



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 in Lent

March 12 , 2023

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *Hope of the World*

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Give Me Jesus* -Carter

Words for Reflection
anything and everything
*I'd give you a drink,
a warm cup of tea with lemon and mint,
a confetti cannon, roses from the garden,
my favorite sweatshirt, a bed to lay in,
homemade bread, a hand to hold.
I'd give you my full attention.
I'd give you my phone,
and say, put your number in.
I'd give you the melody line,
a standing ovation,
a sense of security.
I'd give you anything and everything
if it made you believe
that you were enough.*

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Tori Kaltborn, Worship Leader
We gather together—
**the seekers, the dreamers, the shooting-star wishers,
in hopes of seeing God.**

We gather together—
**the curious, the hungry, the loving, the lonely,
in hopes of finding peace.**
We gather together—
**those who are thirsty and those with water to spare,
in hopes of finding justice.**
So come to the well,
come to the table.
Come, let us worship God. Amen.

*Hymn

Ho, All Who Thirst

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Refrain:
*Ho, all who thirst,
come now to the water,
and all whose souls are parched
and weary, come and drink!
Ho, all who thirst,
come now to the water,
and from your heart will flow
a never-failing spring!*

*Why forsake the Lord,
the fount of living water,
choosing broken cups
that cannot be filled? (Refrain)*

*For the Lamb will be
our shepherd and will guide us
to the wellsprings of
the water of life. (Refrain)*

*All who come may take
this gift of living water.
They will thirst no more,
for they shall be filled. (Refrain)*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession
**Jesus, friend of all,
once again, we come to you knowing
our words have stung,
our actions have harmed,
and our indifference has let evil have its day.**

**Our hearts yearn for you,
our souls thirst for you,
yet we do not imitate you in our lives.
We scorn those who are different from us,
and relish our own comfort.
Once again, forgive us, O God.
Give us your living water,
that we might tell the world
all that you have done for us. Amen.**

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

In Romans 5, the Apostle Paul reminds us
that God is with us even in our sufferings,
for suffering produces endurance,
endurance produces character,
character produces hope,
**and hope does not disappoint us,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts.
Thanks be to God!**

***Response** *The Steadfast Love of the Lord* 59

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O Lord,
great is your faithfulness.*

We Gather Around God's Word

Time with the Children Ashley Gordon-Becker

Scripture Reading John 4:5-42

Sermon *Seeking: Will You Give Me a Drink?* Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe that a glass of water given to us by a stranger can taste like justice.
We believe that honest conversation has the power to change us.
We believe that all God's children have a voice and something to say.
We believe that Jesus loves the outcast, the ignored, the shamed, and the abandoned.

We believe in asking questions.

We believe in curiosity.

We believe in giving people a drink.

May we be brave enough to give people a drink. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem *Renew Your People* -Currie

*Loving Father, Gracious God, praise and glory to you.
Burdened by our sin and its darkness,
We long for light, our souls renew.
Merciful Father, we ask of you, salvation and healing,
Our hearts renew.*

*Renew your people, O Lord, renew our lives with your Word.
Refresh with your Spirit, restore with your love,
Renew your people, O Lord. (Refrain)*

*Thank you for your gift of Love: Christ the Lord. Prince of Peace.
Jesus is our Friend and our Savior, make us like Him, Your power release.
Send us your Spirit in all we do, with joyful devotion our hearts renew.*

*Father, make us caring neighbors, teach us, Lord, how to give.
Help us strive for true peace and justice, living as Christ taught us to live.
May all our efforts give praise to you, unite us in spirit, our lives renew.*

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

We Are Sent to the World

***Hymn** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* 727

*Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.*

*I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.*

*I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.*

*When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.*

*Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *Go with Us Lord* 748

*Go with us Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.*

Poem and liturgy written by Rev. Sarah A. Speed, A Sanctified Art LLC, sanctifiedart.org

This Week At MPC

Sunday, March 12

9:00am Adult Sunday School
9:30am *No Faith Village today*
No High School Breakfast
No Parent Fellowship
10:00am Coffee Fellowship (FH)
10:30am Worship
Godly Play
4:00pm Massanutten Brass Band
Concert
No Evening Youth Activities

Monday, March 13 Church Office Closed

10:00am Food Pantry
5:00pm Administrative Commission
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers
Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 14

7:15pm Treble Choir (CR)

Wednesday, March 15

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

Thursday, March 16

11:00am Lenten Study (GA)
5:30pm Community Life (Zoom)

Friday, March 17 Church Office Closed

Saturday, March 18 Church Office Closed

8:30am CPR/AED Class (FH)

Sunday, March 19

9:00am Adult Sunday School
9:30am Faith Village
No High School Breakfast
Parent Fellowship
10:30am Worship
Godly Play
No Evening Youth Activities
Session (FH)
6:30pm

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Serving March 12

Door Monitor: Dwight Newman

Greeters: Ric and JoAnn Leobold

Ushers and Water Pourers:
Angela & Corinna Kaltenborn

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Erin Basgier

No Faith Village today

Godly Play: Robin & Diann Reed

No HS Breakfast today

No Evening Youth Activities

Serving March 19

Door Monitor: Mike Guinn

Greeters: Chris & Phyllis Hamilton

Ushers and Water Pourers:
Greg & Ann Trobaugh

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Barbara Palmer

Faith Village:
Jennifer Coffelt & Jeannie Sutherland

Godly Play:

No HS Breakfast today

No Evening Youth Activities

Life at Massanutten

- Our 2023 Lenten theme is **Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith**. Our friends at *Sanctified Art* developed this theme to follow the lectionary scriptures for 2023, which highlight people who are seeking depth or transformation in their lives. This Lenten theme will carry through our worship liturgy, sermons, and the Lenten study group which is held each Thursday at 11:00 am. And, each Sunday at 9:00 am the Sunday school classes will be using ‘*An Acceptable Fast*’ to move through the season.
- **FLOCKS OF CHICKS mission project**—Massanutten Presbyterian Women invite the congregation to join in this Heifer International initiative. We’re challenging the congregation to join us in purchasing flocks of baby chicks to be given to families in need, along with education on their care. They raise the chicks into hens and use their eggs for nourishment, for income when sold and for sharing with others by passing on the gift. Visit our display in the narthex and pick up an envelope for returning your special gift. You may also donate at MassanuttenChurch.org.
- **Habitat for Humanity Workday**: Friday, March 17, 9:00—4:00 pm. Willing hands age 16 and older are encouraged to come to 628 Virginia Avenue for our first hands-on work day. Come for a couple hours or stay for all seven. Contact the church office or Dave Lenderking with your plans to participate.
- **Massanutten Cares**. We are seeking congregational help in identifying projects for our “all hands on deck” day of caring on Saturday, April 22nd beginning at 8:30 am. Is there someone you know that needs gutters cleaned? Bushes trimmed? Smoke alarm batteries or light bulbs changed? What else can we add to our list of things to do? If you have a project you’d like to suggest, please contact Matt Hamblen or the church office. A member of the mission and service commission will follow up in order to learn more and determine how this might fit into the day’s schedule.
- **Inclement Weather Policy for MPC**—In case of inclement weather, check church closings on WHSV (Harrisonburg television station) or massanuttenchurch.org.
- **Safety Message**: Always lock your car! Did you know your car fob has an alarm? Learn to use it, in case you are ever threatened or in a dangerous situation.



On January 1, 2021, the balance on our mortgage was \$1,071,111. As of February 22, 2023, our balance was \$228,598- a decrease of **\$842,513** since January 2021.

Since the Debt Elimination Campaign began in September 2021, \$722,167 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 Spirit of Adventure Massanutten Brass Band Massanutten Presbyterian Church TODAY: March 12 at 4:00 pm

Massanutten Brass Band is celebrating their 20th anniversary in 2023 with a very special concert. Come gather for this musical adventure as the band performs a wide variety of music themes from television and movies. The band was formed in 2001 right here at Massanutten church. A reception will follow the concert where you can greet the band members.

Valley Interfaith Action (VIA) Refounding Action March 21st 6:00—7:30 pm Bridgewater Church of the Brethren

Hundreds of VIA leaders will gather as we publicly introduce Valley Interfaith Action to corporate and elected leaders in the Valley and kick off our childcare and transportation campaigns! Childcare will be available.

MPC is a Valley Interfaith Action Covenant Partner.

Children and Youth

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10:30am Worship
Godly Play
No Evening Youth Activities (Spring Break)

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9:30am Faith Village
Parent Fellowship
No HS Breakfast
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Godly Play
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Seeking to nurture and empower our children and youth to live and serve in the world as loving disciples of Jesus Christ.