

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 *Amazing Grace* No. 280

*Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.*

*The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

Installation of Officers for the Presbyterian Women

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

Scripture Reading Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon *Is God Fair?* Pastor John P. Leggett

*Hymn *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* No. 498

The Sacrament of Baptism for Abigail Kyle

Presentation

Renunciations

*The Apostles’ Creed (*unison*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Laying on of Hands

This Week at MPC

Sunday, September 21

9:00am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
10:30am-3:30pm Middle School Youth Rally (Massanetta Springs)
11:30am Care Group Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
1:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service
1:00-5:00pm Fellowship Hall in use/C. Long
4:30pm Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal (Bell Room)
5:45pm Vision Team (Parlor)
6:00pm High School Youth Meeting
6:00pm Disciple Bible Study Class (Parlor)
6:30pm New Member Reception followed by Session Meeting (Gathering Area)

Monday, September 22

7:00pm Boy Scouts (119)

Tuesday, September 23

9:00am Yoga (Gathering Area)
12:00 noon MPC Clergy and Spouse’s Luncheon (Sunnyside)

1:00pm Staff Meeting (Library)
5:00pm Yoga (Gathering Area)

Wednesday, September 24

6:30am Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
9:15am Crossroads Pealers Rehearsal (Bell Room)
10:30am PW Coordinating Team (Parlor)
4:15pm Children’s Yoga (Gathering Area)
5:00pm WOW (Fellowship Hall)
6:15pm Community Outreach Ministry (Library)
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, September 25

No Yoga
7:00pm Food Pantry

Friday, September 26

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

Saturday, September 27

6:00pm Recorders Rehearsal (Choir Room)

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 Class (Parlor)

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Offering Given Last Week \$10,295.49

Offering Given Year to Date \$44,642.79

Weekly Need \$14,227.00

Difference (\$81,756.21)

Attending Worship Last Week 349

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

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...

...**Glenn and Nancy Wayland** and their family on the death of Glenn’s father, Robert Wayland

Thanks to Those Serving During Worship	
Today	Next Week
Greeters	Greeters
Marty and Susie Diehl, Kathy Frakes and Robert and Pauline Woods	Gary and Crystal Blosser Bud and Betty Long
Ushers	Ushers
Tim and Lisa Cooper, Bill Heinemann, Don and Carol Poulson, Juli and Marcus Sensabaugh, Jack Wysor	Bob Bales, Kevin Caldwell, Fleming Jones, John Myers, Chris Preston, Curt Schwalback, Glenn Strawderman, Sandy Taylor
Sunnyside Bus Driver	Sunnyside Bus Driver
Skip Wissinger	Richard Ours
Sunday School Nursery	Sunday School Nursery
Sandy Taylor	Pam French
Acolyte	Acolyte
Caitlyn Miller	Jacob Laughlin
Infant Nursery	Infant Nursery
Alayne Leggett and Jacki Nickel	Mark and Barbara Palmer
2 & 3 Year Olds	2 & 3 Year Olds
Rebecca Arthur and Diane Schwalbach	Julia Sensabaugh and Wendy Stapleton
Children’s Church Leader	Children’s Church Leader
Glenn and Jennifer Strawderman	Dannie Allen and Angie Wheeler

Welcome (*responsively*)

Abigail has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

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 *Joyful Celebration* Dan Edwards
Spectrum Youth Handbell Ensemble

*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 *O Jesus, I Have Promised* No. 388

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Response

*Postlude *With Grateful Hearts Our Faith Processing* Pachelbel

(*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 21

- 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 on Sunday, September 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: David Allen, Leslie Dutt, Jim Huffman, Tim Miller, Susan Reid, Linda Myers and Mary Walters.
- **Harrisonburg CROP WALK**, next Sunday. Information and sponsor forms are available in the narthex or by contacting David Allen at 442-1140 or hburgallens@comcast.net.
- Monday, September 29 at 1:00 p.m. a **small group study for Sunnyside residents** called "What's So Amazing About Grace" will begin. The group will meet at The Highlands in the Blue Ridge Room.
- **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, donations are accepted to help cover the cost of the subscription.
- You are invited to attend the **Annual Meeting of People Helping People** on Tuesday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. with a carry-in meal in the church fellowship hall. Chicken, beverages and table service will be provided; just bring a dish to round out the meal.
- 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. Please have your check, made out to MPC, in the church office by October 1.
- The **Prime Timers Fall Outing** will be held at Betty Long's family cabin near Luray on Monday, October 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.



Massanutten
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

September 21, 2008

10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements Fred Burfoot, Worship Leader

Minute for Mission *Ready to Respond* Tim Long

Prelude *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* Pachelbel

For Silent Meditation during the Opening Music

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and 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.

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Hymn *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* No. 446

*Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

God of all, you have willed that the last shall be first, and you have made a little child the measure of your kingdom. Give us that wisdom which is from above, so we may understand that, in your sight, the one who serves is the greatest of all. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Merciful God,
in baptism you grafted us into the body of Christ,
promising us forgiveness of sin and newness of life.
But we fail to live as forgiven people.
We keep destructive habits and hold grudges.
We allow our past to hold us hostage
and are reluctant to welcome newness.**

**In your loving-kindness have mercy on us and free us from sin.
Remind us of the promises you have made to us in baptism so that we may live as your people, claimed in the waters of promise. Amen.**