protection Orientation** meeting, please make plans to attend the training session scheduled for 5:00 p.m. today in the parlor.
- **Care Group Fellowship.** During the month of September Care Group Shepherds will be 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: Randy Atkins, Ed Comer, Linda Knupp, Ron Matthews, Kelly Richardson, Helen Scully, Marc Toothman. Transportation will be provided for Sunnyside residents.
- Registration for **WOW, Worship On Wednesday**, continues. See the table in the Narthex for forms and details. WOW begins September 10.
- **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 both the evening Bible studies.
- **Attention Middle School Youth.** Instead of meeting the evening of September 21, the Middle School Youth Group will attend the Middle School Rally at Massanetta Springs, *HAKUNA MATATA...gospel style* from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. for Sunday school and leave the church in time to get to the conference center and register by 10:30 a.m. Permission slips are required and will be given out at the September 7 Youth Meeting as well as at Sunday School.
- **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.
- The **Massanutten Golf Tournament** will be held at Lakeview Golf Course on Saturday, October 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 Wednesday, October 1. Check the Ministry Link for more details or call the church office. Golf fee \$35 plus lunch \$8.



A Service for the Lord's Day

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 7, 2008

10:30 a.m.

**Gathering**

Welcome and Announcements Nancy Davis, Worship Leader

Minute for Mission CROP Walk David Allen

Prelude *Now Sing and Dance, Ye Christian Throng* J. S. Bach

For Silent Meditation during the Opening Music

*O God, your love for us is beyond measure. As we worship you today, open us to the fullness of life that you seek for each person, and may you receive all honor and glory and praise. Amen.*

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

The eternal Father, who loved us and set us free from our sins, who loves us still with that love that will not let us go, and who will love us forever, calls us to worship him today as the only true lover of our souls.

**The Lord stoops to receive the love of our hearts. He calls us to remember the depth of his love for us in Christ. God seeks our love.**

\*Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* No. 376

\*Prayer of the Day

\*Four-Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering

*Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, Light for the world to see.*

**Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today.**

*Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. (Refrain)*

*Longing for food, many are hungry, Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others, Shared until all are fed. (Refrain)*

*Longing for shelter, many are homeless, Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others, Walls made of living stones. (Refrain)*

*Many the gifts, many the people, Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, Signs of your kingdom come. (Refrain)*  
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Call to Confession