ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS

The class is currently studying a series titled, 'Followers of Jesus' which will be used throughout the Season of Lent and will focus on the people who followed Jesus to the cross.

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. (Rehearsals Resume on March 10).

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



On January 1, 2021 the balance on our mortgage was \$1,071,111. As of January 22, 2024 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!**



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 First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024 10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

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Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude At the Cross Lloyd Larson

*Call to Worship Gus Scheidt, Worship Leader

From water to wilderness:

God's covenant continues;

God's kingdom comes near.

On stone and in hearts:

God's covenant continues;

God's kingdom comes near.

From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

God's covenant continues;

God's kingdom comes near.

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path, for where he is, we would be also.

*Hymn *Come Sing to God (v. 1,2,4)* 805

Come sing to God, O living saints; sing praises to God's name.
God's anger is not permanent; God's love will never wane.
Though tears may tarry for the night with sighs of deepest pain, yet joy comes with the morning sun, a peace that is not vain.

In my success I felt secure;
how good you've been to me.
I said that this is my own work,
ascribing all to me.
But when you turned aside your face,
my life was filled with fears.
I begged for help; to you I cried
with loud and bitter tears.

You change my grief to joy-filled dance; my sorrows you destroy. In faithfulness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy. And so to you my heart shall sing; my voice your goodness raise. You are my God, forevermore. My life shall sing your praise.

God of mercy,

we begin this Lenten season in confession.

We do not live according to your ways,

but according to our own.

We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice,

and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others.

Forgive us, we pray,

when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us.

Teach us your commandments;

help us to turn from evil in its many guises,

and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near.

In covenantal love, remember us, we pray,

and be for us, once more and always,

an ark of safety and new life.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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Forgive us, Lord. Forgive us, Lord. In your eternal mercy: forgive us, Lord. In your sustaining grace: forgive us, Lord. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive us, Lord.

Life at Massanutten

- The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Massanutten Presbyterian Church will be held next 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. The packet for the annual meeting is available in the Narthex this morning and will be shared electronically in Thursday's email.
- You're invited to read Henri Nouwen's *Life of the Beloved* during Lent. One of the most significant spiritual authors of the twentieth century, Nouwen seeks to share about his faith in the unconditional love of Jesus Christ through the simple but deep language of this book. Those interested are invited to gatherings to discuss the book on Mar. 14th at 1pm or Mar. 20th at 6pm at the church or by Zoom. Please see Pastor Keith with questions. Printed details are also available in the Narthex.
- The Mission and Service Commission invites the congregation to gather for lunch on Sunday, March 10th following worship to hear from Sharon Kandel, a mission coworker in the Presbyterian Church. Sharon will be introduced during worship and share more about her ministry in the Horn of Africa during our lunch together.
- It's High School Musical Season! If you haven't already, check out some of the creative and talented musical programs in our area.
- Broadway High School—The Addams Family School Edition; today at 3 pm.

 East Rock High School—Sweeney Todd; today at 3pm

 Spotswood High School—Anastasia; Feb. 29, 7 pm, Mar. 1 & 2, 7 pm, Mar. 3, 3pm

 Turner Ashby High School—42nd Street; Feb. 22, 23, 24, 7 pm, Feb. 25, 2:30 pm

 Eastern Mennonite High School—Fiddler on the Roof; Mar. 1 & 2, 7 pm, Mar. 3, 3pm
- Next Sunday Feb. 25, we will receive the 4-cents-a-meal offering. This offering supports hunger related ministries through our congregation and also through the Presbyterian Hunger Program. The 25% that remains with us for local use will support our Blessings in a Bag ministry.
- **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**—Avoid falls and stumbles by wearing a sturdy shoe with ample traction. Be aware of black ice.

^{*}Call to Confession

^{*}Prayer of Confession (unison)

^{*}Sung Confession Response (unison)

| This Week At MPC | | | | |
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| Sunday, February 18 | | Thursday, February 22 | | |
| 9:00am | Adult Sunday School | 4:30pm | Mosaic (HBR) | |
| | Faith Village | 6:00pm | | |
| | HS Breakfast (HS Room) | | | |
| | Parent Fellowship (MS | Friday, February 23 | | |
| | Room) | | Church Office Closed | |
| 10:30am | Worship | | | |
| | Godly Play | Saturday, February 24 | | |
| 12:15pm | Session Meeting (FH) | • , | Church Office Closed | |
| 2:00pm | Cub Scouts (108, 117) | | - · · · · - <i>yy</i> · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | |
| | No Fun with Handbells today | Sunday, February 25 | | |
| 6:00pm | MS & HS Youth | | Adult Sunday School | |
| | Mis & His Toum | 9:30am | | |
| Monday, February 19 | | 7.50am | HS Breakfast (HS Room) | |
| 6:00pm | Cub Scouts (108, 117) | | Parent Fellowship (MS | |
| | | | Room) | |
| 7:00pm | Massanutten Ringers (HBR) | 10:30am | , | |
| | Boy Scouts (119) | 10:30am | Worship | |
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| Tuesday, February 20 | | 11:30am | Annual Meeting & Lunch | |
| W 1 1 E 1 24 | | 2.00 | (FH) | |
| Wednesday, February 21 | | 2:00pm | Cub Scouts (108, 117) | |
| 7:30am | Men's Prayer Group (FH) | 6.00 | No Fun with Handbells today | |
| 7:00pm | Chancel Choir | 6:00pm | MS & HS Youth | |
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| Serving February 18 | Serving February 25 | |
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| Door Monitor: Phyllis Hamilton | Door Monitor: Harvey Mast | |
| Greeters: Marilyn Alley & Bettye Davis | Greeters: Anita Brechtel | |
| Ushers & Water Pourers: Harvey & Karen Mast | Ushers & Water Pourers: Ron & Janet Morris | |
| Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Dorothy Dobroth | Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Sally Brown | |
| Faith Village: Jennifer & Emily Coffelt | Faith Village: Jennifer & Emily Coffelt | |
| Godly Play: | Godly Play: Robin & Diann Reed | |
| Jean Kilby Youth: Sarah Rimer & Gus Scheidt | Youth: Sarah Rimer & Gus Scheidt | |

*Assurance of Forgiveness (responsively)

As Noah and his family were brought safely through the flood onto dry ground, so in baptismal waters we are brought from death into new life in Christ.

Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God,

forgives us and reconciles us and all things in heaven and on earth.

Thanks be to God for this good news!

*Response of Praise We Are Forgiven (v. 1)

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We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ (*responsively*)

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 the Eyes of My Heart

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-Evans

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you; I want to see you; (repeat)

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."

Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, I want to see you.

Time with the Children Pastor Keith Phillips

Anthem Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord

Scripture Reading Genesis 9:8-17

Sermon Pastor Ann Pettit

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (responsively)

Belonging to God

Who are you?

I am a child of God.

What does it mean to be a child of God?

That I belong to God, who loves me.

What makes you a child of God?

Grace -- God's free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.

Don't you have to be good for God to love you?

No. God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.

How do you thank God for this gift of love?

I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.

How do you love God?

By worshipping God, by loving others, and by respecting what God has created.

What did God create?

God created all that is, seen and unseen.

What is special about human beings?

God made us in the image of God.

What does it mean that we are made in God's image?

It means we are made to reflect God's goodness, wisdom and love.

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving

Let All Things Now Living (v. 1)

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Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us;
pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished,
all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

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 God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again (vv. 1-3)

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God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you, daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again (vv. 4)

God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you; smite death's threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.

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