



Bold Faith + Extravagant Generosity
= Changing Lives

As of March 20th, 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 5th**, 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!

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS

This group will look at Nicodemus on April 21st, and will discuss issues related to the Baltimore bridge collapse on April 28th, there will be a time for fellowship and a sendoff for facilitators Jon and Mary Ann Alger.

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.



Massanutten
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 of Easter

April 21, 2024

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* -Akers

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *New Day Is Coming* -Hollis
Massanutten Ringers

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Nancy Davis, Worship Leader
We come to God, our holy shepherd, as we come to a green meadow.
God prepares a place for us, and we give glory in God's presence.
How excellent is this dwelling place under the eyes of God's care.
We turn to God in joy. Our good shepherd provides for all our needs.

*Hymn *Praise Ye the Lord* 35

*Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!*

*Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?*

*Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Lord, have mercy on us.

We talk about love, but our actions betray us.

We talk about love, but we neglect the poor.

We talk about love, but we fail to love one another.

Lord, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit
so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ,
in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

We are your people, O God - the sheep of your pasture, the flock you have gathered.

Lead us beside still waters; teach us the way of righteousness;
through Jesus Christ our good shepherd. **Amen!**

*Response of Praise

Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks (v.2)

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Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*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

O Word of God Incarnate

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*O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.*

Life at Massanutten

- Help the Presbyterian Women support **Church World Service** by visiting the Best Gifts Tree in the narthex today. Supporting this project will help CWS support many needs worldwide with blankets, tools, books, pigs, goats, and chickens.
- **Mosaic Handbell Ensemble** will again fill the sanctuary with their amazing performance on bells -Sunday, April 28 at 4:00 p.m. The concert will feature all movie themes. Massanutten Ringers will play some pieces on their own and join Mosaic in a world-premiere of "The Rowan Tree" (arranged by Kath Wissinger) from the movie "Living." Bring your friends and family for an afternoon delight of flashing bronze and enticing music. Mosaic is directed by Kath Wissinger, and Carol Lown is a ringer in the group. For more info see MosaicBells.org
- **Mark Your Calendar**—Join others from your church family on April 28th at 8 a.m. to trim shrubbery and spruce up the church grounds. Another opportunity will be available on May 4th at 8:30 am (rain date May 12th) to mulch the shrub beds. Mulch will be available for purchase at \$16 a yard and will be loaded for you on May 4th. For more information or to sign up contact Skip Wissinger at 289-6973 or skipwissinger@aol.com
- The **Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering "The Fruit of the Spirit"** will be held on Saturday, May 18 at Massanetta Springs. Registration deadline is May 1. For more information, go to the PW webpage <https://shenpres.org/presbyterian-women/>
- **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 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 Message**—Do not unlock or prop open the exterior doors. A door monitor from your group should let people in and latecomers can use the door bell.

This Week At MPC		Thursday, April 25	
Sunday, April 21		3:30pm	Mosaic (FH)
9:00am	Adult Sunday School	6:00pm	Cub Scouts (108, 117)
9:30am	Faith Village HS Breakfast Parent Fellowship	Friday, April 26	
10:30am	Worship Godly Play	<i>Church Office Closed</i>	
12:15pm	Session Meeting	Saturday, April 27	
4:30pm	Officer Training	10:00am	Presbytery Session Minutes
5:00pm	Fun with Handbells		Reading until 12 (FH)
6:00pm	HS & MS Youth		<i>Church Office Closed</i>
Monday, April 22		Sunday, April 28	
6:00pm	Cub Scouts (108, 117)	9:00am	Adult Sunday School
7:00pm	Massanutten Ringers (HBR) Boy Scouts (119)	9:30am	Faith Village HS Breakfast Parent Fellowship
Tuesday, April 23		10:30am	Worship Godly Play PW Birthday Celebration & Lunch following Worship (FH)
4:30pm	VIA until 7:30 (FH, GA, Nursery)	4:00pm	Massanutten Ringers & Mosaic Concert (S)
Wednesday, April 24		2:00pm	Cub Scouts (108, 117)
7:30am	Men's Prayer Group (FH)	6:00pm	MS & HS Youth
7:00pm	Chancel Choir		

Serving April 21	Serving April 28
Door Monitor: Marc Davis	Door Monitor: Jack Rimer
Greeters: Frank Gearing & Dwight Newman	Greeters: Helen Groves
Ushers & Water Pourers: Larry & Pam French	Ushers & Water Pourers: Dwight Newman
Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Barbara Palmer	Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Sharon Lam
Faith Village: Janina Peachey & Jennifer Coffelt	Faith Village: Jennifer Coffelt, Caitlin Holsapple, & Sarah French
Godly Play: Gayle Allen & Angela Kaltenborn	Godly Play: Emily Burkholder
Youth: Sarah Rimer, Karen Mast, Gus Scheidt & Mark Palmer	Youth: Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt, & Dale Dobroth

Time with the Children Pastor Ann Pettit
Anthem *Go Forth into the World in Peace* -Rutter
Scripture Reading 1 John 3:16-24
Sermon Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Adapted from A Declaration of Faith
**God has not taken God's people out of the world,
but has sent them into the world to worship and serve all humankind.**

**We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord on behalf of all people.
Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone.
Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission.**

**We affirm that the Lord is at work,
especially in events and movements that free people by the gospel
and advance justice, compassion and peace.**

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

Go to the World

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*Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Go to the World (v. 4)

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*Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

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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