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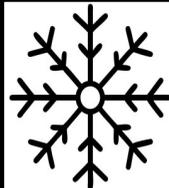
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Our mission:

To nurture disciples of Jesus Christ who are sent to join boldly with the Spirit's

A Service of Worship
Baptism of the Lord Sunday
Scout Sunday
Follow Me - Baptize

January 11, 2026

10:30 a.m.

**An asterisk denotes an invitation to stand*

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* - Baker

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* - Carter

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Nancy Davis, Worship Leader

We have been claimed by the 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 our 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.

*Hymn *Ho, All Who Thirst* 479

Refrain

*Ho, all who thirst, come now to the water,
 and all whose souls are parched and weary, come and drink!*

*Ho, all who thirst, come now to the water,
 and from your heart will flow a never-failing spring!*

Life at Massanutten

*Why forsake the Lord, the fount of living water,
choosing broken cups that cannot be filled? (Refrain)*

*For the Lamb will be our shepherd and will guide us
to the wellsprings of the water of life. (Refrain)*

*All who come may take this gift of living water.
They will thirst no more, for they shall be filled. (Refrain)*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God of deliverance, you once parted the sea
so that your people could cross from bondage and oppression to freedom,
and yet we often doubt you are at work
and believe that miracles don't exist in the world anymore.**

**We act as though we have forgotten
that you gave us Jesus who knows our suffering,
the Holy Spirit who empowers us,
and one another as companions on the journey.**

**We act as if we are all in the same boat, but we are not.
Our boats are very different,
and some are sinking, and some are drowning.**

Forgive us, we pray. 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!

- ◆ This morning, we will receive the **CWS Blanket Offering**. This special offering, sponsored by MPC Presbyterian Women, supports the Church World Service Blankets and Kits ministry. Each blanket and kit is a tangible expression of God's love, bringing warmth on a chilly night, providing relief in a crisis, and serving as a reminder that someone truly cares. Join other generous donors in sharing these expressions of love with our neighbors in need. You may make a financial gift of any amount to support this effort online at cwsglobal.org, in worship, or by mail. Please note the Blanket Offering on your check or offering envelope.
- ◆ **** "Home Alone" Let's Eat! **** There will be an informational meeting today after worship service in the Fellowship Hall for the "*Home Alone*" *Let's Eat!* group. At this meeting, we will choose a date to meet again to discuss suitable meal ideas. If you are unable to attend this meeting but would like more information, please contact Julia Sensabaugh at (540) 248-1002 or sensabaughjulia@gmail.com. A recap of what this group offers: If you are tired of preparing meals only to eat them for the next few weeks, this group brings together individuals living alone to cook and share a variety of meals, which they then take home! Maybe it is your favorite dish you usually make for your family, but it yields too many servings. Now that the holidays have wrapped up, we plan to resume our "*Home Alone*" *Let's Eat!* group to gather for some fun, food, and fellowship, and to begin sharing our favorite casseroles or dishes.
- ◆ Are you interested in joining MPC? See Pastor Keith or an elder to learn how!
- ◆ **Third Wednesday Dinner:** Our "*Come to the Table*" Third Wednesday Dinner will gather again on **January 21, 2026**. Join us for fellowship and great food around the table! Please write the word "**Table**" along with the number of people *you plan to attend*. In the special event sign-up section of the connection folder, if you plan to attend.
- ◆ **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!

This Week At MPC
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
 "Home Alone" Let's Eat! meeting after worship
No Recorder Rehearsal
 4:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
No Fun w/ Handbells
No Youth

Monday, January 12
 10:00 am Food Pantry
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
 7:00 pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)

Tuesday, January 13
 10:00 am Tues. Morning Circle (FH)
 4:30 pm Generosity Team Meeting (L)

Wednesday, January 14
 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
 12:00 pm "LOL" Lunch Group (GA)
 2:00 pm Bethel Circle (SS)
 6:00 pm Personnel Committee Meeting (L)
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (200)

Thursday, January 15
 4:30 pm Mosaic (HBR)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)

Friday, January 16
Church Office Closed

Saturday, January 17
Church Office Closed

Sunday, January 18
 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
 Session Meeting after worship
 4:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
 5:00 pm Fun w/Handbells (HBR)
 6:00 pm Youth Group (FH)

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

Serving January 18
Door Monitor: Harvey Mast
Greeters: John and Pam Davis
Ushers & Water Pourers:
 Tim and Susan Russell
Faith Village & Middle School:
 Jennifer Coffelt, Sally Brown, David Allen and Hannah Altman
HS Breakfast:
 Emily Burkholder
Godly Play:
 Jack and Sarah Rimer
Nursery:
 Katie Rodgers & Barbara Palmer
Youth Group:
 Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt, and Barbara Palmer

*Response of Praise *You Belong to Christ* 492

*You belong to Christ,
 in whom you have been baptized.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*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 *O Word of God Incarnate (v. 3)* 459
 for Illumination

*O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold
 to bear before the nations your true light, as of old;
 O teach your wandering pilgrims by this our path to trace,
 till, clouds and storms thus ended, we see you face to face.*

Time with the Children David Allen

Anthem *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day* - Shephard

*Tomorrow shall be my dancing day; I would my true love would so chance
 To see the legend of my play; to call my true love to the dance;
 Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love,
 This I have done for my true love.*

*Then was I bore of a virgin pure; of her I took fleshly substance.
 Thus I knot to man's nature, to call my true love to the dance.
 Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love,
 This I have done for my true love.*

*In a manger laid and wrapped was I, so very poor; this was my chance,
 Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, to call my true love to the dance.
 Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love,
 This I have done for my true love.*

*Then afterward baptized I was; the Holy Ghost on me did glance,
 My Father's voice heard from above to call my true love to the dance.
 Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love,
 This I have done for my true love.*

*Tomorrow shall be my dancing day; I would my true love would so chance
To see the legend of my play; to call my true love to the dance;
Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love,
This I have done for my true love.*

Scripture Matthew 3:13-17, Exodus 14:10-31

Sermon "Cross the Divide" Pastor Keith Phillips

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.**

Sharing Our Faith CWS Blanket Offering Jean Gearing

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.**

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn *Great God of Every Blessing* 694

*Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

*Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

*Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (v. 1) 547

*"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."*