

Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Thanks be to God for this incredible gift. Amen.

*Response *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (Azmon)

*O for a thousand tongues to sing, my dear Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God’s grace!*

*Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
‘Tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘Tis life and health, and peace.*

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 *Find Us Faithful* arr. Mohr
Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading Romans 14:1-12

Sermon *Life Before God and One Another* Pastor John P. Leggett

*Hymn *Help Us Accept Each Other* No. 358

*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)

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.

This Week at MPC

Sunday, September 14

9:00am Sunday School
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)

Monday, September 15

7:00pm Boy Scouts (119)

Tuesday, September 16

9:00am Yoga (Gathering Area)
10:00am Circle #2 (Highlands)
5:30pm Yoga (Gathering Area)
7:00pm Congregational Care Mtg. (Parlor)

Wednesday, September 17

6:30am Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
8:15am Volunteers—Ministry Link Mailing

9:15am Crossroads Pealers Rehearsal (Bell Room)
4:15pm Children’s Yoga (Gathering Area)
5:00pm WOW (Fellowship Hall)
6:30pm Nominating Committee (104)
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, September 18

9:00am Yoga (Gathering Area)
7:00pm Deacons Faith Formation Meeting—Group 1 (Library)

Friday, September 19

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

Saturday, September 20

6:00pm Recorders Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Sunday, September 21

9:00am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
10:30am-3:30pm Middle School Youth Rally (Massanetta Springs)
1:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service

1:00-5:00pm Fellowship Hall in use/C. Long
4:30pm Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal (Bell Room)
6:00pm High School Youth Meeting
6:00pm Disciple Bible Study Class (Parlor)
6:30pm New Member Reception followed by Session Meeting (Gathering Area)

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Offering Given Last Week \$18,528.12

Offering Given Year to Date \$433,937.30

Weekly Need \$14,227.00

Difference (\$78,234.70)

Attending Worship Last Week 347

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; Megan Phelps; Adam Teter

FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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; **J.C. DePoy**, friend of Nona Bowman; **James Fairfield, 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; **Mark and Cheryl Lindsay and Family**, friends of the Hylton family, **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.

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)

Thanks to Those Serving During Worship	
Today	Next Week
<p>Greeters</p> <p>Dale and Dorothy Dobroth Ann Callender, Ruth Sensabaugh, and Pat Armstrong</p> <p>Ushers</p> <p>Linda and Colin Green, Jeff Lown, Jim and Gail Oppy, Chris Scott, Greg and Ann Trobaugh</p> <p>Sunnyside Bus Driver</p> <p>Phil Miller</p> <p>Sunday School Nursery</p> <p>Betsy Harvey</p> <p>Acolyte</p> <p>Kyle Nickel</p> <p>Infant Nursery</p> <p>Jeff and Leigh-Ann Lees</p> <p>2 & 3 Year Olds</p> <p>Kim Phillips and Carol Poulson</p> <p>Children’s Church Leader</p> <p>Ricki Irvine and Janet Morris</p>	<p>Greeters</p> <p>Marty and Susie Diehl, Kathy Frakes and Robert and Pauline Woods</p> <p>Ushers</p> <p>Tim and Lisa Cooper, Bill Heinemann, Don and Carol Poulson, Juli and Marcus Sensabaugh, Jack Wysor</p> <p>Sunnyside Bus Driver</p> <p>Skip Wissinger</p> <p>Sunday School Nursery</p> <p>Sandy Taylor</p> <p>Acolyte</p> <p>Caitlyn Miller</p> <p>Infant Nursery</p> <p>Alayne Leggett and Jacki Nickel</p> <p>2 & 3 Year Olds</p> <p>Rebecca Arthur and Diane Schwalbach</p> <p>Children’s Church Leader</p> <p>Glenn and Jennifer Strawderman</p>

Gathering of the Offering

Offertory *In Christ There Is No East or West* (Tune: St. Peter)

*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 *When We Are Living* No. 400

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Response

*Postlude *To God Be the Glory* - Doane

(*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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 14, 2008

10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements Dick Miller, Worship Leader

Minute for Mission Christian Education Ed Comer

Prelude *For the Beauty of the Earth* - arr. Casner
(Tune: England's Lane)

For Silent Meditation during the Opening Music

Almighty God, you pour out the spirit of grace and supplication on all who desire it. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing, and give praise to God's name; tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

*Hymn *How Lovely, Lord* No. 207

*Prayer of the Day

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, we have sinned. You know that, and so do we.

Sometimes we tell ourselves we haven't, but deep down we know the truth.

We have done things which we regret, and we have failed in loving you and one another.

Forgive us.

Pour your love into our hearts, and set us free to love you and neighbor with all that we are.

Help us also to forgive ourselves.

Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 14

- **ABC's of Worship:** Families with children in K-5th grade are invited to join us this afternoon at 4:00 for a time of learning and fellowship as we explore the meanings of Light, Baptism, and Communion in worship.
- 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 14, 21, or 28 from 10-10:30a.m. and following worship. Schedule your appointment today!
- **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: Dale Dobroth, Larry and Pam French, Sherry Gordon, Bo Hobbie, Nancy Lu Irvine, Gail Oppy, Robin Reed, Polly Wisor.
- **Harrisonburg CROP WALK,** September 28 at 2:30p.m. at the Liberty Street Parking Lot. CROP Hunger Walks provide help for children and families worldwide and in the U.S. to have food for today, while building for a better tomorrow. Information and sponsor forms are available in the narthex or by contacting David Allen at 442-1140; hburgallens@comcast.net.
- **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.
- **These Days** features daily meditations and devotions. Copies of the quarterly publication are supplied by the PW and are available in the Gathering Area and the Narthex. While these are offered at no cost, donation are accepted to help cover the cost of the subscription
- **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.

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