



Our mission:
to nurture disciples of Jesus Christ
who join boldly with the Spirit's work
in the world.

A Service for the Lord's Day
First Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2022

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came* -Cherwien

*Lighting of the Advent Candle (*responsively*) *Ellen Blose, Ruth Smith, and family*

Advent is a magical season,
A time when our hearts await
With wonder and anticipation
The magic that Christmas brings,
The miracle of Christ's birth

But did you know that Christ was here all along?

**Waiting in the stardust,
Waiting for YAHWEH to stir.**

And when you brush aside the tinsel,
You may see the Christ child,
Lying in a manger.

**Yet Christ was here all along,
Waiting in the stardust,
Waiting for YAHWEH to stir.**

Waiting to feel the touch of humanity,
To see the angels from below.

Christ was here all along,

Waiting to come as a child,
With warmth and joy and humanity
As a special reminder
That we are not alone.

**For lo, I am with you always,
'til the end of the age, says the LORD.**

*Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vv. 1, 2, special verse*)*

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*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show;
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O God of mercy, hear us as we pray;
Dispel the gloomy dark that dims our way,
Unveil the mystery of our Savior's birth;
Let Heaven's glory shine upon the Earth.
Rejoice! Rejoice! The Child of Hope draws near;
An infant born to share God's Kingdom here.*

**The final verse was written by Jean Kilby*

*Call to Confession (*Responsive*)

You know what time it is:

Now is the time to wake from sleep.

Salvation is near!

Let us confess our sins.

*Prayer of Confession

God of night and day,

**there is no shadow that can conceal our sin from you
and no secret that you will not bring to light.**

Forgive our reveling and drunkenness,

Forgive us, O God.
Forgive our debauchery and licentiousness,
forgive us, O God.
Forgive our quarreling and jealousy,
forgive us, O God.

O God, forgive our sins,
renew us in love,
and teach us to live in a way
that brings honor and glory to your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

In our baptisms we were bathed in light and clothed with grace.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Response of Praise *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* (v. 4) 107

*Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night.
Though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light;
be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer
and love our endless story;
may God fill every day we share
and bring us at last into glory.*

We Gather Around God's Word

Time with the Children Pastor Ann Pettit

Anthem *Keep Your Lamps*

Scripture Reading Romans 13:8-14

Sermon *Watchful Living* Pastor Keith Phillips

*Affirmation of Faith *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright* (vv. 1,4) 152

*What star is this, with beams so bright,
more lovely than the noonday light?
'Tis sent to announce a newborn king,*

*glad tidings of our God to bring.
O Jesus, while the star of grace
impels us on to seek your face,
let not our slothful hearts refuse
the guidance of your light to use.*
We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *The Eyes of All*

We Are Fed at God's Table
(Please see insert for the Lord's Supper)

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* 97

*Watchman, tell us of the night,
what its signs of promise are.
Traveler, what a wondrous sight:
see that glory-beaming star.
Watchman, does its beauteous ray
news of joy or hope foretell?
Traveler, yes; it brings the day,
promised day of Israel.*

*Watchman, tell us of the night;
higher yet that star ascends.
Traveler, blessedness and light,
peace and truth its course portends.
Watchman, will its beams alone
gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, ages are its own;
see, it bursts o'er all the earth.*

*Watchman, tell us of the night,
for the morning seems to dawn.
Traveler, shadows take their flight;
doubt and terror are withdrawn.*

*Watchman, you may go your way;
hasten to your quiet home.
Traveler, we rejoice today,
for Emmanuel has come!*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *Prepare the Way of the Lord*

*Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see
the salvation of our God.*

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This Week At MPC

Sunday, Nov. 27

9:00am Adult Sunday School
9:30am *No HS Breakfast today*
Faith Village
Parent Fellowship
10:00am Coffee Fellowship
10:30am Worship
No Godly Play today
No Youth Activities today

Monday, Nov. 28 Church Office Closed

8:00am Sanctuary in use until
8pm—Organ tuning
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers

Tuesday, Nov. 29

8:00am Sanctuary in use until
8pm—Organ /tuning
7:15pm Choir Room in use

Wednesday, Nov. 30

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
10:30am Staff Meeting (FH)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Dec. 1

12noon Presbytery Committee
Meeting until 4pm—(FH)

Friday, Dec. 2 Church Office Closed

6:30 pm Fellowship Hall in use

Saturday, Dec. 3 Church Office Closed

Youth Lock-In

Sunday, Dec. 4

9:00am Adult Sunday School
9:30am *No HS Breakfast today*
Faith Village
Parent Fellowship
10:00am Coffee Fellowship (FH)
10:30am Worship
Godly Play
6:00pm *No Youth Fellowship today*

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Serving November 27

Door Monitor: Don Enslin & Marc Davis

Greeters: Chris & Phyllis Hamilton

Ushers and Water Pourers:
Greg & Ann Trobaugh

Nursery: Katie Gray & Erin Basgier

Faith Village:
No Faith Village today

Godly Play: *No Godly Play today*

High School Breakfast: *Will not meet*

Middle School Youth:
No Youth activities today

High School Youth:
No Youth activities today

Serving December 4

Door Monitors: Jack Rimer

Greeters: Ka Guinn

Ushers and Water Pourers:
Fred Good & Cheryl Henderson

Nursery:

Faith Village:
No Faith Village today

Godly Play: *No Godly Play today*

High School Breakfast: *Will not meet*

Middle School Youth:
No Youth activities today

High School Youth:
No Youth activities today

Life at Massanutten

- **This morning we begin our journey through Advent.** This year our worship focus will be: *Reclaiming Hope*. We will explore hope in a variety of ways, beginning with what it means to *Live Watchfully*. Each week we will be invited to reflect on what that looks like in our lives, writing down our thoughts on the lavender cards in the chair racks. Those worshipping online are invited to email your responses to the pastor preaching that day and your thoughts will be transferred to a lavender card.
- **Angel Tree gifts will go to assist families of our Food Pantry.** Select an ornament from the tree, signing the notebook to let us know the ornament has been taken. Return your wrapped gift or gift card with the ornament attached to the church by **Sunday, December 4th**. Financial gifts for the Angel Tree may be through our online giving portal or by check noting Angel Tree in the memo section. Thank you for reaching out this Christmas season.
- We will be creating **holiday baskets** to share with those who are unable to gather for worship regularly and are seeking contributions to those baskets. Check out the information board in the Narthex to see what's needed—and take a stickie to help you remember! Items need to be returned to the church **next Sunday**.
- **Santa Sack Collection** The Presbyterian Women are collecting the following items for Santa Sacks for the Salvation Army.: Shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste/toothbrushes, hairbrushes, combs, hand lotion, bar soap, hand sanitizers, wash cloths, kitchen towels, hot mats, tissues (small packs), popcorn, snack crackers, hot chocolate (no glass or pump containers). Place your donations in the box in the narthex by **December 1st**.
- **Christmas Dinner and Music**—Saturday, December 3rd at Massanetta Springs. A delicious dinner will be followed by music from JMU's ReScored—a lower-voice a cappella group. Make a reservation by contacting Massanetta!
- **Shenandoah Valley Choral Society Christmas Concert**—Friday, December 16th, 7:30pm and Sunday, December 18th, 3:00pm at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. The concert will feature G. F. Handel's Messiah and the concert includes a variety of new and traditional carol settings and will feature the premier of a new carol arrangement by local composer Dr. John G. Barr.
- **The Congregational Nominating Committee** invites your thoughtful recommendations to help them as they discern the congregation's needs & the gifts of those who will be invited to serve. To share a name, please complete a nomination form which can found at the church on Sunday mornings.
- **Presbyterian Women Circles** meet for Bible Study and prayer each 2nd Tuesday morning at 10:00 am (Fellowship Hall); 2nd Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 pm (Bethel Room in Sunnyside Assisted Living Area); and 2nd Wednesday evening at 4:00 pm (Fellowship Hall). To learn more, contact the church office.



Advent Celebration

Sunday, December 11th

Right after Worship

*Dinner, prepared by the Community Life Commission
Music and Caroling provided by the Massanutten Ringers*

And,

A Care Project, led by the Presbyterian Women.

Mark your calendars for this time of Holiday Fellowship and Sharing!

Children and Youth Corner

Sunday, November 27

No children and youth programming

Sunday, December 4

9:30am Faith Village

Parent Fellowship

HS Breakfast will not meet

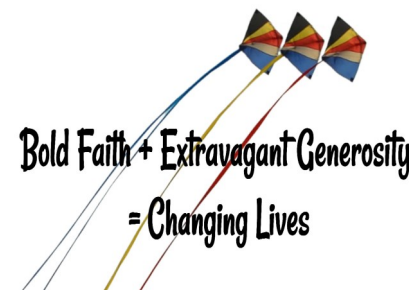
Saturday, December 3—4

Youth Lock-in (MS & HS)

10:30am Worship

Godly Play

*Seeking to nurture and empower our children and youth to live and serve
in the world as loving disciples of Jesus Christ.*



On January 1, 2021, the balance on our mortgage was \$1,071,111. As of October 21, 2022, our loan balance was \$366,850 - a decrease of **\$704,261** in the last 23 months.

Since the Debt Elimination Campaign began in October 2021, \$583,915 has been paid on the mortgage as a result of budgeted mortgage payments, additional giving to reduce debt through the year, & gifts made toward campaign commitments. **To God be the Glory!**