

## ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

### FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS

Nov. 12-19th, the class will have a study from The Thoughtful Christian entitled “A Biblical Diet: The Ethics of God Production and Consumption.” 9:00 a.m.

*Learn more: speak to Pastor Keith, visit [massanuttenchurch.org](http://massanuttenchurch.org), or call (540) 434-6194.*

THE COVENANT CLASS will be studying Seeing Jesus in John’s Gospel, from the Being Reformed Series, through Nov. 26th. 9:00 a.m..

## CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

### CHILDREN (THRU 5TH GRADE)

**Faith Village:** Explore Bible stories through learning styles such as art, music, science, cooking, drama, & games. 9:30 a.m.

### **Godly Play (Pre-K—2nd grade):**

Learn Bible stories through wonder and storytelling using wooden figures and felt underlays. During worship.

*Learn more: speak to Hannah Altman, visit [massanuttenchurch.org](http://massanuttenchurch.org), or call (540) 434-6194.*

### YOUTH (6TH-12TH GRADE)

**High School Breakfast (9th—12th):** Enjoy breakfast food & relaxed talk about faith & anything else. 9:30 a.m.

**Youth Group:** Sunday dinner, fellowship, & fun while learning about your faith. 6-8 p.m.

**Fun with Handbells:** Explore the fun of ringing from the basics to beyond with the opportunity to ring in worship. 5:00 p.m.



**Bold Faith + Extravagant Generosity  
= Changing Lives**

On January 1, 2021, the balance on our mortgage was \$1,071,111. As of October 19, 2023, our balance was \$102,496 - a decrease of **\$968,615**.

Since the Debt Elimination Campaign began on September 1, 2021, \$848,269 has been paid on the mortgage as a result of budgeted mortgage payments, additional giving to reduce debt through the year and gifts made toward campaign commitments. **To God be the Glory!**



**Massanutten**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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  
*Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost*

November 12, 2023

10:30 a.m.

## We Gather at God’s Call

Introit	<i>Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart</i>	-Messiter
Greeting		
Pouring of the Water		
Prelude	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	-Schutte/Carte
*Call to Worship ( <i>responsively</i> )		Kath Wissinger, Worship Leader
Rejoice and be glad!		
<b>For God is our salvation.</b>		
Rejoice and be glad!		
<b>For God is great!</b>		
*Hymn	<i>We Praise You, O God</i>	612

*We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.*

*We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;  
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.  
When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.*

*With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.  
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Loving God,  
You have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love.  
Even so, we have not lived according to your will.  
When we are oppressed or unjustly accused,  
we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance.  
When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others,  
we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws.  
Have mercy on us, Lord,  
for we are weak and prone to disobedience.  
Here our confession, and respond to us with kindness,  
that we might turn to you again,  
walk in the light,  
and live in equity and peace.  
Through Jesus we pray,  
Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Beloved, because we belong to God, we need not fear. Jesus Christ lived for us, died for us, was raised for us and prays for us. Believe the good news: in Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*Response of Praise

*Come, Sing O Church, in Joy*

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*Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! (Refrain)  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now  
and praise the Lord!*

\*Passing of the Peace (*responsively*)

May the peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **We Gather Around God's Word**

\*Sung Prayer for Illumination

*Be Thou My Vision*

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*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

## **Life at Massanutten**

- **As part of our commitment to being careful and prepared**, MPC's safety team will lead us in a brief exercise following worship this morning. Your participation is greatly appreciated to help us all care for each other in the event of an emergency.
- **It's Chili Time!** Next Sunday during worship, we are invited to respond gratefully to God, through a financial commitment to MPC's 2024 ministry. Following the service, we will celebrate the gift of community by gathering for lunch in the fellowship hall. **Chili, fixings and cornbread will be provided—please bring a dessert or side dish to share!**
- **MPC Preschool's Holiday Fundraiser** will give you an opportunity to purchase Shirley's Popcorn for yourself or for a gift. Place your order by Nov. 27th. Orders will be ready for pick up by Dec. 11th.
- **Youth Christmas Market!** A fundraiser for youth events and summer trips will be held on December 3rd following worship. Come find the perfect Christmas gifts and goodies for your loved ones. A combination Silent Auction and Christmas Cookie Sale, all funds raised will go directly to the MPC youth program. There will be light snacks and festive music. Youth are looking for donations for the market (drop off December 2nd 10am-noon). Donations must be: *new, handmade, service, entertainment or Christmas cookies*. No used or second hand items this year. **Thank you!**
- **Open Doors Transportation Volunteers.** MPC's van will be used to help Open Doors guests get from the meeting place in Harrisonburg to shelter locations in Rockingham County. To serve as a driver, contact Dale Dobroth or the church office.
- **Santa Sack Collection**—The Presbyterian Women are collecting the following items for Santa Sacks for the Salvation Army: Shampoo/conditioner, tooth paste/ tooth brushes, hairbrushes, combs, bar soap, hand sanitizers, and hand lotion (Note: no glass or pump containers), washcloths, kitchen towels, hot mats, tissues (small packs) microwave popcorn, snack crackers, hot chocolate mix. Items may be placed in the designated box in the Narthex between November 1st and December 10th.
- **Food Pantry** holiday and ongoing needs have been updated. The list can be found in the Blessings weekly email; printed lists are available near the Food Pantry box in the entry way.
- **Safety Corner**—If you test positive for COVID-19, stay home for at least 5 days and isolate from others in your home. You are likely most infectious during these first 5 days. Wear a high-quality mask if you must be around others at home and in public.

**This Week At MPC**

**Sunday, November 12**

9:00am Adult Sunday School  
 9:30am Faith Village  
 HS Breakfast (MS Room)  
 Parent Fellowship (HS Room)  
 10:30am Worship & Godly Play  
 5:00pm Fun with Handbells  
 6:00pm MS & HS Youth

**Monday, November 13**

10:00am Food Pantry  
 5:00pm Administrative Commission  
 7:00pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)

**Tuesday, November 14**

10:00am Morning Circle (FH)  
 10:00am PW Coordinating Team (GA)  
 12:00pm PS Board & Teachers (FH)

**Wednesday, November 15**

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)  
 10:00am Preschool (FH)  
 5:00pm Nurture & Discipleship  
 6:00pm Fellowship Hall in use until 9pm  
 7:00pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday, November 16**

10:00am Shenandoah Presbytery Youth  
 Leaders (GA)  
 4:30pm Mosaic (HBR)

**Fri., Nov. 17 & Sat., Nov. 18**

*Church Office Closed*

**Sunday, November 19**

9:00am Adult Sunday School  
 9:30am Faith Village  
 HS Breakfast (MS Room)  
 Parent Fellowship (HS Room)  
 10:30am Worship  
 Godly Play  
 Stewardship Lunch following  
 worship  
 12:45pm Session  
*No Fun with Handbells or  
 regular MS /HS Youth today*  
 6:00pm Youth outing to "Escapism"

**Serving November 12**

**Door Monitor:** Harvey Mast & Marc Davis

**Greeters:** Dave & Jan Reser

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**  
 Bill & Sharon Lam

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Julia Sensabaugh

**Faith Village:** Jennifer Coffelt & Sally Brown

**Godly Play:** Robin & Diann Reed

**HS Breakfast:** Ross & Sarah French

**MS Youth:** Sarah Rimer & Barbara Palmer

**HS Youth:** Gus Scheidt & Mark Palmer

**Serving November 19**

**Door Monitor:** Nancy Wayland

**Greeters:** Denny & Rebecca Arthur

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**  
 Bill & Kat Marlowe

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Sharon Lam

**Faith Village:** Jennifer Coffelt & Sally Brown

**Godly Play:** Caitlin Holsapple & Kara French

**HS Breakfast:** Ross & Sarah French

**MS Youth:** Sarah Rimer & Hannah Altman

**HS Youth:** Gus Scheidt & Chris Hamilton

Time with the Children

Sarah Rimer

Anthem

*Hush, Somebody's Callin' My Name*

-Dennard

Scripture Reading

Joshua 24:1-3a; 14-25

Sermon

Pastor Ann Pettit

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith

**We trust in God,**

**whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good  
 and makes everyone equally in God's image  
 male and female, of every race and people,  
 to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.**

**Ignoring God's commandments,**

**we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,**

**accept lies as truth,**

**exploit neighbor and nature,**

**and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

**We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

**In everlasting love,**

**the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
 to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry,**

**God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still,**

**God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
 like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,**

**God is faithful still.**

Stewardship

*Responding to God's Invitation*

Mike Basgier

Invitation to the Offering

*Give thanks with a grateful heart;  
give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)  
And now let the weak say, "We are strong;"  
let the poor say,  
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
And now let the weak say, "We are strong;"  
let the poor say,  
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
Give thanks. Give thanks.*

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and 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

*Take My Life*

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*Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.*

*Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.*

*Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use  
every power as thou shalt choose,  
every power as thou shalt choose.*

*Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.*

\*Benediction

*Following the benediction the congregation is asked to be seated  
for evacuation drill instructions.*

### Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

**Class of 2024**  
Ka Guinn  
Matt Hamblen  
John Kaltenborn  
Bill Kilby  
Ron Matthews  
Janina Peachey

**Class of 2025**  
Jan Arnold  
Ben Craig  
Bill Frazier  
Chris Hamilton  
Julia Sensabaugh

**Class of 2026**  
Ashley Gordon-Becker  
Jennifer Coffelt  
Deidre Lenderking  
Beth Smith

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