



During Lent, the congregation is encouraged to read the book *Pause: Spending Lent with the Psalms*, by Elizabeth F. Caldwell. This book includes readings from the Psalms for all Sundays and other holy days of Lent. It also includes recommended spiritual practices that we can include in our lives that encourage us to slow down and rest in God's presence. Both Adult Sunday School classes will be discussing the book.

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

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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 of Worship
Transfiguration Sunday

March 2, 2025

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

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| Introit | <i>Called As Partners in Christ's Service</i> | - Zundel |
| Greeting | | |
| Pouring of the Water | | |
| Prelude | <i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i> | - Young |
| *Call to Worship (<i>responsively</i>) | | Jan Arnold, Worship Leader |
| Lift up your eyes. Look! | | |
| Darkness covers the earth, but our light has come. God's glory is revealed. | | |
| Open your ears. Listen! | | |
| There's a deafening clamor, but we hear a still small voice. The chosen one speaks. | | |
| Render your hearts. Return! | | |
| We gather to hear the chosen one and to follow. | | |
| *Hymn | <i>God Is Calling through the Whisper</i> | 410 |

*God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs,
 through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.
 Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:
 God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?*

*God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers,
 through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.
 Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:
 God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?*

*God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,
 through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.
 Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:
 God is calling—and we hear! God is calling—and we hear!*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts.

You know the ways we've fallen short.

**You know the work we've left undone, the mercy we've left ungiven,
the love we've left unshared, the peace we've left unmade.**

**You know the arrogance, pride, and violence that we've chosen
instead of your path of forgiveness and reconciliation.**

You know who we are.

Forgive us, and transform us,

**Help us to see who we might be
that we might become who you imagine,
in your sight, and by your mercy. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Friends, God sees you and knows you.

God sees you and loves you.

God sees you and calls you.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

*Response of Praise

We Are Forgiven

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*We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

*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 the Eyes of My Heart

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*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you; I want to see you;
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you; I want to see you;*

Life at Massanutten

- **We welcome Rev. Dr. Daniel Ott as our guest preacher today.** Dan serves as dean and professor of theology and religion in the School of Theology, Humanities, and Performing Arts at Eastern Mennonite University. Dr. Ott formerly served as Associate Dean for Academic Initiatives, professor of religious studies, and chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Monmouth College in Illinois. Dr. Ott's scholarship is in the areas of religious thought in the United States, philosophies of peace and nonviolence, and Christian liberal theologies, especially process and pragmatic theologies.
- The Open Doors kitchen is getting ready to open! We will be collecting spices for the kitchen during the month of March. Stop by the table in the Narthex and pick a spice to purchase.
- If you've been unable to turn in an **Estimate of Giving card**, please do so as soon as possible. Estimate of Giving cards are available from the church office, or you can complete one at massanuttenchurch.org.
- Our **Ash Wednesday** service of worship will take place in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4th. The service will include the imposition of ashes.
- Next Thursday (Mar. 6th) you can gather at Kaffee Klatsch at the Dayton Market at 10:00 a.m. for the monthly coffee small group. These opportunities happen on the first Thursday of each month.
- **Topics for Adult Sunday School**
 - Faithful Conversations are studying *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 is studying *Enough: God's Blessings in Abundance*, from the PC(USA)'s Being Reformed series.
- **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.

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| This Week At MPC | | 7:30am | Men's Prayer Group (FH) |
| Sunday, March 2 | | 7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal (CR) |
| 9:00am | Adult Sunday School (117, 119) | Thursday, March 6 | |
| 9:30am | Faith Village Parent Fellowship HS Breakfast | 4:30pm | Mosaic (HBR) |
| 10:30am | Worship | 6:00pm | Cub Scouts (108, 119) |
| 11:30am | Godly Play | Friday, March 7 | |
| | Session Meeting | 6:00pm | Eng. Country Dancers (GA) |
| | <i>No Fun with Handbells</i> | <i>Church Office Closed</i> | |
| 2:00pm | Cub Scouts (108, 117) | Saturday, March 8 | |
| 6:00pm | Youth Group | 9:00am | Session Min. Reading (GA) |
| Monday, March 3 | | <i>Church Office Closed</i> | |
| 6:00pm | Cub Scouts (108, 117) | Sunday, March 9 | |
| 6:00pm | Brass Quintet (210) | 9:00am | Adult Sunday School (117, 119) |
| 6:30pm | Boy Scouts (119) | 9:30am | Faith Village Parent Fellowship HS Breakfast |
| 7:00pm | Massanutten Ringers (HBR) | 10:30am | Worship |
| Tuesday, March 4 | | | Godly Play |
| 10:00am | PW Meeting (Library) | 1:00pm | Recorder Rehearsal |
| 5:30pm | Shrove Pancake Din. (FH) | 5:00pm | Fun with Handbells |
| | Prebytery Meeting (Zoom) | 6:00pm | Youth Group |
| Wednesday, March 5 | | | |
| 6:00pm | Ash Wednesday Serv. | | |

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| Serving March 2 | Serving March 9 |
| Door Monitor: Phyllis Hamilton | Door Monitor: TBD |
| Greeters: Bill & Kathy Marlowe | Greeters: Greg & Ann Trobaugh |
| Ushers & Water Pourers: Keith & Linda Knupp | Ushers & Water Pourers: TBD |
| Faith Village: Nancy Wayland & Sherry von Oeyen | Faith Village: Jennifer & Emily Coffelt |
| Godly Play: Hannah Altman | Godly Play: Diann & Robin Reed |
| Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Diann Reed | Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Phyllis Hamilton |
| Youth Group: Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt, & Mary Mabry | Youth Group: Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt, & Chris Hamilton |

*to see you high and lifted up,
shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love
as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see you.*

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| Time with the Children | | Cherokee Adams |
| Anthem | <i>Prayer for Transfiguration Day</i> | - Weaver |
| Scripture | | Luke 4:16-21, Luke 9:28-36 |
| Sermon | You Just Don't Get It, Do You? | Rev. Dr. Daniel J. Ott |

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith From *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life,
who inspired the prophets and apostles,
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls children of God everywhere to all ministries of the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth.**

*Communion Hymn 769

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,*

Refrain:
*and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:*

*yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!*

*For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, (Refrain)*

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free, (Refrain)*

We are Fed at God's Table

Invitation

*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 Moses and Elijah...

Therefore we praise you, joining the hymn of the six-winged seraphs who cover face as they sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ...

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Now let us share in your Holy Spirit...

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Pouring of the Cup

*Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand. Now send us forth to reflect your light, proclaiming your saving death and resurrection until you come again in glory. Amen.

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn

Together We Serve

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*Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending God's love to the last and the least.*

*We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.*

*We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.*

*Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

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*May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*