



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
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude

Shine, Jesus, Shine

-Kendrick

*Call to Worship

Ron Matthews, Worship Leader

Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with all our hearts.

God's ways are full of love and honor.

They are gracious and merciful.

They are faithful and just.

Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord.

Let us worship the God who holds us.

*Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King (v. 1, 4, & 6)

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*All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve,
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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

The class is currently studying "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

*O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**O God who loves us,
you comfort and heal
and call us to make the world a better place.
We confess that we have not done this faithfully.
We protect what is familiar and comfortable,
finding it easier to admire courage
than find it in ourselves.
We are skeptical of doing what is good for others,
when it requires sacrifice for us.
Forgive us O God,
for we fall short of following Jesus in these ways.
Help us to see what you see when you look at us.
Help us to trust the power of your love
to change the world and in doing so,
to change us, too.
Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Though we often struggle to see what is true, you are always showing it to us.
Help us to look up - to look at you and remember who we are and whose we are. Amen.


*Response of Praise

Make a Joyful Noise to God

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*Make a joyful noise to God!
All creation sings your praise!
Great your wonders here displayed,
unexcelled throughout our days.
Glorious is your sacred name,
ages old, yet still the same.*

- A memorial service for Carole Kreowski, who died on December 29th, will be held this Saturday, February 3rd at 1 pm in the Sanctuary. Please continue to keep Carole's husband, Bill, and her whole family in your prayers.
- **Open Doors**—Many thanks for all the great volunteer support and the donations of food for Open Doors.
- **The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Massanutten Presbyterian Church** will be held in the sanctuary Sunday, Feb. 25th following worship in the Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be served. During the meeting we will act on the report of the congregation's nominating committee, review the approved 2024 ministry budget and vote on the pastors' 2024 Terms of Call. We will also hear an update on the Debt Reduction Campaign.
- This morning **we will receive the 4-cents-a-meal offering.** 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 Intersection Danger**—The light at Route 33 is notorious for being run on red. Always pause, checking that traffic is stopped, before entering the intersection.



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

On January 22, 2024, the balance on our mortgage was \$1,071,111. As off December 20, 2023, our balance was \$17,313- a decrease of \$1,053,798.

Since the Debt Elimination Campaign began on September 1, 2021, \$933,452 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 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

Monday, January 29

7:00pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)
 Boy Scouts (119)

Tuesday, January 30

10:00am PW Coordinating Team (119)

Wednesday, January 31

7:30am Carpet Cleaning (FH, & Narthex)
 7:30am Men's Prayer Group (119)
 10:30am Staff Meeting (119)
 7:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 1

10:00am Small Group (Kaffee Klastsch)
 4:30pm Mosaic (HBR)

Friday, February 2

6:30pm Dance Group (FH)
Church Office Closed

Saturday, February 3

10:00am Youth Sunday Rehearsal
 1:00pm Memorial Service for Carole Kreowski (S)
Church Office Closed

Sunday, February 4—Youth Sunday

9:00am Adult Sunday School
 9:30am Faith Village
 HS Breakfast (HS Room)
 Parent Fellowship (MS Room)
 10:30am Worship
 Godly Play
 11:30am Reception following Worship
 No evening Youth Activities

Serving January 28

Door Monitor: Fred Good

Greeters: Tom & Gina Holden

Ushers & Water Pourers:
 Larry & Pam French

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Katie Gray

Faith Village:
 Jennifer Coffelt & Jean Kilby

Godly Play:
 Karen Enslen & Emily Burkholder

Youth: Sarah Rimer & Gus Scheidt

Serving February 4—Youth Sunday

Door Monitor: Harvey Mast

Greeters: Youth

Ushers & Water Pourers: Youth

Nursery: Katie Rodgers
Nursery care in Gathering Area

Faith Village: *No Faith Village today*

Godly Play: *No Godly Play today*

Youth: No activities this evening

We Gather Around God's Word

Time with the Children

Pastor Keith Phillips

*Four Cents a Meal Offering - *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

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Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

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.

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:21-28

Sermon

Pastor Ann Pettit

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

A Declaration of Faith

We acknowledge God is at work here and now when people show personal concern for each other and work to make helping agencies, including the church itself, more compassionate.

We believe God sends us to risk our own peace and comfort in compassion for our neighbors.

We are to give to them and receive from them, accepting everyone we meet as a person; to be sensitive to those who suffer in body or mind; to help and accept help in ways that affirm dignity and responsibility.

We must not limit our compassion to those we judge deserving, for we ourselves do not deserve the compassion of God.

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving

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*In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.*

*In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.*

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

Together We Serve (v. 1-3)

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*Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending God's love to the last and the least.*

*We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.*

*We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Together We Serve (v. 4)

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*Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.*

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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