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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
Second Sunday of Advent
Follow Me - Hope
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

December 7, 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 *Advent Medley* Recorder Ensemble

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy (*responsively*) Mike, Erin, Griffin, and Callan Basgier
Where do we see hope?

**In light that shines in darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.
In the light of one candle that illumines a face
or ignites a thousand other candles.**

Where do we see hope?
**In the human fragility of a baby, full of promise. For unto us a child is born,
and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God.**
On this second Sunday of Advent, let us light a candle to see hope.

Candle Lighting Hymn *Live into Hope*

*Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.*

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
Let us worship God.

*Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vv. 1, 4, 5) 88

*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 Root of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.
We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives,
ignoring your promised judgment.
We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors,
abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace.**

**In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way,
and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Siblings in Christ, we know that the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. Know that you are forgiven, be at peace, and allow the light of Christ to shine more brightly in your lives.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

*Response of Praise

Love Has Come (v. 3)

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*Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!*

*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. 1)

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*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light*

Time with the Children

David Allen



Youth Christmas Market

Today 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!

Life at Massanutten

- ◆ **Presbyterian Women** "Tuesday" and "Thursday" Circles that normally meet at the church **will combine to meet** this Tuesday, December 9, at 10:00 a.m. at MPC.
- ◆ **Valley Treble Voices:** The Valley Treble Voices will host their Annual Winter Concert at MPC this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Admission is by free will donation.
- ◆ **The Shenandoah Valley Choral Society** will present its annual Christmas concert "O Holy Night" Fri., Dec. 12, 7:30 pm, and Sun., Dec. 14, 3 pm, at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. The festive concert will feature Vivaldi's "Gloria" and 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 and Bridgewater Foods Supermarket, and online at singshenandoah.org. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students.
- ◆ **Safety Message:** Do not unlock or prop open exterior doors. A door monitor from your group should let people in and latecomers can use the door bell.

Mark Your Calendars!



Sun., Dec. 21 A Retelling of Christmas Story with Special Choral & Congregational Music and the Writings of Ann Weems plus an Old-Fashioned Christmas Dinner after Worship

Wed., Dec. 24 4:30 p.m. Family-Oriented Christmas Eve Worship with Candlelit "Silent Night"



7:00 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve Worship with Communion & Candlelit "Silent Night"

Sun., Dec. 28 Hymn / Christmas Carol Sing during worship

This Week At MPC	
Sunday, December 7 - Advent 2 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119) 9:30 am Faith Village MS Sunday School HS Breakfast Parent Fellowship <i>No Sunday Morning Mingle</i> 10:30 am Worship - Communion Godly Play 11:30 am Youth Christmas Market 3:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119) 3:30 pm Confirmation 4:00 pm Valley Treble Voices (Sanc.) <i>No Fun w/ Handbells</i> 6:00 pm Youth Group	Wednesday, December 10 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH) 2:00 pm Bethel Circle (SS) 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (CR) Thursday, December 11 8:00 am Preschool (FH until noon) 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119) Friday, December 12 <i>Church Office Closed</i> Saturday, December 13 <i>Church Office Closed</i> 10:00 am Brass Quintet (200) evening Youth Lock-In Sunday, December 14 - Advent 3 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119) 9:30 am Faith Village MS Sunday School Parent Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Godly Play 2:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119) <i>No Fun w/ Handbells</i> <i>No Youth Group</i>
Monday, December 8 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119) Tuesday, December 9 10:00 am Presbyterian Women Circles Combined Meeting	

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 & Dorothy Dobroth Youth Group: Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt, and Chris Hamilton	Serving December 14 Door Monitor: Robin Reed Greeters: Bill and Jean Kilby Ushers & Water Pourers: Keith and Linda Knupp Faith Village & Middle School: Jennifer Coffelt, Emily Coffelt, and David Allen HS Breakfast: <i>Post lock-in meeting</i> Godly Play: Jean Kilby and _____ Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Katie Gray Youth Group: <i>Does not meet</i>
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Anthem *In the Bleak Midwinter* - Darke

*In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter long ago.*

*Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away When He comes to reign:
In the bleak midwinter A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.*

*Enough for Him, whom cherubim worship night and day,
A breast full of milk and a manger full of hay;
Enough for Him, whom angels fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel which adore.*

*What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man, I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him: Give my heart.*

Scripture John 1:1-14

Sermon "See Hope" Dr. Jennifer Aycock

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) *From A Brief Statement of Faith*
**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.**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Maddie Cale & Sarah Rimer (mentor)
Lucas Ford & JoAnn Leobold (mentor)
Carolina Rascoe & Emily Burkholder (mentor)
Hannah Altman and Cherokee Adams (leadership)

Prayer (unison)

**Gracious God, by water and the Spirit you claim us as your own,
cleansing us from sin, and giving us new life.
You make us members of your body, the church,
calling us to be your servants in the world.**

Remind us of the covenant you make in our baptisms.

Continue the good work you have begun in us.

**Send us forth by the power of your Spirit to love and serve you with joy,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Invitation to Offering

*Communion Hymn *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* 498

*Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

*Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

*Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!"
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

*By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

We Are Fed at God's Table
(see insert)

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn *Light Dawns on a Weary World* (vv. 1-2) 79

*Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.*

Refrain:

*The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.*

*Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes. (Refrain)*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *Light Dawns on a Weary World* (v. 3) 79

*Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes.*

Refrain:

*The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.*

Our Guest Preacher this Sunday is Dr. Jennifer Aycock, Associate Professor of Religion at James Madison University. She also serves as Director of Communications and Strategic Initiatives for the American Society of Missiology. Prior to moving to the Valley, she taught at Hood Theological Seminary and Columbia Theological Seminary. She holds a PhD and a Master's of Theology from Emory University, and a Master's of Divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Dr. Aycock's areas of research include African Christianity during colonization and African Diaspora Christianity in the twentieth century.