

## Our Lenten Focus: Prayer

Throughout the 2024-25 program year, we have been exploring what it means to deepen our connectedness to God, to one other, and to the world. We have done this in a variety of ways - focusing for a season on one of five traditional discipleship practices. We began the year focusing on worship and education. We recently concluded our focus on generosity. After Easter, we will conclude the program year with a focus on service.

During Lent, our focus is on prayer. It is particularly appropriate to focus on prayer during Lent, as Lent is a season where we seek to deepen our connectedness to God in a variety of ways. How might you become more connected to God through prayer in this season?

We are encouraging everyone to participate in our congregational devotional reading of the book *Pause: Spending Lent with the Psalms*, by Elizabeth F. Caldwell. The psalms have long been a source of prayer for God's people. Caldwell's book walks us through several of the psalms in her devotionals. Each week concludes with a simple, but deep, spiritual practice that invites us into a deeper connection with our Triune God.



# Massanutten

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Service of Worship  
March 30, 2025  
*Fourth Sunday in Lent*



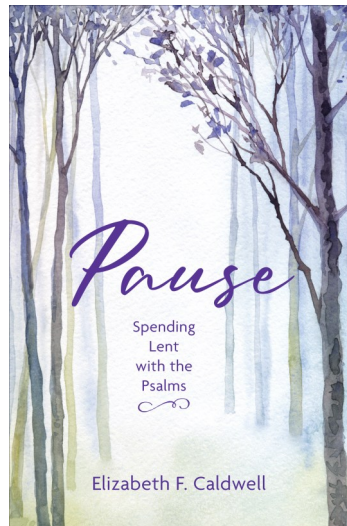
### We Gather at God's Call

Introit	<i>My Shepherd Will Supply My Need</i>	- Watts
Greeting		
Pouring of the Water		
Prelude	<i>The King Of Love My Shepherd Is</i>	- Wood
*Call to Worship ( <i>responsively</i> )		Kath Wissinger, Worship Leader
	O Lord our shepherd, we come to you.	
	<b>Restore our souls.</b>	
	O Lord our shepherd, we come to you.	
	<b>Lead us in right paths.</b>	
	O Lord our shepherd, we come to you.	
	<b>Calm our fears and comfort us.</b>	
	O Lord our shepherd, we come to you.	
	<b>Prepare a table for us.</b>	
	O Lord our shepherd, we come to you.	
	<b>Let us offer ourselves to you in worship.</b>	
*Hymn	<i>Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers</i>	407

***Spirit divine, attend our prayers, and make this house your home.  
Descend with all your gracious powers. O come, great Spirit, come!***

***Come as the light. To us reveal our emptiness and woe.  
And lead us in those paths of life where all the righteous go.***

***Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sacrificial flame.  
Let our whole soul an offering be to our Redeemer's name.***



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.

*Come as the dove and spread your wings, the wings of peaceful love.  
And let the church on earth become blest as the church above.*

*Spirit divine, attend our prayers. Make a lost world your home.  
Descend with all your gracious powers. O come, great Spirit, come!*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways  
like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.**

**We have offended against your holy laws.**

**We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;**

**And we have done those things which we ought not to have done.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Forgive those who confess their faults.**

**Restore those who are penitent,**

**according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,  
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith.

Beloved people of God, believe the good news:

Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*Response of Praise *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty (v. 3)*

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*Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly for aye we adore him.*

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ (*responsively*)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also, with you.**

## Life at Massanutten

- **The Open Doors kitchen is now open!** This is the last week we are collecting spices for the kitchen during the month of March. Stop by the table in the Narthex and pick a spice to purchase.
- **Coffee Break Small Group:** April's Coffee Small Group, will gather this Thursday, April 3rd, at 10:00 AM at the Kaffee Klatsch at the Dayton Market. All are welcome!
- **The Shenandoah Valley Choral Society, under the direction of Curtis Nolley, will present its 54th annual Spring concert "Let There be Light"** on Friday, April 11th, 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 13th, 3:00 p.m. at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. The concert will highlight Elaine Hagenberg's moving "Illuminare" accompanied by the (SVCS) chamber orchestra. The second half of the concert continues to develop the theme of light with works by Keith Hampton, Shawn Kirchner, Gilbert Martin, and others. Tickets are available at the door, locally at Harrisonburg Friendly City Food Co-Op, Bridgewater Foods Supermarket, and online at [singshenandoah.org](http://singshenandoah.org). Admission is \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students.

## MPC Safety Messages

- **See something? Say something!** If you have a "JDLR" moment (Law Enforcement slang for "Just Doesn't Look Right"), share your concerns with an usher, door monitor or safety team member.

## Holy Week at Massanutten

**Sun., April 13  
10:30 a.m.**

**Palm/Passion Sunday Worship**  
Featuring the Procession of the Palms  
Guest Preacher, Rev. Colleen Earp

**Thurs., April 17  
7:00 p.m.**

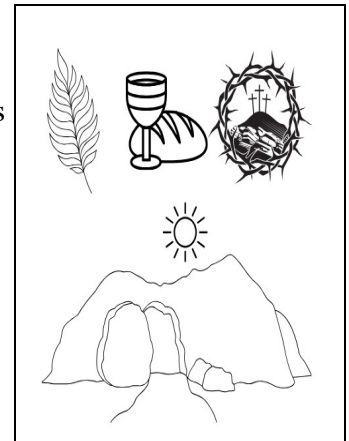
**Maundy Thursday Worship**  
Communion served

**Fri., April 18  
7:00 p.m.**

**Good Friday Worship**  
We journey with Jesus to the cross

**Sun., April 20  
9:00 a.m.  
9:45 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.**

**Easter Sunday**  
Breakfast  
Egg Hunt  
Easter Worship  
We rejoice for our resurrected Savior!



**This Week At MPC**

**Sunday, March 30**

9:00am Adult Sunday School  
(117, 119)  
*No Faith Village*  
*No Parent Fellowship*  
*No HS Breakfast*

10:30am Worship  
Godly Play

12:00pm Elder Training (L)

1:00pm Recorder Rehearsal (200)

2:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)  
*No Fun with Handbells*  
*No Evening Youth Group*

**Monday, March 31**

6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)

6:00pm Brass Quintet (210)

6:30pm Boy Scouts (119)

7:00pm Mass. Ringers (HBR)

**Tuesday, April 1**

10:00am PWCT

**Wednesday, April 2**

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)

8:15am Bob Jerome (S)

6:00pm Worship Comm. (GA)

6:00pm Mission & Service (L)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)

**Thursday, April 3**

4:30pm Mosaic (HBR)

6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)

7:00pm Safety Meeting (GA)

**Friday, April 4**

*Church Office Closed*

**Saturday, April 5**

*Church Office Closed*

**Sunday, April 6**

9:00am Adult Sunday School  
(117, 119)  
*No Faith Village*  
*No Parent Fellowship*  
*No HS Breakfast*

10:30am Worship  
Godly Play

2:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)  
*No Fun with Handbells*  
*No Evening Youth Group*

**Serving March 30**

**Door Monitor:** Phil Miller

**Greeters:** Dick & Karen Leecy

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**

Skip Wissinger & Dwight Newman

**Faith Village:** *No Faith Village*

**Godly Play:** Hannah Altman

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers  
& Katie Gray

**Youth Group:** *No Youth Group*

**Serving April 6**

**Door Monitor:** Frank Gearing

**Greeters:** Marilyn Alley & Bettye Davis

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**

Fred Good & Cheryl Henderson

**Faith Village:** *No Faith Village*

**Godly Play:** Diann & Robin Reed

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers  
& Julia Sensabaugh

**Youth Group:** *No Youth Group*

**We Gather around God's Word**

\*Sung Prayer for Illumination *How Firm a Foundation (v. 1)*

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*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

Gayle Allen

Anthem

*The Lord is My Shepherd*

- Pote

Scripture

Psalm 23

Sermon

Pastor Keith Phillips

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith

Psalm 23 (KJV)

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:**

**He leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**He restoreth my soul:**

**He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness**

**for his name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;**

**Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:**

**Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:**

**And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving      *Great Is Thy Faithfulness (refrain)*      39

*Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Concerns of the Congregation

Song of Prayer      *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*      469

*Lord, listen to your children praying.  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to your children praying.  
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.*

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      *God of Grace and God of Glory*      307

*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.*

*Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*Go with Us, Lord*

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*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way  
through this and every coming day,  
that in your Spirit strong and true  
Our lives may be our gift to you.*

**Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session**

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