



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

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A Service for the Lord's Day  
*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

February 5, 2023

10:30 a.m.

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## We Gather at God's Call

Introit *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* -Dale Wood

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Mary Ann Alger, Worship Leader  
Called to be light,  
**we carry God's hope into the shadows of the world.**  
Called to be salt,  
**we let joy move through us and into the lives of others.**  
Called to live in God's reality,  
**we build community with siblings in Christ.**

\*Hymn *When Morning Gilds the Skies* 667  
*When morning gilds the skies,  
my heart awaking cries:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer  
to Jesus I repair:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Does sadness fill my mind?  
A solace here I find:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Or fades my earthly bliss?  
My comfort still is this:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Let earth's wide circle round  
in joyful notes resound:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let air and sea and sky  
from depth to height reply:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Be this, while life is mine,  
my canticle divine:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this the eternal song  
through all the ages long:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Gracious and loving God,  
we have asked for your righteous judgment against others,  
but have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives.  
We have worshiped you with our lips,  
but have dishonored you with our actions.  
We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world,  
yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others.  
What we believe has become the source of quarreling  
rather than a testimony to your grace.  
Forgive us Lord,  
and give us integrity of heart  
that we may shine forth the light of your salvation  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

Through the mercy of our Lord, we are forgiven for what we have done  
and what we have not done.

**Thanks be for God's good and kind ways. Alleluia - Amen!**

\*Response of Praise

*Sing Praise to God (v. 1)*

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*Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled,  
and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory!*

**We Gather Around God’s Word**

Time with the Children

*Souper Bowl of Caring*

Kristen Enslin  
Carolina Rascoe

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon

Pastor Ann Pettit

**We Respond to God’s Word**

Invitation to the Offering

Special Music

*I Will Sing With the Spirit*

-Rutter

*I will sing with the Spirit, Alleluia!  
And I will sing with the understanding also, Alleluia!*

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People

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.**

**Sacrament of Baptism for Natalie O’Neal Altman**

Presentation

Questions

Profession of Faith

Renunciations

Profession

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Prayer of Dedication

Welcome

Sharing the Peace of Christ

**We Are Sent to the World**

\*Hymn

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

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*Child of blessing, child of promise,  
baptized with the Spirit's sign,  
with this water God has sealed you  
unto love and grace divine.*

*Child of love, our love's expression,  
love's creation, loved indeed!  
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits;  
into joy and laughter lead.*

*Child of joy, our dearest treasure,  
God's you are, from God you came.  
Back to God we humbly give you:  
live as one who bears Christ's name.*

*Child of God, your loving Parent,  
learn to listen for God's call.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship;  
trust and love God more than all.*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*I'm Gonna Live So (v. 1)*

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*I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

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**This Week At MPC**

**Sunday, Feb. 5—Scout Sunday**  
 4:00pm Evening Circle (Zoom)  
 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:00am Bethel Circle (SS)  
 9:30am High School Breakfast 10:30am Staff Meeting  
*No Faith Village or Parent Fellowship today* 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, Feb. 9**

10:00am Fellowship Time  
 10:30am Worship  
 Godly Play  
 5:00pm Fun with Handbells  
 7:00pm Food Pantry

**Friday, Feb. 10** Church Office Closed  
 Open Doors

**Monday, Feb. 6** Church Office Closed

Open Doors  
*No Boy Scouts today*  
*No Massanutten Ringers today*

**Saturday, Feb. 11** Church Office Closed  
 Open Doors

**Tuesday, Feb. 7**

Open Doors  
 7:00pm Treble Choir Rehearsal  
 (Choir Room)

**Sunday, Feb. 12—Souper Bowl of Caring**

9:00am Adult Sunday School  
 No High School Breakfast  
 9:30am Faith Village  
 Parent Fellowship  
 10:30am Worship  
 Godly Play  
 5:00pm *No Fun with Handbells or Youth today*

**Wednesday, Feb. 8**

Open Doors  
 7:30am Men's Prayer Group

**Serving February 5**

**Door Monitor:** Bill Lam & Marc Davis

**Greeters:** Boy Scouts &  
 Denny & Rebecca Arthur

**Ushers and Water Pourers:**  
 Boy Scouts & Frank & Jean Gearing

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Barbara Palmer

**Faith Village:** *No Faith Village today*

**Godly Play:** Robin & Diann Reed

**High School Breakfast:** Robin & Diann Reed

**MS Youth:** Sarah Rimer

**HS Youth:** Gus Scheidt

**Serving February 12**

**Door Monitor:** Jack Rimer

**Greeters:** TBD

**Ushers and Water Pourers:**  
 Nick Swartz & Ben Craig

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Emily Burkholder

**Faith Village:** *No Faith Village today*

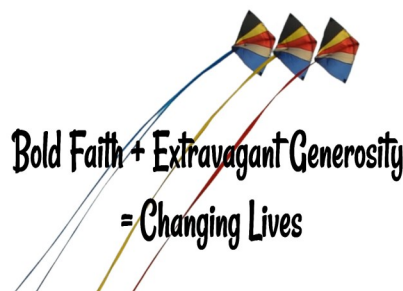
**Godly Play:** Robin & Diann Reed

**No HS Breakfast today**

**No MS & HS Youth today**

## Life at Massanutten

- **This morning we will baptize Natalie O’Neal Altman**, daughter of Hannah and Scott Altman. Joining the pastors administering the sacrament is the Reverend Bob von Oeyen (HR), Natalie’s grandfather and Hannah’s father.
- **Today is Scout Sunday.** We are grateful for Troop 28 scouts and their leaders who provide service to the congregation and community in various ways. This morning they are helping us with the worship service. **Scout Spaghetti Dinner will be held on March 17th.** Tickets are available in the Narthex this morning or by contacting the church office. \$8 per ticket or \$30 per family.
- **Friday, February 24th at 5 pm. The Community Life Commission invites everyone to join them for an evening of fun and fellowship.** The Lady Dukes, currently at the top of the Sun Belt Conference standings, are hosting their final home game of the regular season against Marshall. We will sit together as a group (all seats have chair backs). Tickets are \$10.00 and must be reserved by February 8th. Contact the church office to reserve yours so we can *cheer on the Lady Dukes* together!
- **The Baja Mexico Mission Team** is seeking those interested in building a house, faith, talents, relationships and awareness. The trip this year is scheduled for **July 8 - 16**. Our first meeting and reunion dinner is scheduled for **Sunday, February 26 at 1:00 PM** at Olivet Presbyterian Church. Call Rhonda Richie for details 540-290-3404.
- **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.



On January 1, 2021, the balance on our mortgage was \$1,071,111. As of January 25, 2023, our balance was \$238,335- a decrease of **\$832,773** in the last 24 months.

Since the Debt Elimination Campaign began in September 2021, \$712,427 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!**

## The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation will be held in the sanctuary Sunday, February 26, 2023 During and Following 10:00 am worship

Throughout the service and meeting we will:  
*celebrate our 2022 ministry,  
act on the report of the congregation’s nominating committee,  
review the approved 2023 ministry budget,  
and vote on the co-pastors’ terms of call.*

A packet including: agenda, reports, and the proposed 2023 terms of call for the co-pastors will be available next **Sunday, February 12th.**

An opportunity for discussion on the content of the packet and ministry of the congregation will be held **Sunday, February 19th**, immediately following worship in the sanctuary.

**A zoom link for both the meeting and the discussion session will be provided to assist those who need to attend remotely.**

**And...following the meeting on February 26th, everyone’s invited to a time of fellowship, food and fun at the Youth Silent Auction in the Fellowship Hall.**

## Children and Youth

### Sunday, February 5

9:30am HS Breakfast  
*No Faith Village or  
Parent Fellowship this morning*  
10:00am First Sunday Fellowship (FH)  
10:30am Worship (with Baptism)  
Godly Play  
5:00pm Fun with Handbell  
6:00pm Youth Dinner & Fellowship

### Sunday, February 12

*No HS Breakfast*  
9:30am Faith Village  
Parent Fellowship  
10:30am Worship  
Godly Play  
*No Youth Activities today*

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