



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
Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit

How Lovely, Lord

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

-Walther

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

We've gathered: expectant, hopeful, ready;

we're here: hungry, thirsty, longing to be filled.

Together we listen for a word from the Lord -

giving thanks for the nourishment of God's abundant love.

*Hymn

Here in This Place

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*Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young; our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away;
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, you have called us to be community -

to notice, reach out and make space in our lives for each other.

We confess that we do not do this well.

We shrink from your call not simply to do for others - but to be with others.

We seek what is familiar and comfortable first.

**We confess that in our own lives, and in the church,
we like to know who we know and keep things the way they are.**

Forgive us, we pray.

Help us to look up and around to see where we can create community.

**Remind us that Jesus gathered people together
and helped them find their place.**

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Even before we asked, God's grace was enabling the confession of our hearts.

Thanks be to God who has forgiven our sin and sends us out into the gift of abundant life.

Anthem

One in Your Name

-Callanan

*Response of Praise

My Life Flows On

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*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?*

We Gather Around God's Word

Time with the Children

Pastor Keith Phillips

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Sermon

You Belong

The Reverend Dr. Teri Ott

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*responsively*)

Belonging to God: A First Catechism

Who are you?

I am a child of God.

What does it mean to be a child of God?

That I belong to God, who loves me.

What makes you a child of God?

Grace -- God's free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.

Don't you have to be good for God to love you?

No. God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.

How do you thank God for this gift of love?

I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.

How do you love God?

By worshipping God, by loving others, and by respecting what God has created.

We Are Fed at God's Table

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We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn

I Come with Joy

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*I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.*

*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.*

*The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.*

*Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.*

Invitation to the Offering

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Go My Children, v. 1

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*“Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own.”*

Life at Massanutten

- **This morning we welcome the Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott to the pulpit.** Teri has served in ministry for over twenty-four years in a variety of pastoral roles in the church and as chaplain of Monmouth College in Illinois. She currently serves as the Editor / Publisher of *The Presbyterian Outlook, the only independent news resource of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)* Her first book, *Necessary Risks: Challenges Privileged People Need to Face*, was inspired by her work with college students and her experience volunteer teaching in a men’s prison. Teri is married to the Rev. Dr. Daniel J. Ott who serves Eastern Mennonite University as Dean of Theology, Humanities and Performing Arts. They have two teenagers, Isaac and Ella, who attend Eastern Mennonite School.
- **Blanket the World with Love**—Offering envelopes for the Blankets+ Offering are in the chair racks. A gift of \$10 will purchase a blanket for a person or family in need. Hebrews 13:16 reminds us, *“And don’t forget to do good and share with those in need.”*
- **An American Red Cross CPR and AED Hybrid** class is being held in March with a limit of 12 participants. The class will have an online independent component which must be successfully completed before the in-person component. The in-person/ hands-on portion will be offered at Massanutten Church on Saturday, March 18, 2023 from 8:30 am to noon. Information for the online part of the class will be sent to the participants 7 to 10 days before March 18. There is no charge, but registration with an email address is required. Please contact the church office to reserve a spot.
- **Inclement Weather Policy for MPC**—In case of inclement weather, check church closings on WHSV (Harrisonburg television station) or massanuttenchurch.org.
- **Safety Message**—Greet visitors warmly! Personal contact means a lot to a new face.

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Sunday Morning, February 12

We don’t know the teams that will be duking it out to win the championship but we can all play a role in tackling hunger with the Souper Bowl of Caring 2023!

You are invited to begin collecting non-perishable food items for donation to the Food Pantry. When you arrive at church on February 12th, place your food donations in the designated area for the team you are supporting.

Youth will also be collecting monetary donations for a food charity of their choosing. More details to come! Cash or checks will be accepted (write Souper Bowl on your check or envelope). You will soon also be able to donate online at massanuttenchurch.org (choose Souper Bowl of Caring).

Silent Auction

Sunday February 26—following Worship

To help fund 2023 Summer Opportunities for Youth
Montreat High School Conference, June 11-17
Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference, June 27-30
Mission Trip to Raleigh, July 16-21

These trips cost hundreds of dollars per participant. To help our youth and their families, we will host a silent auction after worship on Sunday, February 26th.

Want to donate to the auction?

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- ◆ Items may be: homemade (gift basket, jewelry, artwork), a service you provide (yard work, dinner for 4, an evening of childcare), from your home in excellent condition (furniture, china, or tools), entertainment gift card or ticket, etc.
- ◆ Donations may be dropped off Saturday, February 25th, between 10:00 am - noon in the Fellowship Hall. If that time doesn't work for you, please contact the church office to arrange an alternate time.

On Sunday, February 26th these items will be displayed for bidding and while you are browsing, light refreshments will be provided to enjoy.

Between your generosity donating items, and participation in the silent auction itself, this fundraiser will be a huge success and provide meaningful opportunities for our youth. Thank you!

Children and Youth

Sunday, January 22

9:30am Faith Village
 HS Breakfast
 Parent Fellowship
 10:30am Worship
 Godly Play
 4:00pm Youth Ice-Skating & Dinner

Sunday, January 29

9:30am Faith Village
 HS Breakfast
 Parent Fellowship
 10:30am Worship
 Godly Play
 5:00pm Fun with Handbells
 6:00pm Youth Dinner & Fellowship

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

This Week At MPC

Sunday, Jan. 22

9:00am Adult Sunday School
 9:30am Faith Village
 Parent Fellowship
 10:30am Worship
 Godly Play
 4:00pm Youth Ice Skating (B'water)
 6:30pm Session

Thursday, Jan. 26

8:30am Preschool Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall until 8:30pm

Friday, Jan. 27 Church Office Closed
 Parking Lot work

Saturday, Jan. 28

Church Office Closed

Monday, Jan 23 Church Office Closed

6:00pm Boy Scouts
 7:00pm Massanutten Ringers

Sunday, Jan. 29

9:00am Adult Sunday School
 9:30am High School Breakfast
 Faith Village
 Parent Fellowship
 10:30am Worship
 2:00pm Movie Matinee (FH)
 5:00pm Fun with Handbells
 6:00pm Youth Dinner & Fellowship

Tuesday, Jan. 24

7:00pm Treble Choir Rehearsal
 (Choir Room)

Wednesday, Jan. 25

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
 9:00am Legacy Meeting (L)
 10:30am Staff Meeting (L)
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Serving January 22

Door Monitor: Skip & Kath Wissinger

Greeters: Helen, Whitney, Carley & George Scully

Ushers and Water Pourers: Fred Good & Cheryl Henderson

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Erin Basgier

Faith Village: Jennifer Coffelt & Barbara Palmer

Godly Play: Nancy Wayland & Angela Kaltenborn

Youth (MS & HS) : Sarah Rimer & Chris Hamilton

Serving January 29

Door Monitor: Fred Good

Greeters: Dave & Jan Reser

Ushers and Water Pourers: Ron & Janet Morris

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Sharon Lam

Faith Village: Jennifer Coffelt & Kathy Frakes

Godly Play: Robin & Diann Reed

High School Breakfast: Diann Reed

MS Youth: Sarah Rimer

HS Youth: Gus Scheidt