



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 in Lent

March 10, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**We Gather at God's Call**

Introit *Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm* -Parry

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Prayers* -Sherman  
Massanutten Ringers

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

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

**Surely, God is with us and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

**That we may share God's love and life,**

**may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.**

The living Christ is with us.

**Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* 610

*O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of God's grace!*

*The name of Jesus charms our fears,  
and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner's ears,  
Brings life and health and peace.*

**Holy Week and Easter at Massanutten**

*Palm Sunday: March 24th—10:30 am worship*

*Maundy Thursday: March 28th—7:00 pm worship*

*Good Friday: March 29th—7:00 pm worship*

*Easter Sunday: March 31*

*9:00 am Breakfast ~ 9:45 am Egg Hunt*

*10:30 am worship*

**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 studying an "Invitation to the New Testament," by the Disciple series.

*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.

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

*Christ speaks and listening to his voice  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful waken to rejoice;  
the poor in heart believe.*

*My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of thy name.*

*To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heaven.*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Merciful God,  
we confess to the folly of our sin  
and the hypocrisy of our complaints.  
We grumble about the evils in our world,  
even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit.  
We fret about the scarcity of resources  
while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor.  
We protest the problems of our world,  
but we do not actively work to address them.  
Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace.  
Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways  
that we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ  
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

\*Sung Confession Response (*unison*)

***Forgive us, Lord. Forgive us, Lord.  
For weakness and transgression: Forgive us, Lord.  
Resistance and rebellion: Forgive us, Lord.  
Forgive us, Lord.***

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\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## Life at Massanutten

- **Today is Scout Sunday.** The Scouting program at MPC is more than just an activity for youth to learn about the outdoors. Scouting provides fun, fellowship, and training to youth. It emphasizes honesty, self-reliance, and respect. Through a year-round program, it affects character, citizenship, and personal fitness. We are grateful for Boy Scout Troop 28 and Cub Scout Pack 126 and their leaders who provide service to the congregation and community in various ways. This morning they are helping with worship.
- **Massanutten Preschool** is now registering for the 2024-2025 school year. Spaces are available in the 4 day 4-year-old class (M—Th) and 2 day 3-year-old class (W & Th). If you have a young learner in the family or know of a family exploring preschool programs for their child, contact Carrie Markowitz, MPC Preschool Director [mpcpreschool3s4s@gmail.com](mailto:mpcpreschool3s4s@gmail.com) or call the church office Monday—Thursday between 8 and noon.
- **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 **this Thursday 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 today. 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.
- A **memorial service** will take place on Saturday, March 16th at Sunnyside at 2 pm for **Helen Scully**, who died on February 12th. Cards and notes may be sent to her family in care of her daughter: Julie Lama, 9301 Baylor Park Court, Bristow, VA 20136.
- **The Massanetta Bible and Church Music Conference** will be held July 21-27—Registration is Open! The early bird incentive ends March 25th! This year's theme is: A New Creation, featuring Brian Blount as the Bible Study Leader and Sharon Johnson Kerschner as the Speakman Chair of preaching.
- **Easter Candy!** As we make our way toward Easter, plans are being set for the annual Easter Egg hunt that will take place between breakfast and worship that morning. To help our 'Egg Hunt Team' get ready, we are collecting bags of small, individually wrapped candy to put in the eggs. Leave your contributions in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you!
- **Safety Corner:** Know your exits—Take a moment now to note your quickest evacuation route, in case an emergency arises.

<b>This Week At MPC</b>		
<b>Sunday, March 10—Scout Sunday</b>		<b>Thursday, March 14</b>
<i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>		1:00pm Nouwen Group (GA)
9:00am	Adult Sunday School	4:30pm Mosaic (HBR)
9:30am	Faith Village	6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)
	HS Breakfast (HS Room)	7:00pm Food Pantry
	Parent Fellowship (MS Room)	
10:30am	Worship	<b>Friday, March 15</b>
	Godly Play	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
	Mission and Service Congregational Lunch	
2:00pm	Cub Scouts (108, 117)	<b>Saturday, March 16</b>
5:00pm	Fun with Handbells	2:00pm Memorial Service for Helen Scully (SS)
6:00pm	MS & HS Youth	8:00am Fellowship Hall in use until 6 pm/Mosaic Youth Lock-In
		<i>Church Office Closed</i>
<b>Monday, March 11</b>		<b>Sunday, March 17</b>
10:00am	Food Pantry	9:00am Adult Sunday School
6:00pm	Cub Scouts (108, 117)	9:30am Faith Village
7:00pm	Massanutten Ringers (HBR)	Youth Lock-In Breakfast
	Boy Scouts (119)	Parent Fellowship (MS Room)
<b>Tuesday, March 12</b>		10:30am Worship
10:00am	Morning Circle (L)	Godly Play
<b>Wednesday, March 13</b>		12:15pm Session Meeting
7:30am	Men's Prayer Group (FH)	2:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)
2:00pm	Bethel Circle (SS)	
4:00pm	Evening Circle	
7:00pm	Chancel Choir	

<b>Serving March 10</b>	<b>Serving March 17</b>
<b>Door Monitor:</b> Jack Rimer	<b>Door Monitor:</b> Marc Davis
<b>Greeters:</b> Boy Scouts & Dick Leecy	<b>Greeters:</b> TBD
<b>Ushers &amp; Water Pourers:</b> Boy Scouts & Julia Sensabaugh	<b>Ushers &amp; Water Pourers:</b> Dale & Dorothy Dobroth
<b>Nursery:</b> Diann Reed & Sally Brown	<b>Nursery:</b> Katie Rodgers & Phyllis Hamilton
<b>Faith Village:</b> Jennifer Coffeltt	<b>Faith Village:</b> Caitlyn Holsapple & Sarah Rimer
<b>Godly Play:</b> Nancy Wayland & Gayle Allen	<b>Godly Play:</b> Emily Burkholder & Karen Enslin
<b>Youth:</b> Sarah Rimer & Gus Scheidt	<b>Youth:</b> No evening activities

\*Response of Praise *God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice! (v. 4)* 365

*The radiance of God's light  
beams joy into our days;  
now filled with God's own peace and love,  
our hearts resound with praise.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
God reigns! Let earth rejoice!*

\*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 *Lord, Prepare Me* 701

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
sanctuary for you.*

Time with the Children Gus Scheidt

Anthem *No Night There* -Dan Forrest

Scripture Reading Numbers 21: 4-9; John 3:14 - 21

Sermon Pastor Ann Pettit

### We Respond to God's Word

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)  
**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.**

Sharing Our Faith                      *Scouting at MPC*                      Dave Lenderking

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving              *We Praise You, O God (v.3)*                      612

*With voices united  
 our praises we offer  
 and gladly our songs of  
 thanksgiving we raise.  
 With you, Lord, beside us,  
 your strong arm will guide us.  
 To you, our great Redeemer,  
 forever be praise!*

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

**We Are Sent to the World**

\*Hymn                      *Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord*                      452

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.  
 Open the eyes of my heart;  
 I want to see you; I want to see you;*

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.  
 Open the eyes of my heart;  
 I want to see you; I want to see you;*

*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, holy, I want to see you.*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response      *Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord*                      452

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.  
 Open the eyes of my heart;  
 I want to see you; I want to see you.*

**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
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Bill Kilby	Chris Hamilton	Beth Smith
Ron Matthews	Julia Sensabaugh	
Janina Peachey		

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