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**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  
*Epiphany of the Lord*

January 5, 2025

10:30 a.m.

**We Gather at God's Call**

Introit

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude

*See Amid the Winter's Snow*

-Archer

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Doug Sensabaugh, Worship Leader

Arise, shine; for your light has come!

**The glory of God has risen upon us.**

Tell the good news throughout the earth:

**the saving grace of Jesus Christ is for all.**

Come and adore the Savior of the nations.

**We offer the gifts of our lives to the Lord.**

Let us worship God.

\*Hymn

*What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

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*What star is this, with beams so bright,  
more lovely than the noonday light?  
'Tis sent to announce a newborn king,  
glad tidings of our God to bring.*

*'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed,  
"From Jacob shall a star proceed;"  
and lo! the eastern sages stand to read  
in heav'n the Lord's command.*

*While outward signs the star displays,  
an inward light the Lord conveys  
and urges them, with tender might,  
to seek the giver of the light.*

*O Jesus, while the star of grace  
impels us on to seek your face,  
let not our slothful hearts refuse  
the guidance of your light to use.*

## Life at Massanutten

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,  
to reveal your love for all people.**

**We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.  
We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice;  
we do not strive for peace.**

**In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit,  
that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory  
shining in the face of Jesus Christ.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

The mercy of the Lord is like rain, like showers that water the earth.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

\*Response of Praise

*Joy to the World (v. 3)*

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*No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.*

\*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

*Be Thou My Vision (v. 1)*

450

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

### • **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 January 13th!

- The Session of Massanutten Presbyterian Church has called a **congregational meeting** for next Sunday, January 12, 2025, after worship, for the purpose of dissolving the call of Rev. Ann Pettit.

- **Open Doors Service Opportunity** - Help is needed transporting dinners from Sentara RMH to the new Open Doors Navigation Center (1111 N. Main St.). Vehicles must be able to transport at least 3 hotel pans of food and dining accessories. Sign up through the Blessings email or contact the church office.

- **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, Ellen Blose** (recovering from knee replacement), **Ann Trobaugh** (recovering from recent heart procedures), **Doris Abraham** (on hospice care).

### 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 (3 weeks old and was born with a cleft palate); **John Grimm**, brother of Sharon Posey (liver failure and diabetes); **Kim Reedy**, sister-in-law of Deb Thompson (recovering from lung replacement surgery on Dec. 8); **Shepherd Blaylock**, great grandson of Ellen Blose (born 4 weeks premature); **Ray Harvell** (father of Lindsey Harvell-Bowman, declining health).

### We Extend Sympathy to...

**Lorena (Rainey) Moyers**, and family, on the death of Rainey's husband, Andy Moyers, on Dec. 25th.  
**Becky and Denny Arthur**, and family, on the death of Becky's sister, Susie Sutton, on Dec. 26th.

### 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).

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Time with the Children

Pastor Ann Pettit

Anthem

*Go Light Your World*

-Rice/Pote

Scripture

Isaiah 60:1-6

Sermon

Pastor Keith Phillips

## We Respond to God's Word

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *Angels We Have Heard on High* (v. 1) 113

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo!  
Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo!*

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 *Arise, Your Light Is Come* 744

*Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.*

*Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.*

*Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.*

*Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* (v. 5) 543

*Christ in the eyes of all who see me,  
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,  
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:  
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

**This Week At MPC**

**Sunday, January 5—Epiphany of the Lord**

9:00am Adult Sunday School (117,119)  
9:30am Faith Village  
HS Breakfast  
Parent Fellowship  
10:30am Worship  
Godly Play  
12:00pm Session Meeting  
2:00pm Cub Scouts (108,119)  
5:00pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)  
6:00pm MS & HS Youth

**Monday, January 6**

6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 112)  
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)  
7:00pm Boy Scouts (119)

**Tuesday, January 7**

10:00am PW Coordinating Team

**Wednesday, January 8**

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)  
2:00pm Bethel Circle (SS)  
4:00pm Evening Circle (FH)  
6:30pm Generosity Team  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, January 9**

10:00am Fire Marshall Inspection  
4:30pm Mosaic (HBR)  
6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 112)  
7:00pm Food Pantry

**Friday, January 10**

*Church Office Closed*

**Saturday, January 11**

*Church Office Closed*

**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  
Godly Play  
11:30am Congregational Meeting  
1:00pm Recorder Rehearsal (200)  
2:00pm Cub Scouts (108,112)  
5:00pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)  
6:00pm MS & HS Youth

**Serving January 5**

**Door Monitors:** Frank Gearing

**Greeters:** Dexter & Cyndi Taylor

**Ushers & Water Pourers:** Bo & Patti Hobbie

**Faith Village:** Jennifer Coffelt

**Godly Play:** Jack & Sarah Rimer

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Phyllis Hamilton

**Youth Group:** Gus Scheidt & Sarah Rimer  
& Karen Mast

**Serving January 12**

**Door Monitors:** Robin Reed

**Greeters:** Jackie Corson &

**Ushers & Water Pourers:** Trent Bowman  
& Lindsey Harvell-Bowman

**Faith Village:** Jennifer Coffelt

**Godly Play:**

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Sharon Lam

**Youth Group:** Gus Scheidt & Sarah Rimer  
& Doug Sensabaugh