



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

To God be the glory:

the mortgage is paid off!

So...let's celebrate!

Join us for a celebratory meal following worship.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS

This group meets for fellowship, prayer, and discussion centered on the intersections of faith, scripture, and current events.

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
Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit

This Is the Day and Deep and Wide
Faith Village Children

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude

Choral Song

-Samuel Wesley

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Janina Peachey, Worship Leader

Let us offer our praise to God, for we come to learn God's ways.

O God, your word is a lamp to our feet, a light to our path;
we lift our hearts to you as we seek to worship, adore, and follow you.

Let us worship our risen Lord!

*Hymn

God of the Fertile Fields

714

*God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields
our daily bread:
forth from your bounteous hand come gifts your love has planned,
that all in every land be clothed and fed.*

*We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you
all that you give;
help us in love to share, teach us like you to care
for people everywhere, that all may live.*

*As grows the hidden seed to fruit that serves our need,
so your reign grows.
Let all our toil be used, no gift of yours abused,
no humble task refused your love bestows.*

*God of the countryside, dear to the Christ who died
to make us one:
we pledge our lives anew in faithful love to you.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, we are quick to say,

“We didn’t know.”

“We didn’t mean to.”

“We didn’t expect that to happen.”

But we have not tended the soil of our lives.

We let it stay shallow and rocky

by not learning from the experience of others.

We let it be riddled with thorns

by succumbing to our own prejudices.

Life-giving God, help us to tend our soil.

Open us to being challenged, enable us to learn,

so that your word will take root

and bear good fruit in our lives and for your kingdom.

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

There is no condemnation for us:

God has forgiven us that we might live according to the Spirit.

The Spirit of God dwells within us. Thanks be to God!

*Response of Praise

Alleluia

589

Alleluia alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. Now the Lord is risen indeed.

*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

How Firm a Foundation (v. 1)

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*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God’s excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

Time with the Children

Jean Kilby and Barbara Palmer

Life at Massanutten

- Don’t forget your **Legacy Giving packet** is available for pickup after worship today! Packets contain an introduction to the new *Acorn Endowment Fund* and the *Capital Reserve Fund*. Please visit the table in the Narthex or see Legacy Board members Skip Wissinger, Jean Kilby, or Barbara Palmer to pick up your packet after worship.
- **Next Sunday, May 12, we welcome the Rev. Dr. Tariku Tolessa to Massanutten.** Rev. Tariku will be with us during the Sunday school hour —*to which everyone is invited*—and will preach during the worship service. He is the Vice President of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, the Ethiopian denomination with whom the PCUSA is in a long-standing relationship for mission and ministry. He is here to attend the annual Ethiopia Mission Network conference being held in Lancaster, PA. Rev. Tariku is the previous President of the Illubabor Bethel Synod, who is the partner of our own Shenandoah Presbytery. He served the synod as President for 8 years before moving to the church’s central offices in Addis Ababa. Rev. Tariku lives in Addis Ababa with his wife and two teenage children.
- **Massanetta Springs Mother’s Day Buffet**—Call Massanetta (540-434-3829) or go to massanettasprings.org to make your reservation and avoid the chaos of a meal in town! Adult tickets are \$27; Children 4-12 are \$19; and children under 4 are free! Reservations can be made on the half hour between 11:30 and 1:30 for any size group.
- **Congratulations to Ellen Blose and her family** on the birth of great grandson, Tyrus Nathaniel Thompson, born on Sunday, April 21. He is the son of Megan and Tyrelle Thompson, grandson of Mary Ellen and Sam Dofflemeyer
- 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>
- Occasionally someone in our church family needs **transportation assistance** for an appointment, or to run errands in town. If you would like to help with this kind of request, please email or contact the church office.
- The next action for VIA’s **Childcare Campaign** will be Thursday, May 9th at 6:30 pm at Otterbein United Methodist Church. The next action for the **Transportation Campaign** will be Thursday, May 23rd at 6:30 pm at Massanutten.
- **Summer Music Opportunities!** The Chancel Choir will take a few weeks off to during the summer months. Throughout those weeks, your gifts and/or ideas are encouraged! *Do you sing, play and instrument or know someone who does?* We would love to hear from you to include you or someone you know into our worship schedule. *Is there a hymn you wish we knew or sang more often?* Tell us about it! While we can’t promise to include all of the hymns suggested—we’ll use as many as possible. Call the church office or send an email (kleecy@massanuttenchurch.org) to offer your gifts or hymn request.

This Week At MPC

Sunday, May 5

9:00am Adult Sunday School
Confirmand Examination (S)
Confirmand & Mentor Break-
fast after examination (GA)
9:30am Faith Village
HS Breakfast
Parent Fellowship
10:30am Worship with Communion
Godly Play
Celebration Lunch following
Worship (FH)
2:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)
5:00pm Youth Handbells
6:00pm HS & MS Youth

Monday, May 6

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

Tuesday, May 7

8:00am Room 119 in use until 12
(Preschool)
6:00pm Worship Commission (L)

Wednesday, May 8

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
8:00am Room 119 in use until 12
(Preschool)
5:00pm Nurture & Discipleship (L)
7:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 9

8:00am Room 119 in use until 12
(Preschool)
3:30pm Mosaic (FH)
6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)
7:00pm Food Pantry

Friday, May 10 - Church Office Closed

Saturday, May 11 - Church Office Closed

11:00am New Officer Exam (L)

Sunday, May 12

9:00am Adult Sunday School
9:30am *No Faith Village today*
HS Breakfast
Parent Fellowship
10:30am Worship
Godly Play
2:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
5:00pm Youth Handbells (HBR)
6:00pm MS & HS Youth

Serving May 5

Door Monitor: Karen Enslin & Marc Davis

Greeters: Dave & Jan Reser

Ushers & Water Pourers:
Ron & Janet Morris

Nursery: Katie Gray & Erin Basgier

Faith Village: Jennifer Coffelt, Caitlin
Holsapple, & Pam French

Godly Play: Robin & Diann Reed

Youth: Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt &
Doug Sensabaugh

Serving May 12

Door Monitor: Skip Wissinger

Greeters: Tom & Gina Holden

Ushers & Water Pourers: Bo Hobbie &
Doug Smith

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Sharon Lam

Faith Village: *No Faith Village today—
Happy Mother's Day*

Godly Play: Emily Burkholder

Youth: Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt, &
Karen Mast

Anthem

God So Loved the World

-Stainer

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon

Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

Adapted from *A Declaration of Faith*

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom.**

**Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey
all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful.**

**No more than Christ are we spared
the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world.**

We are in the world, but not of the world.

**Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people
do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world,
but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom.**

**Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:
to serve as he has served us;**

**to take up our cross,
risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;**

**to walk by faith, not by sight,
to hope for what we have not seen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Skip Wissinger

Song of Thanksgiving

A New Era (see insert)

-K. Wissinger

We Are Fed at God's Table

Invitation (*responsively*)

We gather around this holy table at the invitation of our God
and in communion with generations past and generations yet to come.

We come in praise of God, always and forever.

We come as ones who belong —who have been made holy in Christ.

This is a table of reconciliation, forgiveness and hope.

This is a table for all the saints of God.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (*responsively*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we join our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever praise your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!**

...great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

The 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.

*Communion of the People

(Please move toward the center of the church, then move to the station serving your section. Servers will offer you a piece of bread—please cup your hands to receive it and move to the next server to take a cup from the tray. After you receive the elements, please return to your seat to eat the bread and drink the cup. You may leave your cups in the chair racks or dispose of them as you leave the sanctuary. For those who would be helped by a gluten free bread, please come to the center aisle and receive the element from the server in the middle.)

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Are Sent to the World

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

To God Be the Glory

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*To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!***

***Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.***

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!***

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

Class of 2024

Ka Guinn
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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-
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Jennifer Coffelt
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