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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
First Sunday of Christmas
Hymn/Carol Sing

December 28, 2025

10:30 a.m.

**An asterisk denotes an invitation to stand*

We Gather at God's Call

Congregational Introit *O Come, All Ye Faithful* 133

*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!*

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Go, Tell It On the Mountain* - Carter

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Ron Matthews, Worship Leader

We recount the gracious deeds of God,
All the praiseworthy acts the Lord has done for us:
Praise God for coming to dwell among us, Immanuel.
Praise God for the good news of Jesus, the pioneer of our salvation.
Praise God for making us siblings in Christ.
Praise God who is present with us still, lifting us up and carrying us.
God's glory shines in heaven and on earth.
Praise the Lord!

*Hymn *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright* 152

*What star is this, with beams so bright,
more lovely than the noonday light?
'Tis sent to announce a newborn king,
glad tidings of our God to bring.*

Life at Massanutten

*'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed,
"From Jacob shall a star proceed";
and lo! the eastern sages stand
to read in heaven the Lord's command.*

*While outward signs the star displays,
an inward light the Lord conveys
and urges them, with tender might,
to seek the giver of the light.*

*O Jesus, while the star of grace
impels us on to seek your face,
let not our slothful hearts refuse
the guidance of your light to use.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God of love and compassion, you have come into the world
and yet we have not recognized you.**

**Forgive our lack of insight
and open our eyes to see you here and now,
that we may receive your grace
through Jesus our Christ. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Siblings in Christ, it is clear that Jesus Christ came to help sinners.

He is our Savior in all our distress, and it is his presence that saves us.

Declare with me the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Response of Praise

Of the Father's Love Begotten (v. 6)

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*Christ, to thee with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unwearied praises be.
Honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore! Amen.*

- ◆ **Attention:** Session calls a Congregational Meeting after worship today to (1) receive the report from the CNC introducing candidates for the Pastor Nominating Committee and (2) elect a Pastor Nominating Committee.
- ◆ Are you interested in joining MPC? See Pastor Keith or an elder to learn how!
- ◆ **Choir Reminder:** The choir will not rehearse on New Year's Eve but will meet on Sunday, January 4th, at 9:00 am and resume regular Wednesday evening rehearsals beginning January 7th.
- ◆ **Third Wednesday Fellowship:** Our "Come to the Table" Third Wednesday Fellowship will gather again on January 21, 2026. Join us for fellowship and great food around the table!
- ◆ **Sunday Morning Mingle:** Our faith and fellowship gathering will resume on Sunday, February 1st. We invite you to join us on the first Sunday of February—and on the first Sunday of each month thereafter—from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our Sunday Morning Mingle. Enjoy light refreshments and take the opportunity to get to know one another better. Let us come together in grace for this Sunday morning gathering and celebrate the joy of strengthening our connections!
- ◆ **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!
- ◆ **Home Alone "Let's Eat!":** Gather with friends to cook meals together! See Julia Sensabaugh for details.
- ◆ **Safety Message:** Always be suspicious of emails or texts asking you to purchase gift cards or to provide financial information. There's a good chance it is an imposter.

*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!*

This Week At MPC

Sunday, December 28

9:00 am *No Adult Sunday School
No Faith Village
No MS Sunday School
No HS Breakfast
No Parent Fellowship*
10:30 am *Worship
No Godly Play*
2:00 pm *Cub Scouts (108, 119)
No Fun w/ Handbells
No Youth Group*

Monday, December 29

6:00 pm *Cub Scouts (108, 119)*

Tuesday, December 30

Wednesday, December 31

7:30 am *Men's Prayer Group (FH)
Church Office Closed
No Choir Rehearsal*

Thursday, January 1

4:30 pm *Mosaic (HBR)
Church Office Closed*

Friday, January 2

6:00 pm *Dance Group (FH)
Church Office Closed*

Saturday, January 3

Church Office Closed

Sunday, January 4

9:00 am *Adult Sunday School
(117,119)*
9:30 am *Faith Village
MS Sunday School
HS Breakfast
Parent Fellowship*
10:30 am *Worship
"Undecorating" of Sanctuary/
Church after Worship
Godly Play*
1:00 pm *Recorder Rehearsal (200)*
4:00 pm *Cub Scouts (108, 119)*
5:00 pm *Fun with Handbells (HBR)*
6:00 pm *Youth Group*

Serving December 28

Door Monitor: Marc Davis

Greeters: Dexter and Cindy Taylor

Ushers & Water Pourers:

Dale and Dorothy Dobroth

Faith Village & Middle School:

No Sunday School

HS Breakfast:

No HS Breakfast

Godly Play:

No Godly Play

Nursery:

Katie Rodgers & Julia Sensabaugh

Youth Group:

No Youth Group

Serving January 4

Door Monitor: Skip Wissinger

Greeters: Ric and JoAnn Leobold

Ushers & Water Pourers:

Cheryl Henderson & TBD

Faith Village & Middle School:

Hannah Altman & Jennifer Coffelt

HS Breakfast:

Mary Mabry & Emily Burkholder

Godly Play:

Hannah Altman & TBD

Nursery:

Katie Rodgers & Katie Gray

Youth Group:

Sarah Rimer, Doug Sensabaugh,
and Gus Scheidt

Introduction to Four Cents a Meal

Today, we receive the 4-Cents-a-Meal offering,
part of the PC(USA)'s Cents-Ability program.

Contributions to 4-Cents-a-Meal supports hunger relief efforts both locally and globally. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds raised will stay at Massanutten. We will use this portion to support food purchases for our Blessings-in-a-Bag/Food-for-the-Weekend program at South River Elementary School in Grottoes.



Four Cents a Meal Offering

Give Thanks

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*Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.*

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give thanks to the Holy One;
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*And now let the weak say,
"We are strong;"
let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"*

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"We are strong;"
let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks. Give thanks.*

We Gather around God's Word

*Let's sing hymns and carols together!
Please share the hymn # from the Glory to God hymnal when directed.*

