



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  
*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

March 17, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**We Gather at God's Call**

Introit	<i>All People That on Earth Do Dwell</i>	385
Greeting		
Pouring of the Water		
Prelude	<i>Beautiful Savior</i>	-Wood
*Call to Worship ( <i>responsively</i> )		Jody Humphreys, Worship Leader
	O give thanks to the Lord, who is good; <b>God's steadfast love endures forever.</b> We give thanks for God's love; <b>for God's wonderful works to humankind.</b>	
*Hymn	<i>This is the Day the Lord has Made</i>	681
	<i>This is the day the Lord hath made; the hours are all God's own. Let heaven rejoice; let earth be glad, and praise surround the throne.</i>	
	<i>Hosanna to the anointed King, to David's holy Son! Help us, O Lord; descend and bring salvation from the throne.</i>	
	<i>Blest be the Lord, who comes in power with messages of grace, who comes in this accepted hour to save our sinful race.</i>	

**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,  
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*Hosanna in the highest strains  
the church on earth can raise!  
The highest heavens in which God reigns  
shall now resound with praise.*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Lord, though you should guide us,  
we inform ourselves;  
though you should rule us, we control ourselves;  
though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves.**

**We think your truth too high,  
your will too hard, your power too remote,  
your love too free.**

**But they are not!**

**And without them, we are of all people most miserable.**

**Now heal our confused minds with your word,  
heal our divided wills with your law,  
heal our troubled consciences with your love,  
heal our anxious hearts with your presence,  
all for the sake of your Son,  
who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.**

\*Sung Confession Response (*unison*)

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

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\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Friends in Christ, by the faith of Christ your sins are forgiven! May you delight in the joy of your salvation.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*Response of Praise

*For the Beauty of the Earth (v. 5)*

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*For thyself, best gift divine  
to the world so freely given;  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

## Life at Massanutten

- Have you been joining us in a Lenten exploration of the classic book *Life of the Beloved*? If so, there will be one more opportunity to join others in discussing the book next Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, from 6-7 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Gathering Area the church. If you can't make it in person, we will have a Zoom meeting happening at the same time. A link was shared in the most recent Blessings email newsletter.
- **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!
- Help the Presbyterian Women support **Church World Service** by visiting the Best Gifts Tree in the narthex April 7-21. Supporting this project will help CWS support many needs worldwide with blankets, tools, books, pigs, goats, and chickens.
- **Preschool Krispy Kreme Fundraiser**—It is time for a fundraiser to support preschool and all the fun plans they have for spring. With funds from last year's fundraiser they were able to refresh the playground mulch, update classroom toys, and fund some fun classroom projects. Visit the table in the narthex to place your donut order or purchase a gift card. Orders must be placed by April 11th and they will be available for pick up on Wednesday, April 17th.
- **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 [mpcpreschool13s4s@gmail.com](mailto:mpcpreschool13s4s@gmail.com) or call the church office Monday—Thursday between 8 and noon.
- **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.
- **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, March 17**

9:00am Adult Sunday School  
 9:30am Faith Village  
 Youth Lock-In Breakfast  
 Parent Fellowship (MS Room)  
 10:30am Worship  
 Godly Play  
 2:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)  
*No evening Youth Activities*

**Monday, March 18**

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

**Tuesday, March 19**

**Wednesday, March 20**

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)  
 6:00pm Nouwen Group (GA)  
 7:00pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday, March 21**

10:00am Fellowship Hall in use until 12/Preschool  
 4:30pm Mosaic (HBR)  
 6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)  
 7:00pm Food Pantry

**Friday, March 22**

*Church Office Closed*

**Saturday, March 23**

12:00pm Sanctuary in use until 5 pm  
*Church Office Closed*

**Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday**

9:00am Adult Sunday School  
 No children or youth activities  
 Spring Break  
 10:30am Worship  
 No Godly Play today  
 2:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)

**Serving March 17**

**Door Monitor:** Marc Davis

**Greeters:** Chris Hamilton

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**  
 Dale & Dorothy Dobroth

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Phyllis Hamilton

Faith Village:  
 Caitlyn Holsapple & Sarah French

Godly Play:  
 Emily Burkholder & Karen Enslin

*No Youth Activities this evening*

**Serving March 24**

**Door Monitor:** Harvey Mast

**Greeters:** Marilyn Alley & Bettye Davis

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**  
 Frank & Jean Gearing

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Phyllis Hamilton

*No Children or Youth Activities Today—Spring Break*

\*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*

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*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

Anthem     *Oh, for a Closer Walk with God*

-Skinner

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Sermon

Pastor Ann Pettit

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

**God bound his people to himself in covenant.  
 Freed slaves became the people of God  
 when they accepted the Lord's covenant.  
 God charged them to respond to his rescuing love  
 by obeying his commandments.  
 Their life together was to express  
 the justice and compassion of their holy God.  
 Since we, too, are the Lord's covenant people,  
 we know we must be holy as the Lord is holy.  
 We must keep God's commandments,  
 not in order to earn or compel the Lord's favor,  
 but to reflect the character of God  
 and to be his grateful and loving people.**

Sharing Our Faith      *Connecting through Dinner Groups*      Beth Smith

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving      *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy (v.1)*      305

*Come sing, O church, in joy!  
Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!  
In bold accord,  
come celebrate the journey now  
and praise the Lord!*

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

### **We Are Sent to the World**

\*Hymn      *How Great Thou Art (v.1-3)*      625

*Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
thy power throughout the universe displayed:*

#### **Refrain**

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee  
How great thou art, how great thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee  
How great thou art, how great thou art*

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. (refrain)*

*And when I think that God, his Son not sparing  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
he bled and died to take away my sin (refrain)*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response      *How Great Thou Art (v. 4)*      625

*When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration  
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

### **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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