



Our mission:
to nurture disciples of Jesus Christ
who join boldly with the Spirit's work
in the world.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS

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

A Service for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* -Melchoir

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* -Hobby

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Deidre Lenderking, Worship Leader
How good it is for us to come together as kindred spirits.

Hallelujah! Jesus is in our midst!

The risen Christ speaks to us and gives us peace.

Hallelujah! Let our worship proclaim: *We have seen the Lord!*

*Hymn *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* 624

*I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.*

*Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in every place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.*

*Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
and give us strength in every trying hour.*

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.

*Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness;
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness.
O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
that we may dwell in perfect unity.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)\

Almighty God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with all of our heart, mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.
Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done,
and the good we have left undone.

Lord, you are full of compassion.
You are slow to anger, and abound in mercy.
There is always forgiveness with you!
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and let our ways and words reflect our delight.
Through the Risen Lord Jesus we pray,
Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure,
and you are included in that love.
Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.
Alleluia! Amen.

*Response of Praise

Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks.

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Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name
Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior.
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.

Life at Massanutten

- 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**—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. Thanks for supporting MPC Preschool!
- 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.

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!


Bold Faith + Extravagant Generosity
= Changing Lives

This Week At MPC

Sunday, April 7

9:00am Adult Sunday School
9:30am Faith Village
HS Breakfast
Parent Fellowship
10:00am Coffee Fellowship (GA)
10:30am Worship
Godly Play
5:00pm Fun with Handbells
6:00pm HS & MS Youth

Monday, April 8

10:00am Food Pantry
6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)
Boy Scouts (119)

Tuesday, April 9

10:00am Morning Circle (L)

Wednesday, April 10

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
2:00pm Bethel Circle (SS)
4:00pm Evening Circle (FH)
7:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 11

4:30pm Mosaic (HBR)
6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)
7:00pm Food Pantry

Friday, April 12

6:00pm Cub Scouts (FH) until 4/13,
9:00pm
Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 13

Cub Scout Blue & Gold
Banquet (FH)
Church Office Closed

Sunday, April 14

9:00am Adult Sunday School
9:30am Faith Village
HS Breakfast
Parent Fellowship
10:30am Worship
Godly Play
2:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)
5:00pm Fun with Handbells
6:00pm MS & HS Youth

We Gather Around God's Word

*Sung Prayer for Illumination *Spirit of the Living God* 288

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

Time with the Children Janina Peachey

Anthem *Open My Eyes* -K. Lee Scott

Scripture Reading John 20:19-31

Sermon Pastor Ann Pettit

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) *From A Declaration of Faith*

**We are certain that Jesus lives.
He lives as God with us,
touching all of human life with the presence of God.
He lives as one of us with God.
Because he shares our humanity
and has bound us to himself in love,
we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.
We declare that Jesus is Lord.
His resurrection is a decisive victory
over the powers that deform and destroy human life.
His lordship is hidden.
The world appears to be dominated by people and systems
that do not acknowledge his rule.
But his lordship is real.
It demands our loyalty and sets us free
from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.
We maintain that ultimate sovereignty
now belongs to Jesus Christ
in every sphere of life.
Jesus is Lord.
He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is Lord.**

Serving April 7

Door Monitor: Fred Good

Greeters: Bo & Patti Hobbie

Ushers & Water Pourers:
Cheryl Henderson & Sally Brown

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Erin Basgier

Faith Village:
Jennifer Coffelt and Janina Peachey

Godly Play: Robin and Diann Reed

Youth: Sarah Rimer & Glenn Wayland
Dale Dobroth & Nancy Wayland

Serving April 14

Door Monitor: Harvey Mast

Greeters: Jon & Mary Ann Alger

Ushers & Water Pourers:
Lewis, Emily & Jacob Burkholder

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Julia Sensabaugh

Faith Village:
Jennifer Coffelt and Janina Peachey

Godly Play: Jack & Sarah Rimer

Youth: Sarah Rimer & Doug Sensabaugh
Gus Scheidt

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving

I Come with Joy (v. 5)

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***Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.***

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

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! (v. 1-3)

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***Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***The Lord of life is risen today!
Death's mighty stone is rolled away.
Let all the earth rejoice and say:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! (v. 4)

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***Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

Class of 2024

Ka Guinn
Matt Hamblen
John Kaltenborn
Bill Kilby
Ron Matthews
Janina Peachey

Class of 2025

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Bill Frazier
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