



**Our mission:**

*To nurture disciples of Jesus Christ who are sent to join boldly with the Spirit's work in the world.*

A Service of Worship  
First Sunday of Advent  
Follow Me - Hope

November 30, 2025

10:30 a.m.

*\*An asterisk denotes an invitation to stand*

### We Gather at God's Call

Introit *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* - Wesley/ Goss

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *The Angel Gabriel* - Cherwien

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy (*responsively*) Drew, Holly, Adolin, and Luna Veenis  
Where do we hear of hope?

**Those who place their hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength and mount up with wings like eagles.**

Surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,  
**plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.**  
On this first Sunday of Advent, let us light a candle to hear hope.

Candle Lighting Hymn *Live into Hope*

*Live into hope of captives freed,  
of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The oppressed shall be the first to see  
the year of God's own jubilee!*

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*) David Allen, Worship Leader

Friends, this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope.  
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

**God's mercies never come to an end.**

They are new every morning.  
**Great is God's faithfulness.**  
The Lord is my portion.

**Therefore, I will hope in God.**

The Lord is good to those who wait for God,  
to the soul that seeks God.

**Let us worship God together.**

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*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily:  
to us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Holy God, we aspire to love and trust you,  
but so often we get in the way of ourselves.  
We see only the deep sadness of the world,  
and do not notice your people at work amid the sorrow.  
We assume things will never get better,  
and do not see all that is good right now.  
We close our eyes and complain about the darkness,  
rather than see the light that shines all around us.**

**Help us, Holy One.**

**Help us to grow in love and trust, in compassion and hope,  
so that as the Christ Child comes to us once again,  
we will see him, and know him, and rejoice. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Siblings in Christ, the promise is true:  
God loves us. God forgives us. God is coming to us even now to save us.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Response of Praise

*Glory Be to the Father*

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*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, amen.*

\*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 December Coffee Small Group will gather **Thursday, December 4th, at 10:00 am** at the Kaffee Klatsch at the Dayton Market. All are welcome.
- ◆ **Salvation Army Santa Sacks** – This annual local mission project of the **Presbyterian Women** benefits the Salvation Army. We are invited to join in this effort. A list of needed items can be found in the Narthex on the Santa Sack Collection Box. Please make your contribution by December 4th.
- ◆ **Valley Treble Voices:** The Valley Treble Voices will host their Annual Winter Concert at MPC on Sunday, December 7th, at 4:00 p.m. Admission is by free will donation. **You won't want to miss it!**
- ◆ **Christmas with Massanetta Springs:** Mark your calendar for **Saturday, December 13**, for this catered meal followed by a concert with Banrigh Celtic Harp Ensemble. Tickets are on sale until 12/5 at [massanettasprings.org/programs/christmas](http://massanettasprings.org/programs/christmas) or make a reservation by phone at (540) 434-3829.
- ◆ **There will be no Sunday Morning Mingle Next Sunday, December 7th.** Join us for our next Sunday Morning Mingle on Sunday, January 4th, from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **Christmas with the Shenandoah Valley Choral Society:** The Shenandoah Valley Choral Society, under the direction of Curtis Nolley, will present its annual Christmas concert "O Holy Night" Friday, December 12, 7:30 pm, and Sunday, December 14, 3:00 pm, at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. The festive concert will feature Vivaldi's "Gloria" accompanied by the SVCS chamber orchestra with soloists Christine Fairfield and Katlyn Townsend. The program will also include a variety of contemporary and traditional carols sure to lift your holiday spirits. Tickets are available at the door, locally at Harrisonburg Friendly City Food Co-op, Bridgewater Foods Supermarket, and on-line at [singshenandoah.org](http://singshenandoah.org). Admission is \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students.

**Youth Christmas Market****Sunday, December 7th, following worship**

Enjoy light refreshments and festive music while finding  
the perfect Christmas gifts for your loved ones.



This event combines a Silent Auction and Christmas Cookie Sale.  
All the funds that are raised go directly to the MPC Youth program!

*Youth are currently seeking donations. Donations must be new, handmade,  
service or entertainment items, or Christmas cookies.*

For more information or to arrange a drop-off time for your donations,  
please contact the church office.

**This Week At MPC**  
**Sunday, November 30 - (Advent 1)**  
 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (117, 119)  
*No Faith Village/ MS Sunday School/ HS Breakfast/ Parent Fellowship*  
 10:30 am Worship  
*No Godly Play*  
 1:00 pm Recorder Rehearsal (200)  
*No Fun w/Handbells/ Youth Group*

**Monday, December 1**  
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)

**Tuesday, December 2**  
 10:30 am PW CT Meeting (FH)  
 4:30 pm Generosity Team (L)  
 7:30 pm Treble Voice (Sanctuary)

**Wednesday, December 3**  
 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH)  
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)

**Thursday, December 4**  
 10:00 am Coffee Small Group (KK)  
 4:30 pm Communication Task Force (L)  
 Cookie Baking (FH)

**Friday, December 5**  
 6:00 pm Dance Group  
*Church Office Closed*

**Saturday, December 6**  
 10:00 am Christmas Market Set-up  
*Church Office Closed*

**Sunday, December 7 - Communion (Advent 2)**  
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119)  
 9:30 am Faith Village  
 MS Sunday School  
 HS Breakfast  
 Parent Fellowship  
*No Sunday Morning Mingle*  
 10:30 am Worship - Communion  
 Godly Play  
 11:30 am Christmas Market  
 4:00 pm Valley Treble Voices (Sanc.)  
 3:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)  
*No Fun w/ Handbells*  
 6:00 pm Youth Group

**Serving November 30**  
**Door Monitor:** Harvey Mast  
**Greeters:** Dexter and Cyndi Taylor  
**Ushers & Water Pourers:**  
 Skip and Kath Wissinger  
*No Faith Village & Middle School: Will Not Meet*  
*No HS Breakfast: Will Not Meet*  
*No Godly Play: Will Not Meet*  
**Nursery:**  
 Katie Rodgers & Erin Basgier  
*No Youth Group: Will Not Meet*

**Serving December 7**  
**Door Monitor:** Nathan Enslin  
**Greeters:** Chris and Phyllis Hamilton  
**Ushers & Water Pourers:**  
 Karen Mast and Cheryl Henderson  
**Faith Village & Middle School:**  
 Jennifer Coffelt, Sally Brown, and David Allen  
**HS Breakfast:**  
 Mary Mabry and Emily Burkholder  
**Godly Play:**  
 Robin and Diann Reed  
**Nursery:**  
 Katie Rodgers & Dale/ Dorothy Dobroth  
**Youth Group:**  
 Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt, and Chris Hamilton

**We Gather around God's Word**

\*Sung Prayer for Illumination    *O Word of God Incarnate (v. 1)*    459

***O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
 O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:  
 We praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,  
 a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.***

Time with the Children    Gayle Allen  
 Anthem    *All Things New*    - Haugenberer

*Light after darkness, Gain after loss, Strength after weakness, Crown after cross;  
 Sweet after bitter, Hope after fears, Home after wandering, Praise after tears.*

*Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end, He is making all things new,  
 Springs of living water shall wash away each tear.  
 He is making all things new; He is making all things new.*

*Sight after mystery, Sun after rain, Joy after sorrow, Peace after pain;  
 Near after distant, Gleam after gloom, Love after loneliness, Life after tomb.*

*Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end, He is making all things new,  
 Springs of living water shall wash away each tear.  
 He is making all things new, all things new;  
 He is making all, He is making all, He is making all things new.*

Scripture    Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; Isaiah 40:28-31  
 Sermon    "Hear Hope"    Pastor Keith Phillips

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)    *From A Declaration of Faith*  
**In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God kept God's promises.  
 All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ.  
 But the work of God in Christ is not over.**

**God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.  
 The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence  
 that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.  
 In Christ, God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,  
 certainty of victory over death,  
 assurance of mercy, and judgment beyond death.  
 This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.**

Invitation to 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

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 *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* (vv. 1-4) 314

*Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.*

#### Refrain:

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

*Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. (Refrain)*

*Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. (Refrain)*

*Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. (Refrain)*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* (v. 5) 314

*Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.*

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

### Congregational Concerns

**We Pray for Members of Our Church Family...**

**Bill Painter, Patricia Armstrong** (receiving treatment for a GIST tumor), **Sharon Pafford** (receiving treatment for cancer), **Don Enslen** (knee pain and mobility difficulties), **Kathy Frakes** (recovering from illnesses), **Bettye Davis** (receiving treatment for cancer), **Elfie Finn-McKenzie** (recovering from stroke), **Ashlea Liptrap** (recovering from surgery), **Hannah Altman**.

**We Pray for Friends of Our Church Family...**

**Owen Mann; Andy Schoof**, lifelong friend of Bo Hobbie; **Linda Caldwell**, mother of Kevin Caldwell; **Janet Binion, Jim Roe**, family of Bill Frazier; **Sandra Rohrer**, mother of Lisa Rohrer Folks; **Greg Wicker** (uncle, kidney and breathing issues), **Barbara Phillips** (great aunt, breast cancer), **Ken Jones** (cousin, melanoma and liver cancer), **Ella Perry** (friend, connective tissue disease), family and friends of Pastor Keith; **Bob Voorhees**, father of Patti Hobbie; **Mark Heltzel**, son of Helen Groves; **Christena Scott** (blood cancers) and **Genie Mosher** (colon cancer), sisters of Kathy Marlowe; **Ray Harvell**, father of Lindsey Harvell-Bowman (health concerns); a member of our church seeks prayers for a private family health concern; **Christopher Swartz**, brother of Nick Swartz and son of Roy & Becky Swartz (cancer); **Kim Hoschar** (health, transportation); **Dennis Oakes** (prostate cancer), brother-in-law of Patti Hobbie; **Lauren Kusterbeck** (cancer treatment), friend of Sharon Posey; **Mindy** (cancer) and **Tony** (brain tumor), a married couple who are friends of Diann Reed's family; **Jean Shepley**, mother of Sherry Matthews; **Martha Hamblen** (colon cancer, housing), sister of Matt Hamblen; **Dick Stutzman** (Parkinson's), friend of Ron Matthews; **Rev. Jerrod Lowry** (cancer treatments) and family, friends of Pastor Keith; **Ty Heilman** (cancer), brother of Sally Brown; **Peggy Kuehl** (cancer), friend of Carol Lown and Kath Wissinger; **Mark Carter** (hospice care), brother-in-law of Ron and Sherry Matthews; **Ezra Miller** (diagnosed with leukemia), attended the 4 year old preschool program at MPC last year; **Sandy Zook** (Alzheimer's Disease), grandmother of Cherokee Adams; **Carol Jean Kacho** (breast cancer), family friend of Frank and Jean Gearing); **Beau Bardhoshi** (5-year-old nephew of Ashlea Liptrap), seizures; **Rev. Will Roberts** (prayers for discernment during interviews to find his next call); **Taffy de Planque** (therapy for fractured hip), mother-in-law of Jennifer Davis; **Heather Brookhoff** (cancer), sister-in-law of Jan Reser.

**We Pray for Our Mission and Ministry Efforts...**

*Our MPC Nominating Committee; Massanutten Food Pantry, Blessings in a Bag, Habitat for Humanity, Open Doors, Valley Interfaith Action*

**We Pray for Those Serving Our Country...**

**Jackie DeGaine**, daughter-in-law of Ka & Mike Guinn (Fort Jackson, SC); **Justin Brockhoff**, nephew of Jan Reser (Germany); **Marcus Sensabaugh**, son of Julia and Doug Sensabaugh (Texas); **Hunter Barr**, nephew of David & Alicia Gutschow (Parris Island, SC); **Matt Riordan**, grandson of Jack Heintzleman (Fairbanks, AK); **Dylan Kenny**, nephew of Gus and Stephanie Scheidt (Navy); **Joseph Knight**, brother of Ben Craig (Air Force); **Elizabeth Lee Davis**, daughter of Marc & Nancy Davis (Tampa).