



## DEEPENING OUR CONNECTEDNESS

*A New Season of Generosity*

January 12 - February 9

### Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

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

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A Service for the Lord's Day  
*Baptism of the Lord*

January 12, 2025

10:30 a.m.

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### We Gather at God's Call

Introit

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude

*Valley of Peace*

-Whitworth

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

**In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.**

God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to freedom.

**God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.**

Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples' feet in water.

**Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.**

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

**God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family. Praise be to God!**

\*Hymn

*Baptized in Water*

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*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;  
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,  
faithfully now God's praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God's praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our King;  
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;  
joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**In the waters of baptism, O God,  
you drench us in your grace.  
You call us your beloved children,  
making us your own forever.  
You send us to be vessels of your love and grace in the world,  
and to let our lives point to your glory.  
But even though you have named us,  
we forget who we are.  
And at times, we fail to remember your call to forgive, welcome, and love.  
Forgive us.  
Remind us once more that we are your beloved children.  
Open us to a deeper love for you and others,  
that your goodness would be made known in all the earth.  
Through Jesus Christ, who was baptized by John. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

This is the good news: God forgives us all our sin and promises to bring us to everlasting life.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Response of Praise *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (v.1) 475

***Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!***

\*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 *Jesus Loves Me* (v. 1) 188

***Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong.  
They are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.***

Time with the Children

Pastor Keith Phillips

Anthem

*O Love*

-Hagenberg

## **Life at Massanutten**

- This morning we are receiving the **Blanket offering** which supports the *Church World Service Blankets and Kits ministry*. Each blanket and kit serves as a tangible expression of God's love - sharing warmth on a chilly night, relief in a crisis, and a reminder that someone truly cares. Join other generous donors and share tangible expressions of love with our neighbors in need. You may make a financial gift of any amount to support this effort online, in worship, or through the mail. Please note [Blanket Offering](#) on your check or offering envelope.
- The Session of Massanutten Presbyterian Church has called a **congregational meeting** for this morning immediately following worship, for the purpose of dissolving the call of Rev. Ann Pettit. The meeting will be moderated by the Reverend Bronwen Boswell, General Presbyter of Shenandoah Presbytery, and a friend of our congregation.
- Please keep our youth and their leaders in your prayers! Next weekend they will be at Massanetta preparing worship for **Youth Sunday on February 2nd**. We are grateful for the time, prayer and preparation offered by each participant, their leaders and the families that support them.
- **New Topics on the Horizon for Adult Sunday School!**
  - Faithful Conversations will soon begin a study of the book *Necessary Risks: Challenges Privileged People Need to Face*, by Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott. Teri is the editor of the Presbyterian Outlook magazine. She and her family are friends of our congregation.
  - After concluding their study of the Acts of the Apostles, Covenant Class will begin the study *Enough: God's Blessings in Abundance*, from the PC (USA)'s Being Reformed series, on January 26th.
  - Faithful Conversations (Room 119) and Covenant Class (Room 117) both meet at 9am on Sunday mornings.
- **MPC Brunch Groups** (*a winter version of Dinner Groups*) will meet for food and fellowship around the table Jan. 23-25, at the home of a host. Signups are underway through tomorrow—January 13th!
- **Come to the Table** - This Wednesday, January 15th at 5:30 pm. Great fellowship and food—and no dishes to wash! Please write [Table](#) by your name in the Connection Folder to let us know you'll be there.
- **Inclement Weather Policy for MPC**—In case of inclement weather, check church closings on WHSV (Harrisonburg television station) or the church website [www.massanuttenchurch.org](http://www.massanuttenchurch.org)

## Congregational Concerns

### Members of Our Church Family...

**Bill Painter, Mike Finn-McKenzie, Nick Swartz, Les West, Don Enslin, Ann Trobaugh** (recovering from recent heart procedures), **Doris Abraham** (on hospice care), **Bernie Smith** (hospitalized).

### Friends of Our Church Family...

**David Frye**, friend of Mike and Ka Guinn; **Owen Mann; Andy Schoof**, friend and coworker of Bo Hobbie; **Linda Caldwell**, mother of Kevin Caldwell; **Janet Binion, Jim Roe**, family of Bill Frazier; **Sandra Rohrer**, mother of Lisa Rohrer Folks; **Heather Brookhoff** (lung cancer), sister-in-law of Jan Reser; **Buena Mae Phaup** (great aunt, health concerns), **Barbara Phillips** (great aunt, breast cancer), **Ken Jones** (cousin, melanoma and liver cancer), family of Pastor Keith; **Ella Perry** (connective tissue disease), friend of Pastor Keith; **Jeff Batton**, friend of Keith Knupp; **Kristin Lam**, daughter of Mike and Elfie Finn-McKenzie; **Bob Voorhees**, father of Patti Hobbie; **Mark Heltzel**, son of Helen Groves; **Christina Scott**, sister of Kathy Marlowe (myeloma cancer diagnosis); **Martha Chavira**, mother-in-law of Christopher Sutherland (recovering from surgery for a broken leg); **Michael Carter Showalter**, nephew of Kelly Showalter; **John Grimm**, brother of Sharon Posey (liver failure and diabetes); **Kim Reedy**, sister-in-law of Deb Thompson (recovering from lung replacement surgery); **Shepherd Blaylock**, great grandson of Ellen Blose; **Ray Harvell** (father of Lindsey Harvell-Bowman).

### Our Mission Efforts...

Massanutten Food Pantry, Blessings in a Bag, Habitat for Humanity, Open Doors, Valley Interfaith Action

### Serving Our Country...

**Jackie DeGaine**, daughter-in-law of Ka & Mike Guinn (Fort Jackson, SC); **Justin Brockhoff**, nephew of Jan Reser (Germany); **Marcus Sensabaugh**, son of Julia and Doug Sensabaugh (Texas); **Hunter Barr**, nephew of David & Alicia Gutschow (Parris Island, SC); **Matt Riordan**, grandson of Jack Heintzleman (Fairbanks, AK); **Tanner Kenny**, nephew of Gus and Stephanie Scheidt (Deployed); **Dylan Kenny**, nephew of Gus and Stephanie Scheidt (Navy); **Joseph Knight**, brother of Ben Craig (Air Force); **Elizabeth Lee Davis** (Jordan).

Scripture

Isaiah 43:1-7 & Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon

Pastor Ann Pettit

## We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *We Give Thee but Thine Own (v. 1)*

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*We give thee but thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

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.**

## Sacrament of Baptism

*Adeline Ruth Gray, Parker Matthew Gray, and Colin Morrison Gray*

Presentation

Carol Lown, Session Sponsor

Questions

Profession of Faith

\*Affirmation of Faith—The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptism

Welcome

**We Are Sent to the World**

\*Hymn

*I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* 488

*“I was there to hear your borning cry;  
I’ll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child  
with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell.”*

*“When you heard the wonder of the Word,  
I was there to cheer you on.  
You were raised to praise the living Lord  
to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk till rising sun.”*

*“In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young,  
I’ll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I’ve begun.  
When the evening gently closes in  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I’ll be there as I have always been  
with just one more surprise.”*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry (v. 4)* 488

*“I was there to hear your borning cry;  
I’ll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold.”*

**This Week At MPC**

**Sunday, January 12—Baptism of the Lord**  
9:00am Adult Sunday School (117,119)  
9:30am Faith Village  
HS Breakfast  
Parent Fellowship  
10:30am Worship  
11:30am Congregational Meeting  
Celebration and Thanksgiving  
for Ann  
1:00pm Recorder Rehearsal (200)  
2:00pm Cub Scouts (108,112)  
5:00pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)  
6:00pm MS & HS Youth

**Monday, January 13**  
10:00am Food Pantry  
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)

**Tuesday, January 14**

**Wednesday, January 15**  
7:30am Men’s Prayer Group (FH)  
5:30pm Come to the Table Dinner (FH)  
6:30 pm Generosity Team  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, January 16**

4:30pm Mosaic (HBR)  
6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 112)

**Friday, January 17**

*Church Office Closed*

**Saturday, January 18**

*Church Office Closed*

**Sunday, January 19**

9:00am Adult Sunday School (117,119)  
9:30am Faith Village  
Parent Fellowship  
10:30am Worship  
Godly Play  
6:00pm Cub Scouts (FH)

**Serving January 12**

**Door Monitors:** Robin Reed  
**Greeters:** Jackie Corson & Helen Groves  
**Ushers & Water Pourers:** Trent Bowman  
& Lindsey Harvell-Bowman  
**Faith Village:** Jennifer Coffelt  
**Godly Play:** *No Meeting*  
**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Sharon Lam  
**Youth Group:** Gus Scheidt & Sarah Rimer  
& Doug Sensabaugh

**Serving January 19**

**Door Monitors:** Harvey Mast  
**Greeters:** TBD  
**Ushers & Water Pourers:** TBD  
**Faith Village:** Jennifer Coffelt  
**Godly Play:** Karen Enslin  
**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers  
**Youth Group:** *No Evening Meeting*