

LET'S CELEBRATE AND GIVE THANKS FOR BECOMING DEBT-FREE!

After 20 years and more than \$2.7 million paid, Massanutten Presbyterian Church has made its final mortgage payment! Now that we're untethered from debt, let's celebrate and give thanks!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 5th, when we will have a celebration lunch after worship. There will be a catered meal, fun activities, and heartwarming fellowship.

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!



ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS

This group gathers to share prayer concerns and devotional discussion. On April 7th and 14th, 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, 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, or call (540) 434-6194.



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
Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *Alleluia from Christ Is Arisen* -Braun

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Now Thank We All Our God* -Bach

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Jon Alger, Worship Leader
Look! A sliver of light across the horizon - the miracle of a new day.
See! The stone is rolled away, and the angel calls from within.
Feel! The freedom of our souls and the wonder of the Messiah's new gift of life.
Hear! The hallelujahs as we declare to the world, "He has risen!"

*Opening Prayer (*unison*)
Hallelujah, loving God! We have been transformed in an instant.
Your love resurrected Jesus, defying sin's grasp on us.
We claim the power of life over death,
delight over pain, and freedom over oppression.
Jesus, empower us to go forth in your glory
so that we may bring your good news to all.
Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts
create the change we wish to see. Amen.

*Hymn *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* 232

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

*But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**All-knowing, all-powerful God,
we confess that, even on this most holy day,
we are unable to believe in the victory over death
shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life
but also for faith, hope, and love.
Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors
and your stunning presence throughout the ages,
we would be lost.
Forgive us and transform us,
that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken
and give peace on earth. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

By the grace of God and the witness of our ancestors,
the good news of Jesus' resurrection is our rock and our salvation.
You shall not die but live. The rejected cornerstone has become
your strength and your song.
**This is the good news of Easter:
in Christ we are forgiven and made new!**

*Response of Praise *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (refrain)*

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*Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

*Sharing the Peace of Christ (*responsively*)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Life at Massanutten

- Today we will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus with song, prayers, fellowship and the Word proclaimed. We will also have opportunity to celebrate through 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. You may make your gift online or by cash or check. Please note OGHS on your check or offering envelope.
- **Special thanks to our musicians:** Trumpets: Betsy Coe, Becky Ford; Trombones: Nathan Ringle, Doug Sensabaugh; Accompanist: Carol Lown.
- Our **Coffee Small Group** will meet this Thursday, Apr. 4, at 10 am at the Kaffee Klatsch in the Dayton Market. All are welcome!
- There will be a **time of fellowship between Sunday School and Worship** next Sunday, Apr. 7th, in the Gathering Area at 10 am.
- 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.
- Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 20th! Our ministry neighbors at **Massanetta Springs** will be hosting the annual **Spring Clean-Up Event**. This day of joy-filled work and fellowship readies the campus for all the good programs MPC children, youth, adults - and many others - participate in throughout the months ahead. Check-in at 8:30—stay for all or part of the day. Massanetta will be providing lunch for everyone in the dining room.
- **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**.
- 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 available at the door. Admission \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors/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.

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| This Week At MPC | | Thursday, April 4 | |
| Sunday, March 31—Easter | | 10:00am | Small Group (Kaffee Klatsch) |
| 9:00am | Easter Breakfast (FH) | 4:30pm | Mosaic (HBR) |
| 9:45am | Easter Egg Hunt | 6:00pm | Cub Scouts (108, 117) |
| 10:30am | Worship | Friday, April 5 | |
| | <i>No Godly Play today</i> | 6:30pm | Civil War Era Dance Group (FH) |
| | <i>No evening Youth Activities</i> | | <i>Church Office Closed</i> |
| Monday, April 1 | | Saturday, April 6 | |
| 6:00pm | Cub Scouts (108, 117) | <i>Church Office Closed</i> | |
| 7:00pm | Massanutten Ringers (HBR) | Sunday, April 7 | |
| | Boy Scouts (119) | 9:00am | Adult Sunday School |
| | <i>Church Office Closed</i> | 9:30am | Faith Village |
| Tuesday, April 2 | | | HS Breakfast |
| Wednesday, April 3 | | | Parent Fellowship |
| 7:30am | Men's Prayer Group (FH) | 10:00am | Coffee Fellowship (GA) |
| 5:00pm | Nurture & Discipleship | 10:30am | Worship |
| 6:00pm | Mission & Service | | Godly Play |
| 7:00pm | Chancel Choir | 2:00pm | Cub Scouts (108, 117) |
| | | 5:00pm | Fun with Handbells |
| | | 6:00pm | MS & HS Youth |

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| Serving March 31 | Serving April 7 |
| Door Monitor: Harvey Mast & Karen Enslin | Door Monitor: Fred Good |
| Greeters: Ric & JoAnn Leobold | Greeters: Bo & Patti Hobbie |
| Ushers & Water Pourers: Greg & Ann Trobaugh | Ushers & Water Pourers: Chery Henderson & Sally Brown |
| Nursery: Katie Rodgers, Sharon Lam | Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Erin Basgier |
| <i>No Children or Youth Activities Today—Spring Break</i> | Faith Village: Janina Peachey |
| | Godly Play: Robin and Diann Reed |
| | MS Youth: Sarah Rimer |
| | HS Youth: Gus Scheidt |

We Gather Around God's Word

*Sung Prayer for Illumination *Be Thou My Vision (v. 4)* 450

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Time with the Children Pastor Ann Pettit

Anthem *Christ Is Risen, He Is Living* -Helgen

Scripture Reading John 20:1-18

Sermon Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) From *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

*Hymn *The Strife Is O'er* 236

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!*

*The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!*

*The three sad days are quickly sped;
Christ rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!*

*Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia!*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Christ is Alive

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*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing here and now,
and touching every place and time.*

*In every insult, rift and war
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.*

*Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.*

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and peace.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Rigaudon
Instrumental Voluntary

-Campra

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

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