

## Angel Tree

*Angel Tree gifts for the Salvation Army* go to assist children in our community. Select an ornament from the tree in the narthex, signing the notebook to let us know the ornament has been taken. Return your unwrapped gift or gift card with the ornament attached to the church by **Sunday, December 3rd.**

### ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

#### FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS

*Dec. 3-10* the class will be looking at the background of several Advent hymns and discuss the book "The Heart that Grew Three Sizes- Finding Faith in the Story of the Grinch."

*DEC. 17* the class will be studying background and context of several

Advent Hymns and the poem "For the Time Being" by W. H. Auden

THE COVENANT CLASS will be studying the Advent Devotional "How does a weary World Rejoice" through January 7th.

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

### CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

#### CHILDREN (THRU 5TH GRADE)

**Faith Village:** Explore Bible stories through 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.

#### 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.

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**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  
*Reign of Christ Sunday*

November 26, 2023

10:30 a.m.

### We Gather at God's Call

Introit *Worship the King, All Glorious Above* -Kraus

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Thanks Be to God* -Handel

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Jan Arnold, Worship Leader

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into God's presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God.

**The Lord made us and we belong to our Creator;  
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving  
and the courts of the Lord with praise.

**Give thanks to God; bless God's name.**

For the Lord is good;

**God's steadfast love endures forever  
and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

\*Hymn *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* 385

*All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell.  
Come ye before him and rejoice.*

## Life at Massanutten

*Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk; he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.*

*O enter then his gates with praise;  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.*

*For why? The Lord our God is good;  
his mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Holy God, we confess that we have neglected  
to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives.**

**We have been quick to call on others  
to follow the ways of Christ;  
yet slow to do the same.**

**We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness;  
yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love and compassion.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike  
in word, in deed, and in spirit. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

All things, in heaven and on earth, are reconciled to God in Jesus Christ.

**Forgiveness is ours through faith in the Lord.**

Live in peace in the knowledge of God's abundant love.

**Alleluia. Thanks be to God!**

\*Response of Praise

*Now Thank We All Our God (v. 1)*

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*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today*

- **Advent begins next Sunday!** The Worship Commission invites the congregation to join them after worship this morning to assist in readying the sanctuary and a few other areas in the church for the season.
- **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 tomorrow, 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. For more information contact Hannah Altman. **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	
<p><b>Sunday, November 26</b></p> <p>9:00am Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9:30am <i>No Faith Village, HS Breakfast or Parent Fellowship today</i></p> <p>10:30am Worship Decorate church for Advent Following worship <i>No Fun with Handbells or regular Youth today</i></p> <p><b>Monday, November 27</b></p> <p>7:00pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)</p> <p><b>Tuesday, November 28</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday, November 29</b></p> <p>7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)</p> <p>7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>Thursday, November 30</b></p> <p>4:00pm Mosaic Rehearsal (FH)</p> <p><b>Friday, December 1</b></p> <p>6:30pm Civil War Dance Group (FH) <i>Church Office Closed</i></p> <p><b>Saturday, December 2</b></p> <p><i>Church Office Closed</i></p> <p><b>Sunday, December 3</b></p> <p>9:00am Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9:30am Faith Village HS Breakfast (MS Room) Parent Fellowship (HS Room)</p> <p>10:30am Worship with Communion Godly Play Youth Christmas Market following worship</p> <p>6:00pm Youth Dinner &amp; Fellowship</p>

Serving November 26	Serving December 3
<b>Door Monitor:</b> Fred Good	<b>Door Monitor:</b> Harvey Mast
<b>Greeters:</b> Anita Brechtel & Helen Groves	<b>Greeter:</b> Dick & Karen Leecy
<b>Ushers &amp; Water Pourers:</b> Marc Davis & Doug Smith	<b>Ushers &amp; Water Pourers:</b> Dwight Newman & Julia Sensabaugh
<b>Nursery:</b> Katie Rodgers & Emily Burkholder	<b>Nursery:</b> Katie Rodgers & Erin Basgier
<b>Faith Village:</b> <i>No Faith Village today</i>	<b>Faith Village:</b> Jennifer Coffelt & Melissa Caldwell
<b>Godly Play:</b> <i>No Godly Play today</i>	<b>Godly Play:</b> Gayle Allen & Angela Kaltenborn
<b>HS Breakfast:</b> <i>No breakfast today</i>	<b>HS Breakfast:</b> Ross & Sarah French
<b>Youth:</b> <i>No evening youth activities— Thanksgiving Break</i>	<b>Youth:</b> Sarah Rimer & Barbara Palmer Gus Scheidt & Chris Hamilton

\*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      *Open My Eyes That I May See (v. 1)*      451

*Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Time with the Children      Hannah Altman

Anthem      *My Hope Is in the Lord*      -Forman

Scripture Reading      Ephesians 1:15-23

Sermon      Pastor Keith Phillips

### We Respond to God's Word

\*Affirmation of Faith      (From *The Confession of 1967, 9.54 and 9.55*)  
**Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ,  
such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth,  
a marriage feast, and an unending day  
culminate in the image of the kingdom.  
The kingdom represents God's triumph  
over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation.  
Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world,  
stirring hope in all people and preparing the world  
to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.**

**With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself  
to present tasks and strives for a better world.  
It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth,  
nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.**

**In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement  
to the final triumph of God.**

Invitation to the Offering

\*Benediction Response *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples (v. 4)*

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Song of Thanksgiving *Now Thank We All Our God (v. 3)* 643

*All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,  
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,  
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.*

*May we in service to our God act out the living word,  
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord  
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.*

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 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples (vv. 1-3)* 757

*Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,  
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,  
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,  
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.*

*God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race  
to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.  
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.  
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.*

*Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,  
with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,  
a world that was created for a harmony of peace.*

\*Benediction

**Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session**

<b>Class of 2024</b>	<b>Class of 2025</b>	<b>Class of 2026</b>
Ka Guinn	Jan Arnold	Ashley Gordon-Becker
Matt Hamblen	Ben Craig	Jennifer Coffelt
John Kaltenborn	Bill Frazier	Deidre Lenderking
Bill Kilby	Chris Hamilton	Beth Smith
Ron Matthews	Julia Sensabaugh	
Janina Peachey		

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