

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
Second Sunday of Christmas
Follow Me - Baptize

January 04, 2026

10:30 a.m.

**An asterisk denotes an invitation to stand*

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* - Maker

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love* - Carmichael

*Bring we the frankincense of our love to the feet of the holy Child,
Ever remembering God's great gift of a love that is undefiled.*

*Bring we the myrrh of humility to the throne of the Son of God,
Ever recalling the purity of His life when the earth He trod.*

*Ever secure in His changelessness, though the kingdoms of earth may fall,
Bring we the gold of our faithfulness to the King who is Lord of all.*

**Call to Worship (responsively)*

We have been claimed God who calls us children.

We, the redeemed, have been called by name.

As with the Israelites, God promises to pass with us through the water.

We will not fear, for God is with us!

The rivers shall not overwhelm us for God is our guide and protector.

**Through God's saving grace, the waters that tested us
are now the waters that wash us and nourish us.**

Great is the Fount of Every Blessing,

ever flowing, ever redeeming, ever claiming us as God's children.

Come, let us worship the God who washes us in grace.

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God of justice,
in baptism you anointed us to live boldly
in the reality of your coming kingdom.**

**We confess that we have not fulfilled our calling.
We have not used your power to serve our neighbors.
We have walked away from oppression and injustice.
We have turned our backs on your beloved children
who hunger and thirst in a world of plenty.**

**Forgive us, Lord.
Make us courageous servants of your justice, peace, and wholeness,
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Hear the good news: Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ lives in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is of the New Creation.
The old life is finished, gone.
Behold, new life has begun.

Siblings in Christ, what is the good news that we proclaim together?
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Guest Preacher Bio: Today, we welcome the Reverend William Roberts, an ordained minister in the PC(USA) since 2014. He has served congregations in Indiana, Virginia, Texas, and, most recently, Missouri. Reverend Roberts is the father of two children: his daughter, Sophie Roberts, and his son, Nathan, whom he lost during pregnancy. He enjoys science fiction, swing dancing, and listening to podcasts, and he is currently seeking a call.

Life at Massanutten

- ◆ **Donate Winter Clothing for Our Neighbors Who Are Unhoused:** Our Mission & Service Commission invites everyone to donate the items listed below to support the upcoming Community Unity Event. Faith communities around Harrisonburg and Rockingham County have been invited by the Interfaith Association of Harrisonburg-Rockingham to participate. Please consider donating the following items for at least 150 unhoused persons in our community: pairs of warm socks for men or women; winter hats; pairs of gloves for men or women; and hand-feet warmers. Please drop off these donations no later than Sunday, January 11th, in the box located in the Narthex.
- ◆ Are you interested in joining MPC? See Pastor Keith or an elder to learn how!
- ◆ **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!
- ◆ **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.

This Week At MPC
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
 Godly Play
 "Undecorating" of Sanctuary/
 Church after Worship
 4:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
 5:00 pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)
 6:00 pm Youth Group
Monday, January 5
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
Tuesday, January 6
 10:30 am PW CT Meeting (L)
 4:30 pm Generosity Team Meeting (L)
Wednesday, January 7
 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (200)

Thursday, January 8
 4:30 pm Mosaic (HBR)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
 6:30 pm Worship Commission (L)
 7:00 pm Food Pantry
Friday, January 9
Church Office Closed
Saturday, January 10
Church Office Closed
Sunday, January 11 - Scout Sunday
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119)
 9:30 am Faith Village
 MS Sunday School
 HS Breakfast
 Parent Fellowship
 10:30 am Worship
 Godly Play
 1:00 pm Recorder Rehearsal (200)
 4:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
No Fun w/ Handbells
No Youth

Serving January 4
Door Monitor: Skip Wissinger
Greeters: Ric and JoAnn Leobold
Ushers & Water Pourers:
 Cheryl Henderson & Sally Brown
Faith Village & Middle School:
 Hannah Altman & Jennifer Coffelt
HS Breakfast:
 Emily Burkholder
Godly Play:
 Hannah Altman
Nursery:
 Katie Rodgers & Katie Gray
Youth Group:
 Sarah Rimer, Doug Sensabaugh,
 and Gus Scheidt

Serving January 11 - Scout Sunday
Door Monitor: Nathan Enslin
Greeters: Scouts and TBD
Ushers & Water Pourers:
 Scouts and Julia Sensabaugh
Faith Village & Middle School:
 Jennifer Coffelt & David Allen
HS Breakfast:
 Emily Burkholder
Godly Play:
 Robin and Diann Reed
Nursery:
 Katie Rodgers & Phyllis Hamilton
Youth Group:
No Youth Group

*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.

We Gather around God's Word

*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 Pastor Keith Phillips

Anthem *Come to the Water* - Foley

*O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
 And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
 Without money, without price. Why should you pay the price,
 Except for the Lord?*

*And let all who seek, let them come to the water.
 And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
 Without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life,
 Except for the Lord?*

*And let all who seek, let them come to the water.
 And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:
 All who labor, without rest. How can your soul find rest?
 Except for the Lord?*

*And let all the poor, let them come to the water.
 Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord.
 Bring the children without the might. Easy the load and light:
 Come to the Lord.*

Scripture Mark 1:1-11

Sermon "Remember Your Baptism" Rev. Will Roberts

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn

Go to the World! (vv. 1-3)

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We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

From A Declaration of Faith

We believe that in baptism

**the Spirit demonstrates and confirms God's promise
to include us and our children in God's gracious covenant,
cleansing us from sin, and giving us newness of life,
as participants in Christ's death and resurrection.**

**Baptism sets us in the visible community of Christ's people
and joins us to all other believers by a powerful bond.**

In baptism we give ourselves up in faith and repentance to be the Lord's.

**For both children and adults, baptism is a reminder
that God loves us long before we can love God.**

**For both God's grace and our response to it
are not tied to the moment of baptism,
but continue and deepen throughout life.**

Invitation to Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *Baptized in Water (v. 3)* 482

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

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.

*Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.*

Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.*

Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.*

Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Go to the World! (v. 4)

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*Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"*

Alleluia. Alleluia.