



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

**As of March 20<sup>th</sup>, Massanutten Presbyterian Church has paid off its mortgage!**

- In 2004, the debt began at \$2.7 million.
- In Jan. 2021, the debt was \$1.071 million.
- When the Debt Elimination Campaign began in Oct. 2021, the debt was \$950,765.

Now that we're untethered from our debt, let's celebrate! Mark your calendars for **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**, as we will have a **celebration lunch after worship** with a catered meal and activities.

**Thank you for your Bold Faith and Extravagant Generosity as God continues to Change Lives through us at Massanutten Presbyterian Church! To God be the glory!**



*"if they keep quiet,  
the stones will cry out."  
Luke 19:40*

Massanutten Presbyterian Church ~ A Service for the Lord's Day  
*Palm Sunday*

March 24, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**We Enter with Palms**

Welcome

Sarah Rimer

Proclamation of the Palms

From Matthew 21 & Luke 19

\*Processional Hymn

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

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*Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.*

*From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;  
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.*

*"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.*

\*Prayer

**Gracious God, as we stand at the gates of the city, give us grace to recognize the king we proclaim, and courage to be a part of your kingdom - even when it goes against our ways and the ways of the world, even when it leads us where we do not want to go. Free us from the tempting alternatives of power and wealth and status, and give us courage to live lives of thanksgiving and praise. Amen.**

**ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS (WILL NOT MEET MAR. 31ST - EASTER)**

**FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS**

This group gathers to share prayer concerns and devotional discussion. On April 7 & 14, Beth Smith will lead the group on scripture meditations.

**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 (WILL NOT MEET MAR. 31ST - EASTER)**

**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.*

Greeting

Time with the Children

Hannah Altman

\*Four Cents a Meal Offering

*Give Thanks*

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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.*

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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.*

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Children are invited to remain at the front of the sanctuary.*

Special Music

*Hosanna to the King*

*Hosanna to the King of kings, Hosanna to the Lord of lords,  
Hosanna to the great I AM who reigns forever more.*

*If you will feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty  
And welcome any stranger, then you can call him Lord.*

*Hosanna to the King of kings, Hosanna to the Lord of lords,  
Hosanna to the great I AM who reigns forever more.  
O brother, if you keep silent, o sister, if you keep silent,  
O brother if you keep silent the rocks and stones will cry out.*

*Hosanna to the King of kings, Hosanna to the Lord of lords,  
Hosanna to the great I AM who reigns forever more.*

## Life at Massanutten

- **Today is Palm Sunday** and our celebration includes a processional for all who would like to participate. Please come to the Gathering Area just before the service begins.
- **Today's service is the gift of many hands and hearts**, including the creative offerings of Jean Kilby (who authored our message) and Anita Brechtel (who provided art for the drama). Many thanks to the Palm Sunday Players: *Mary Ann Alger, Jan Arnold, Bill Frazier, Gina Holden, Tom Holden, Deidre Lenderking and Clayton Rascoe*. We are also grateful for the musical offerings shared in various ways by the Chancel Choir, Kath Wissinger, Hannah Altman, Bob Jerome, Carol Lown and Keith Phillips.
- Next Sunday we will celebrate the Resurrection with song, prayer, fellowship and the Word proclaimed. We will also have opportunity make an offering from our lives. **Along with our regular giving, we will be receiving The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.** Gifts to this support the PC(USA) in its response to disasters throughout the world.
- **Massanetta Springs annual Spring Work Day** is Saturday, April 20 from 8:30—4:00. Come for all or part of the day to help our ministry neighbors get ready for a new season of camp and conference ministry.
- 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**—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. .
- The **Shenandoah Valley Choral Society**, under the direction of Curtis Nolley, will present their Spring concert "Songs of Comfort, Songs of Joy" on Friday, April 12th, 7:30 pm and Sunday, April 14th, 3:00 pm at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. Tickets are available at the door. Admission \$15 for adults, \$12 for senior & students.
- **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 24—Palm Sunday**

9:00am Adult Sunday School  
10:30am Worship  
*No Godly Play today*  
2:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)  
*No Evening Youth Activities*

**Monday, March 25**

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

**Tuesday, March 26**

10:00am PW Coordinating Team (L)

**Wednesday, March 27**

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

**Thursday, March 28—Maundy Thursday**

4:30pm Mosaic (HBR)  
6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)  
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service  
with communion

**Friday, March 29—Good Friday**

7:00pm Good Friday Service  
*Church Office Closed*

**Saturday, March 30**

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

**Sunday, March 31—Easter**

9:00am Breakfast  
9:45am Easter Egg Hunt  
10:30am Worship  
*No Godly Play today*  
*No Evening Youth Activities*

**Monday, April 1**

*Church Office Closed*

**We Gather Around God’s Word**

Message

*Live from Jerusalem*  
Palm Sunday Players  
*Mary Ann Alger, Jan Arnold, Bill Frazier,*  
*Gina Holden, Tom Holden, Clayton Rascoe*  
Art by Anita Brechtel

-Jean Kilby

\*Hymn (*see insert*)

*Who Is This?*

-K. Wissinger

Call to Prayer (*responsively*)

It is relatively easy for someone to order palms to spread in the sanctuary today.

**It didn’t take much for us to pick up a palm branch to wave throughout worship.**

Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem is inspiring, as we imagine the people crying out, and a road paved with cloaks and palms.

**The sound of the organ, the majesty of the words, and the energy in the space, compel us to sing with joy.**

But why *do we so easily get caught up in that energy?*

**And what do we mean when we say, ‘hosanna?’**

What do I mean?

**What do I mean?**

What if we looked deep into our hearts, at the hidden fears and worries that live there?

**What if we named what keeps us awake at night or rouses us from a deep sleep.**

What would we shout out in the crowd?

**Would we say what is true about ourselves?**

Hosanna! Save me from...

**Hosanna! Save me from...**

Are we really ready to lay down something important to us?

**Can we do that in the presence of a world that watches?**

How will we meet Jesus today?

**How will we embrace humility knowing the road that lies ahead of him?**

Today, this week, we are reminded of how Jesus loved us.

**And what we’re asked to lay at his feet.**

**Serving March 24—Palm Sunday**

**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 this Evening—Spring Break*

**Serving March 31—Easter**

**Door Monitor:** Harvey Mast & Karen Enslin

**Greeters:** Ric & JoAnn Leobold

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**  
Greg & Ann Trobaugh

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers

*No Children or Youth Activities this Evening—Spring Break*

Prayers of the People

*Please use the moments ahead to prayerfully lift up those things in your life for which you are seeking God's help. From what do you need saving? What is your longing for yourself and/or the world? When you are ready, write one (or more) of those things on the paper you received as you entered the sanctuary, bring it to the front, and place it on the Communion Table in front of the large rocks.*

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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.**

**God Sends Us to the World**

Departing Music

*Ride On! Ride On!*

*Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.*

*Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
The hosts of angels in the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.*

\*Departing Words (responsively)

Our palm branches and cloaks pave the way for Jesus to enter Jerusalem.

**It is time for us to celebrate the Feast of Passover.**

Will we follow Jesus to the upper room and share the bread and cup?

**Will we wait with him while he prays in the Garden?**

Will we defend him when he is arrested and tried?

**Will we watch as he is nailed to the cross?**

Will we carry him to the tomb and care for his body?

**Will we follow?**

\*Congregational Response

*Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain;  
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.*

**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*

**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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