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Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

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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
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Follow Me - Hope
A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 21, 2025

10:30 a.m.

**An asterisk denotes an invitation to stand*

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *Christians, Awake!* - Byron

Greeting

Prelude *In Dulci Jubilo* - J.S. Bach

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy (*responsively*) *The Gray Family*

Where do we proclaim hope?

**On hillsides and valleys, in villages and cities,
go tell it everywhere!**

How do we proclaim hope?

**In lament and in song;
in sighs too deep for words and jubilant exclamation.**

With the Spirit of the Lord upon us, bringing good news to all.

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, let us light a candle to proclaim hope.

Candle Lighting Hymn *Live into Hope*

*Live into hope of captives freed
from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
to faith and hope and joy and peace.*

Opening Prayer

Life at Massanutten

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
 O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
 Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!
 O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
 O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

*True God from true God, Light from light eternal,
 born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
 very God, begotten, not created!
 O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
 O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

*Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
 sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
 Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
 O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
 O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
 Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
 O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
 O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

We Gather around God’s Word: Lessons and Carols

Poems shared during today’s worship service come from the book Kneeling in Bethlehem by Ann Weems.

Scripture : Micah 5:1-5a

Poem : *Toward the Light*

Choral Anthem : *Of the Father’s Love Begotten* - Trevor Manor

Poem : *The Child is Born Again*

Poem : *Godburst*

- ◆ **The Community Life Christmas Dinner is after today’s worship service.** *The menu features Chicken Cordon Bleu in Cream Gravy, Green Beans, Ginger-Glazed Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, and Rolls, with Cookies for dessert.* All are welcome! You don’t want to miss it!
- ◆ **Upcoming Congregational Meeting:** Session calls a Congregational Meeting on **Dec. 28, 2025**, after worship to (1) receive the report from the CNC introducing candidates for the Pastor Nominating Committee and (2) elect a Pastor Nominating Committee.
- ◆ **Choir Reminder:** The choir will not rehearse on Christmas Eve or New Year’s Eve but will meet on Sunday, January 4th, at 9:00 am and resume regular Wednesday evening rehearsals beginning January 7th.
- ◆ **Coffee Break Small Group:** There will be **NO** Coffee Small Group in January, the next group will meet on **Thursday, February 5th, at 10:00 am** at the Kaffee Klatsch at the Dayton Market. All are welcome!
- ◆ **Safety Message:** Be aware of where fire alarms and extinguishers are located before you need them!

*The church office will be closed from
 Wednesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve),
 through Thursday, January 1st (New Year’s Day).
 We will reopen on Monday, January 5th, at 9:00 am.
 Have a safe and happy holiday!*

Mark Your Calendars!



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

<p>This Week At MPC Sunday, December 21 - Advent 4 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119) <i>No Faith Village</i> <i>No MS Sunday School</i> <i>No HS Breakfast</i> <i>No Parent Fellowship</i> 10:30 am Worship - Lessons & Carols Community Life Christmas Dinner (FH) <i>No Godly Play</i> 2:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119) <i>No Fun w/ Handbells</i> <i>No Youth Group</i></p> <p>Monday, December 22 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)</p> <p>Tuesday, December 23</p> <p>Wednesday, December 24 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH) 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Early Service 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Late Service - Communion <i>Church Office Closed</i> <i>No Choir Rehearsal</i></p>	<p>Thursday, December 25 <i>Church Office Closed</i></p> <p>Friday, December 26 <i>Church Office Closed</i></p> <p>Saturday, December 27 <i>Church Office Closed</i></p> <p>Sunday, December 28 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119) <i>No Faith Village</i> <i>No MS Sunday School</i> <i>No HS Breakfast</i> <i>No Parent Fellowship</i> 10:30 am Worship <i>No Godly Play</i> 2:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119) <i>No Fun w/ Handbells</i> <i>No Youth Group</i></p>
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<p>Serving December 21 Door Monitor: Dwight Wm Newman Greeters: Ric and JoAnn Leobold Ushers & Water Pourers: Mike Guinn and Sally Brown Faith Village & Middle School: <i>No Sunday School</i></p> <p>HS Breakfast: <i>No HS Breakfast</i></p> <p>Godly Play: <i>No Godly Play</i></p> <p>Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Emily Burkholder</p> <p>Youth Group: <i>No Youth Group</i></p>	<p>Serving December 28 Door Monitor: Marc Davis Greeters: TBD Ushers & Water Pourers: Dale and Dorothy Dobroth Faith Village & Middle School: <i>No Sunday School</i></p> <p>HS Breakfast: <i>No HS Breakfast</i></p> <p>Godly Play: <i>No Godly Play</i></p> <p>Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Julia Sensabaugh</p> <p>Youth Group: <i>No Youth Group</i></p>
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*Congregational Carol *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus* 83

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.*

*Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

*Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.*

*By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.*

Poem *The Christmas Spirit*

Choral Anthem *Away in a Manger* - Molly Ijames

Poem *This Year*

*Congregational Carol *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* 143

*Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king!*

*Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king!*

*Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations; you have seen his natal star:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king!*

*All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king!*

