

## 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](http://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)** .

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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 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!**



**Massanutten**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our mission:  
to nurture disciples of Jesus Christ  
who join boldly with the Spirit's work  
in the world.

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A Service for the Lord's Day  
*Second Sunday in Lent*

February 25, 2024

10:30 a.m.

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## We Gather at God's Call

Introit *O God, Who Gives Us Life* 53

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Wondrous Love* -Johnson

\*Call to Worship (responsively ... *from Lamentations 3:21-24*)  
Ron Matthews, Worship Leader

This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:  
**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
the Lord's mercies never come to an end;**  
They are new every morning; great is the Lord's faithfulness.  
**The Lord is my portion.  
Therefore I will hope in the Lord.**  
Let us worship the Lord together.

\*Hymn *The God of Abraham Praise* 49

*The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,  
the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!  
The Lord, the great I am, by earth and heaven confessed,  
we bow before your holy name, forever blest.*

*Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will.  
In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,  
deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.*

*Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest,  
a land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.  
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,  
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.*

*You have eternal life implanted in the soul;  
your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.  
We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name:  
the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.**

**We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.**

**We are misled by pride,  
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,  
and great when we are small.**

**We have failed in love, neglected justice,  
and ignored your truth.**

**Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.**

**Return us to paths of righteousness  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

\*Sung Confession Response (*unison*)

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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.*

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Listen, so that you may live:  
the steadfast love of the Lord never fails.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God!**

\*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.*

## Life at Massanutten

- **The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Massanutten Presbyterian Church** will be held 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 was shared electronically in Thursday's email.
- **We will receive the 4-cents-a-meal offering** today. 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.
- Next Sunday, **join us in the Gathering Area** at 10 am for a time of fellowship between Sunday School and Worship.
- **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. 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm or Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> 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 following worship on March 10. During our time together we will learn about some of our PCUSA Mission Partners and where they are serving in the world. This is part of our year long emphasis on deepening our understanding of International mission.
- **It's High School Musical Season!** If you haven't already, check out some of the creative and talented musical programs in our area.  
*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*
- **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](http://www.massanuttenchurch.org).
- **Safety Corner:** Know your exits—Take a moment now to note your quickest evacuation route, in case an emergency arises.

**This Week At MPC**

**Sunday, February 25**

9:00am Adult Sunday School  
9:30am Faith Village  
HS Breakfast (HS Room)  
Parent Fellowship (MS Room)  
10:30am Worship  
Godly Play  
Annual Meeting & Lunch  
Following Worship (FH)  
2:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)  
*No Fun with Handbells today*  
6:00pm MS & HS Youth

**Monday, February 26**

6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)  
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)  
Boy Scouts (119)

**Tuesday, February 27**

9:30am Presbytery Meeting (Zoom)  
10:00am PW Coordinating Team (L)

**Wednesday, February 28**

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)  
7:00pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday, February 29**

4:30pm Mosaic (HBR)  
6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)

**Friday, March 1**

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

**Saturday, March 2**

*Church Office Closed*

**Sunday, March 3**

9:00am Adult Sunday School  
9:30am Faith Village  
HS Breakfast (HS Room)  
Parent Fellowship (MS Room)  
10:00am Coffee Fellowship (GA)  
10:30am Worship  
Godly Play  
2:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)  
*No Fun with Handbells today*  
6:00pm MS & HS Youth

**Serving February 25**

**Door Monitor:** Harvey Mast

**Greeters:**  
Anita Brechtel & Helen Groves

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**  
Ron & Janet Morris

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Sally Brown

**Faith Village:** Jennifer & Emily Coffelt

**Godly Play:**  
Robin & Diann Reed

**Youth:** Sarah Rimer & Gus Scheidt

**Serving March 3**

**Door Monitor:** Fred Good

**Greeters:** Tom & Gina Holden

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**  
Sally Brown & Cheryl Henderson

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Erin Basgier

**Faith Village:**  
Caitlin Holsapple & Sarah Rimer

**Godly Play:** Robin & Diann Reed

**Youth:** Sarah Rimer & Gus Scheidt

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

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*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!"*

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"We are strong";  
let the poor say,  
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
Give thanks. Give thanks.*

**We Gather Around God's Word**

Time with the Children Pastor Ann Pettit  
Anthem *My God Accept My Heart This Day* -Helvey  
Scripture Reading Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Sermon Pastor Keith Phillips

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith From *A Brief Statement 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 in 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 609

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
 Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
 Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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 *To Abraham and Sarah* 51

*To Abraham and Sarah the call of God was clear:  
 "Go forth and I will show you a country rich and fair.  
 You need not fear the journey, for I have pledged my word  
 that you shall be my people and I will be your God."*

*From Abraham and Sarah arose a pilgrim race,  
 dependent for their journey on God's abundant grace;  
 and in their heart was written by God this saving word,  
 "That you shall be my people and I will be your God."*

*We of this generation on whom God's hand is laid  
 can journey to the future secure and unafraid,  
 rejoicing in God's goodness and trusting in this word,  
 "That you shall be my people and I will be your God."*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (v. 1)* 546

*Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;  
 fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
 let us each, your love possessing,  
 triumph in redeeming grace.  
 O refresh us, O refresh us,  
 traveling through this wilderness.*

**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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