



**DEEPENING OUR CONNECTEDNESS**  
*A New Season of Generosity*

January 12 - February 16

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.*

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.

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**Massanutten**  
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Service for the Lord's Day  
 February 9, 2025  
*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*



**We Gather at God's Call**

Introit *When the Morning Stars Together* -Bayly

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *My Song is Love Unknown* -Burkhardt

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Doug Sensabaugh, Worship Leader  
 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;

**we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

**Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

For the Lord is good;

**his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

\*Hymn *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* 385

*All people that on earth do dwell,  
 sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
 him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell.  
 Come ye before him and rejoice.*

*Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk; he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.*

*O enter then his gates with praise;  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.*

*For why? The Lord our God is good;  
his mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,  
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,  
for we have done wrong.  
We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you.  
We have turned from our neighbors,  
and refused to bear the burdens of others.  
We have ignored the pain of the world,  
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.**

*A time of silence is kept for personal prayer*

**In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness,  
that we may choose your will and obey your commandments;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Hear the good news! As people born of water and the Spirit  
we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun.  
God's grace is poured out upon us day by day.

Come to the water and remember your baptism.

Be thankful, and live as one who has been raised to new life!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

## 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.*

- The **Souper Bowl of Caring** is today! We know many people will be tuning in to see who wins on the field in New Orleans. But you're invited to show your support for either the Philadelphia Eagles or Kansas City Chiefs before kickoff. Before worship, the youth will be collecting donations for our MPC Food Pantry and monetary donations for a youth selected non-profit. Your donations can be designated as in support of the Eagles or Chiefs, and we will let you know who wins between them! It is much appreciated.
- **New 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 on 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](http://www.massanuttenchurch.org).

**This Week At MPC**

**Sunday, February 9—Souper Bowl of Caring**

9:00am Adult Sunday School  
(117, 119)  
9:30am Faith Village  
Parent Fellowship  
*No HS Breakfast*  
10:30am Worship  
Godly Play  
1:00pm Recorder Rehearsal (200)  
*No evening youth programs*

**Monday, February 10**

10:00am Food Pantry  
6:00pm Cub Scouts (FH)  
7:00pm Boy Scouts (119)  
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)

**Tuesday, February 11**

**Wednesday, February 12**

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)  
5:30pm MPC Yoga (FH)  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)

**Thursday, February 13**

4:30pm Mosaic (HBR)  
6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 112)  
7:00pm Food Pantry

**Friday, February 14**

*Church Office Closed*

**Saturday, February 15**

*Church Office closed*

**Sunday, February 16**

9:00am Adult Sunday School  
(117, 119)  
9:30am Faith Village  
Parent Fellowship  
HS Breakfast  
10:30am Worship  
Godly Play  
5:00pm Fun with Handbells  
6:00pm Youth Group

**Serving February 9**

**Door Monitor:** Jack Rimer

**Greeters:** Bettye Davis & Deb Thompson

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**  
Ben Craig & Nick Swartz

**Faith Village:**  
Jennifer Coffelt & David Allen

**Godly Play:** Diann & Robin Reed

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Katie Gray

**Youth Group:** *No evening meeting*

**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

\*Response of Praise *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (v. 2)* 610

*The name of Jesus charms our fears,  
and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner's ears,  
brings life, and health, and peace.*

\*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)* 463

*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 Gina Holden

Anthem *Appalachian Lord's Prayer* -Sowash

Scripture Mark 2:1-12

Sermon Pastor Keith Phillips

**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 Barbara Palmer, the MPC Music Program

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *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.*

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 Give Thee but Thine Own* 708

*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.*

*May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.*

*The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,  
to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ-like thing.*

*And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be;  
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (v. 2)* 546

*Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;  
may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
to your truth may we be found.*