

Invitation to the Offering

Prayers of the People

*Silent time to pray in between*  
Lord with your loving hand,  
**guide our hearts.**

**We are Fed at God's Table**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (*responsively*)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of Grace and Mercy, it is right for us to gather and offer you thanks and praise... (*the leader continues*)

...By your Spirit, with your children in every time and place, we pray as Jesus taught saying,

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread and the Pouring of the Cup

\*Communion of the People

*(We welcome all who come in the name of Christ to feast at God's Table. Please move toward the center of the church and then to the station serving your section. On your way, if you wrote down some fears after the message, place your paper in the font water, giving your fears to God. 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.)*

Music During Communion

*I Will Hold Your Hand*

by Matthew Black

Prayer After Communion (*unison*)

**God of love, as you have blessed this meal, bless our work and words  
so that we extend your love by what we do,  
what we say and who we are. Amen.**

**We Are Sent to the World**

\*Hymn

*O Christ Surround Me*  
with Youth Ukulele and Guitar Band

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\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*O Christ Surround Me*

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**A Service of Worship**

February 2, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany - Youth Sunday  
Massanutten Presbyterian Church

*The hands on the communion table and on the bulletin cover, were each traced by our youth and covered in "words of comfort" God might say to them when they are afraid.*

## Gathering

Prelude *Rain Down* 48  
Accompanied by Fun with Handbells

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Introit *Be Thou My Vision* 450  
Piano only, reflective text projected

Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*)  
God, lead our hands and hearts  
**as we follow the paths you give.**  
Lead our hands and hearts  
**to find comfort in you when we are afraid.**  
Lead our hands and hearts  
**to worship you.**

\*Hymn *You Are Holy* 596  
Accompanied by Fun with Handbells

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)  
**Dear God, we have been fearful and blinded from your wishes.**  
**We do not serve others as you would have us serve them.**  
**We have prioritized the wants of our “earthly masters” and our own earthly desires.**  
**Help us to remember your steadfast love and your hands forever holding ours.**  
**Guide us to do your work bravely in the world. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness  
Children of God, let us proclaim the Good News.  
**In Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

\*Response of Praise *Gloria, Gloria* 583  
*Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo!*  
*Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia. Alleluia!*

## We Gather Around God’s Word “I am holding your hand, so don’t be afraid.”

Special Music *Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord* 452  
with the Youth Ukulele and Guitar Band  
(Congregation, please join us the second time we sing it)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings  
Isaiah 41:13 *CEV*  
Colossians 3:23 *NIV*

Message (*including Time With the Children and Youth Reflections*)

## We Respond to God’s Word

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) excerpts from *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*  
Who are you?  
**I am a child of God.**  
What does it mean to be a child of God?  
**That I belong to God, who loves me.**  
What makes you a child of God?  
**Grace – God’s free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.**  
Don’t you have to be good for God to love you?  
**No. God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.**  
How do you thank God for this gift of love?  
**I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.**  
How do you love God?  
**By worshipping God, by loving others, and by respecting what God has created.**  
What did God create?  
**God created all that is, seen and unseen.**  
What is special about human beings?  
**God made us in the image of God.**  
What does it mean that we are made in God’s image?  
**It means we are made to reflect God’s goodness, wisdom, and love.**  
Who was sent to be the Messiah?  
**God sent Jesus to be the Messiah.**  
What did he do during his life on earth?  
**He called disciples to follow him. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, blessed children, befriended outcasts, required people to repent, and forgave their sins.**  
**He taught people not to fear, but to trust always in God.**  
**He preached the good news of God’s love and gave everyone hope for new life.**  
How do we know that Jesus is Lord?  
**After he died and was raised from the dead, he appeared to his disciples, both women and men.**  
**He revealed himself to them as our living Lord and Savior.**  
**Through the Bible and the Holy Spirit, he continues to reveal himself to us today.**  
What comfort does the good news give you?  
**That nothing will ever separate me from God’s love.**