



The more we come to see that God entrusts these things to us for the purpose of serving & glorifying God, the more we can joyfully offer them back to God. Stewardship is a way of living in response to God's generosity toward us.

It means not only giving thanks for everything God has entrusted to our care, but also sharing it so that we may join boldly with the Spirit's work in the world.

*We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our very lives to God as an offering to God's glory.*

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Massanutten
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



A Service for the Lord's Day
February 16, 2025
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Commitment Sunday

We Gather at God's Call

Introit	<i>What Is This Place</i>	404
Greeting		
Pouring of the Water		
Prelude	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	-Payne
*Call to Worship (<i>responsively</i>)	Doug Sensabaugh, Worship Leader	
Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with all our hearts.		
God's ways are full of love and honor.		
They are gracious and merciful.		
They are faithful and just.		
Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord.		
Let us worship the God who holds us.		
*Hymn	<i>God Is Here!</i>	409

*God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.*

*Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.*

*Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.*

*Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Merciful God,
in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world.**

**Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.**

**The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.**

**We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason,
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.**

Life at Massanutten

Throughout the 2024-2025 program year, we are exploring what it means to deepen our connectedness to God, to one other and to the world. We have been doing this by focusing for a season on traditional discipleship practices: worship (September), education (November), generosity, prayer and service.

*The first words in Psalm 24 bear testimony to God's creative power and love: 'The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.' In this third practice of discipleship—**Generosity**—we will explore what it means to be recipients of God's kindness, goodness and hospitality—in the abundant way it is given to us. We will consider what God invites us to do with these gifts, and we will prayerfully ask God to reveal to us something new about how we live into generosity in faithful ways.*

- Our next 3rd Wednesday dinner will be this **Wednesday, February 19th at 5:30 pm**. Come for great fellowship and great food without all the mess! Let us know you'll be there in the connection folders.
- **Topics for Adult Sunday School**
 - Faithful Conversations has begun 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.
 - Covenant Class has begun studying *Enough: God's Blessings in Abundance*, from the PC(USA)'s Being Reformed series.
- Last Spring, we launched the new **Oak Tree Capital Reserve Fund and Acorn Endowment Fund** to help our ministry continue to grow, today and in the future. Here are the balances in our Legacy Funds as of December 31, 2024:
 - Acorn Endowment Fund: \$17,664
 - Oak Tree Capital Reserve Fund: \$79,293
- Many thanks to all who have pledged or made a gift to **Massanetta's Building A Place For All campaign**. Our church's total so far is almost \$100,000! Wow! Massanetta is just \$325,000 short of the initial goal of \$4.5 million. There's still time to close this gap by the board's goal of June 1. If you have not yet made a pledge or gift, now would be a great time to help meet the goal. More info is available at <https://massanettasprings.org/bpa>
- The Session of Massanutten Presbyterian Church has set the date for our **annual meeting of the congregation** for after worship next Sunday, February 23, 2025. Lunch will be provided.
- **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.

This Week At MPC

Sunday, February 16

9:00am Adult Sunday School
(117, 119)
9:30am Faith Village
Parent Fellowship
HS Breakfast
10:30am Worship
Godly Play
No Fun With Handbells
6:00pm Youth Group

Monday, February 17

6:00pm Preschool Board Meeting
7:00pm Boy Scouts (119)
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)

Tuesday, February 18

11:00am Staff Meeting and Lunch

Wednesday, February 19

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
4:30pm Legacy Board Meeting
5:30pm Come to the Table
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Thursday, February 20

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

Friday, February 21

Church Office Closed

Saturday, February 22

1:00pm Pinewood Derby (FH)

Sunday, February 23

9:00am Adult Sunday School
(117, 119)
9:30am Faith Village
Parent Fellowship
HS Breakfast
10:30am Worship
Godly Play
11:30pm Annual Congregational
Meeting
1:00pm Recorder Rehearsal (S)
5:00pm Fun with Handbells
6:00pm Youth Group

Lord, have mercy upon us;

heal and forgive us.

Set us free to serve you in the world

as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

*Response of Praise

We Praise You, O God (v. 3)

612

*With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!*

*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 *Open My Eyes, That I May See (v. 1)*

451

*Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Time with the Children

Hannah Altman

Special Music

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

-IJames

Scripture

Mark 13:1-9, Genesis 1:26-27

Sermon

Pastor Keith Phillips

Serving February 16

Door Monitor: Harvey Mast

Greeters: Ric & JoAnn Leobold

Ushers & Water Pourers:

Sally Brown & Julia Sensabaugh

Faith Village:

Jennifer Coffelt & David Allen

Godly Play: Sarah & Jack Rimer

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Phyllis Hamilton

Youth Group: Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt,
& Mary Mabry

Serving February 23

Door Monitor: Marc Davis

Greeters: Mike & Ka Guinn

Ushers & Water Pourers:

Frank & Jean Gearing

Faith Village:

TBD

Godly Play: TBD

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Katie Gray

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

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*adapted from Ephesians 2*)

We were once without hope.

**We stumbled along lost, without direction
following our own desires.**

But God is merciful.

**God loved us so much he brought us near
and made us alive with Christ.**

God's wonderful kindness is what saves us.

God's goodness is what gives us life.

We are saved by the one who is generous beyond measure.

It is God's gift to us and not anything we have earned on our own.

By grace we live in the world as grateful disciples.

Moment for Generosity

Doug Sensabaugh, the MPC Food Pantry

Invitation to the Offering and Estimates of Giving

Generosity Team

*Song of Commitment

Take My Life

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*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.*

*Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.*

*Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.*

*Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.*

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for 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.

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn

We Lift Our Voices

710

*We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.*

*Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives; they are yours:
we are an offering.*

*All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you,
we give to you.*

*We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering;
we are an offering.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

We Lift Our Voices (Final Stanza)

710

*We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering;
we are an offering.*