

## 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 for the Lord's Day  
*Palm Sunday - April 13, 2025*



## We Gather at God's Call

Welcome

Sarah Rimer

Proclamation of the Palms

Luke 19:28-40

\*Processional Song

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

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*Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.*

*From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;  
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.*

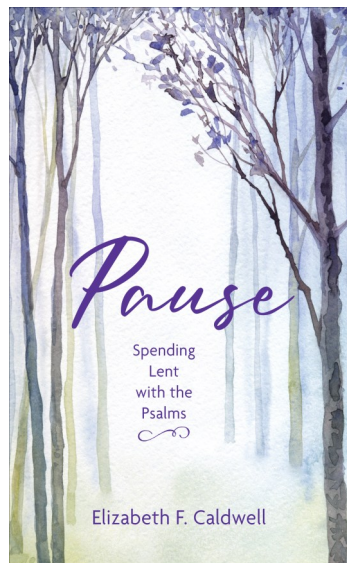
*"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.*

Greeting

Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises. While our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your purposes. We sing easily of your greatness, but living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real, daily leading us away from you. Have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace. Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall be. Lord, save us. Hosanna!**



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.

\*Assurance of Pardon

He who rode into Jerusalem, struggled on the cross, and was sealed in a tomb is risen from the dead! Jesus Christ has defeated sin forever. This is good news! In 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 *Be Thou My Vision (v. 4)* 450

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Time with the Children Pastor Keith Phillips

Anthem *The Feast of the Psalms* - Bullard

Scripture Psalm 118

Sermon Rev. Colleen Earp

**We Respond to God’s Word**

\*Hymn *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* 753

*Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.*

*Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
and where there’s sadness, ever joy.*

**Life at Massanutten**

- **Usher and Door Monitor Training** will be held on Sunday, April 27th, at 11:45 a.m., following Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided! If you are an Usher or Door Monitor, please attend this training, as we will cover some vital topics. We do need a headcount of who will be attending for lunch purposes. If you plan to come, please use the Special Event Sign-Up section in the Connection Folder, or contact Ashlea by calling 540.434.6194 or emailing her at [office@massanuttenchurch.org](mailto:office@massanuttenchurch.org) to let her know by Thursday, April 24th, 2:00 pm.
- **MPC will soon be offering CPR/ AED Training, exact date to be determined!** For the MPC’s Safety Team to implement this training, they need to know how many are interested in getting recertified in CPR/ AED and who would be interested in attending the training. If you are interested, please take a moment to write CPR/ AED in the Special Event Sign-Up section when signing the Connection Folders. You can also contact Ashlea by calling 540.434.6194 or emailing her at [office@massanuttenchurch.org](mailto:office@massanuttenchurch.org) to let her know.
- **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS):** We will be receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Easter Sunday. This offering supports three programs of the Presbyterian Church: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self Development of People. All of these programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. You may make a gift by check, using the envelopes in the chair racks, or by marking your donation for OGHS. You may also make a gift by going to the OGHS website, <https://pcusa.org/special-offerings/one-great-hour-sharing>.
- **The new “Deep Dive” Bible Study**, will be meeting on Wednesday, April 23rd at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This group focuses on diving deep into scripture (or other books relevant to our faith) such that the ensuing discussion yields a greater understanding of the truth the Holy Spirit speaks to us. People who join this group should be okay with wrestling with interpretations of scripture that may challenge previously-held personal interpretations of scripture. The group will meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. For more details, please see Ron Matthews or David Allen.
- **All Presbyterian Women are invited** to the annual PW Birthday Celebration Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service on Sunday, May 4. You have not been active in PW? This is your chance to learn about our missions, our Bible study, our special events, and fellowship. Return rides to Sunnyside are available. Please contact Jean Gearing at 540.578.5321 or via email at [jeangearing@gmail.com](mailto:jeangearing@gmail.com) for more information.
- **MOSAIC Handbell Ensemble presents “Find Your Happy Place!”** Carol Lown and Kath Wissinger ring in this wonderful group! Join us for the fun at our Spring concert venues: Friday, April 25 at 7 pm at Muhlenberg Lutheran Church (H’bg); Sunday, April 27 at 4 pm at MPC - we’ll share the stage with the Massanutten Ringers; and Friday, May 2 at 7 pm at Asbury United Methodist Church (H’bg). Freewill offerings accepted. See [MosaicBells.org](http://MosaicBells.org), [info@MosaicBells.org](mailto:info@MosaicBells.org), or talk to Carol or Kath for more info.

<b>This Week At MPC</b>	
<b>Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday</b>	<b>Thursday, April 17 - Maundy Thursday</b>
9:00am Adult Sunday School (117, 119)	4:30pm Mosaic (HBR)
9:30am Faith Village Parent Fellowship HS Breakfast	6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)
10:30am Worship <i>No Godly Play</i>	7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship
11:30am Easter Rehearsal (S)	<b>Friday, April 18 - Good Friday</b>
3:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
4:00pm Ashley Becker (FH)	7:00pm Good Friday Worship
5:00pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)	<b>Saturday, April 19</b>
6:00pm Youth Group (East Lobby)	8:30am Grounds Clean-up
<b>Monday, April 14</b>	1:30pm Ethiopia Partnership (GA)
10:00am Food Pantry	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
6:00pm Brass Quintet (210)	<b>Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday</b>
6:00pm Scouts Den Meeting (FH)	<i>No Adult Sunday School</i>
7:00pm Mass. Ringers (HBR)	9:00am <b>Easter Breakfast (FH)</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 15</b>	9:45 am <b>Egg Hunt</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 16</b>	<i>No Faith Village</i>
7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)	<i>No Parent Fellowship</i>
3:00pm Mosaic (FH)	<i>No HS Breakfast</i>
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)	10:30am <b>Easter Worship</b>
	<i>No Godly Play</i>
	<i>No Fun with Handbells</i>
	<i>No Evening Youth Group</i>

<b>Serving April 13 - Palm Sunday</b>	<b>Serving April 20 - Easter Sunday</b>
<b>Door Monitor:</b> Harvey Mast	<b>Door Monitor:</b>
<b>Greeters:</b> Ric & JoAnn Leobold	8:40 - 10:00 TBD
<b>Ushers &amp; Water Pourers:</b> Kaltenborn Family	10:00 - 11:45 Phyllis Hamilton
<b>Faith Village:</b> Jennifer & Emily Coffelt, & Sherry von Oeyen	<b>Greeters:</b> Tom & Gina Holden
<b>Godly Play:</b> <i>No Godly Play</i>	<b>Ushers &amp; Water Pourers:</b> Chris Hamilton & Mike Guinn
<b>Nursery:</b> Katie Rodgers & Erin Basgier	<b>Faith Village:</b> <i>No Faith Village</i>
<b>Youth Group:</b> Sarah Rimer, Mark Palmer, & Gus Scheidt	<b>Godly Play:</b> <i>No Godly Play</i>
	<b>Nursery:</b> Katie Rodgers
	<b>Youth Group:</b> <i>No Youth Group</i>

*O, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* 606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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.**

**God Sends Us to the World**

We Enter Jerusalem *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! (vv. 1-2)* 198

*Soloist: Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.*

*Soloist: Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
The hosts of angels in the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.*

\*Litany for Passion Week (*responsively*)

Our palm branches and cloaks pave the way for Jesus to enter Jerusalem.

**It is time for us to celebrate the Feast of Passover.**

Will we follow Jesus to the upper room and share the bread and cup?

**Will we wait with him while he prays in the Garden?**

Will we defend him when he is arrested and tried?

**Will we watch as he is nailed to the cross?**

Will we carry him to the tomb and care for his body?

**Will we follow?**

\*Congregational Response

*Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! (v. 4)*

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*Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain;  
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.*

*Congregation exits quietly*

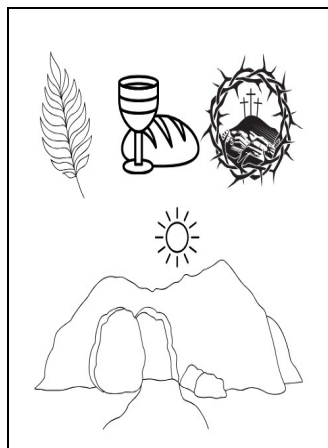
### Holy Week at Massanutten

**Thurs., April 17** **Maundy Thursday Worship**  
7:00 p.m. Communion served

**Fri., April 18** **Good Friday Worship**  
7:00 p.m. We journey with Jesus to the cross

**Sun., April 20** **Easter Sunday**  
9:00 a.m. Breakfast  
9:45 a.m. Egg Hunt  
10:30 a.m. Easter Worship

We rejoice for our resurrected Savior!



### Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Jan Arnold	Erin Basgier	David Allen
Ben Craig	Jennifer Coffelt	Kathy Frakes
Bill Frazier	Ashley Gordon-	Pam French
Chris Hamilton	Becker	Lindsey Harvell-
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