



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
Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2024

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *God Is Calling Through the Whisper* Polish Carol

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *A Quiet Faith* -Logan

Call to Worship Worship Leader, John Kaltenborn

God is our rock and salvation.

We wait to hear from God; our souls wait.

We depend on God alone;

we release what will pass away

and rest in God's enduring mercy.

Though God calls us down difficult paths,

we answer, relying on God's help,

for God keeps calling us to the work.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn *God Is Here!* 409

*God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.*

*Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.*

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS

The class continues its conversations around loneliness through Feb. 4th. On Jan. 28, the class will talk about homelessness with Dale Dobroth joining the class to share insights from his work with Open Doors. You may join anytime!

THE COVENANT CLASS

Beginning *Jan. 14*, the class will study "Invitation to the Old Testament" by the Disciple series. You may join anytime!

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

CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

CHILDREN (THRU 5TH GRADE)

Faith Village: Explore Bible stories through learning styles such as art, music, 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.

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

Life at Massanutten

*Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.*

*Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*responsively*)

**God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures.
You call on us to change our lives, yet we do not heed your warning.
You give us good news to share, yet we remain stubborn and silent.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.
Help us to repent and follow you,
bearing witness to the good news
that your holy realm is near;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Hear the good news!
Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism.
Believe the good news and give thanks:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

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


*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.*

*Sharing the Peace (*responsively*)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

- **Open Doors**—Many thanks for all the great volunteer support and the donations of food for Open Doors. We had a very cold and snowy start to our hosting weeks but the congregation responded with great hospitality. There are a number of items that need to be replenished—if you can help, please reach out to Julia Sensabaugh and let her know of your availability.
- **Massanutten Preschool's Four Day Four-Year-Old** class is catching the winter spirit and will be building an igloo later this month! You can help with this architectural adventure by: *eating eggs! That's right - the primary construction materials are cardboard and styrofoam egg cartons. The size doesn't matter - just the material (clear plastic cartons are not needed). Drop off your contributions at the church anytime this week. Thanks!*
- Next Sunday January 28, **we will receive the 4-cents-a-meal offering** on the 4th Sunday of each month. This offering supports hunger related ministries through our congregation and also supports ministries in other places through the Presbyterian Hunger Program. The 25% that remains in our congregation for local use will support the Blessings in a Bag ministry. Families are invited to set aside 4 cents for each meal each member of the family eats. We will receive those coins, dollars and/or checks during worship.
- **Inclement Weather Policy for MPC**—In case of inclement weather, check church closings on WHSV (Harrisonburg television station) or the church website www.massanuttenchurch.org
- **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.

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

On January 1, 2021, the balance on our mortgage was \$1,071,111. As of December 20, 2023, our balance was \$42,488 - a decrease of **\$1,028,623**.

Since the Debt Elimination Campaign began on September 1, 2021, \$908,277 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!**

This Week At MPC

Sunday, January 21

9:00am Adult Sunday School
9:30am Faith Village
HS Breakfast (HS Room)
Parent Fellowship (MS Room)
10:30am Worship
Godly Play
11:45am Session Meeting (119)
No Youth activities this evening

Monday, January 22

Open Doors at MPC
Jan. 22-29
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)

Tuesday, January 23

7:00pm Safety Team (119)

Wednesday, January 24

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (119)
10:00am Endowment Board Meeting (GA)
7:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 25

4:30pm Mosaic (HBR)

Friday, January 26

Church Office Closed

Saturday, January 27

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Sunday, January 28

9:00am Adult Sunday School
9:30am Faith Village
HS Breakfast (HS Room)
Parent Fellowship (MS Room)
10:30am Worship
Godly Play
Youth to meet off site

We Gather Around God's Word

*Sung Prayer for Illumination *Open My Eyes, That I May See (v. 2)* 451

*Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Time with the Children Pastor Ann Pettit

Anthem *Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus* -Forrest

Scripture Reading Mark 1:14-20

Sermon Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day, he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Serving January 21

Door Monitor: Harvey Mast

Greeters: Anita Brechtel & Helen Groves

Ushers & Water Pourers:
Denny & Rebecca Arthur

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Erin Basgier

Faith Village:
Jennifer Coffelt & Jean Kilby

Godly Play:
Karen Enslen & Emily Burkholder

Youth: Sarah Rimer & Gus Scheidt

Serving January 28

Door Monitor: Fred Good

Greeters: Tom and Gina Holden

Ushers & Water Pourers:
Larry & Pam French

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Katie Gray

Faith Village:
Jennifer Coffelt & Jean Kilby

Godly Play:
Jack & Sarah Rimer

Youth: Sarah Rimer & Gus Scheidt

*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.*

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

Jesus Calls Us (vv. 1-3)

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*Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth
saying, "Christian, follow me."*

*Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."*

*In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."*

*Benediction

*Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.*

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
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