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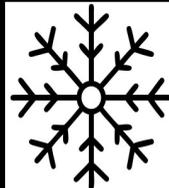
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Massanutten
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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
Follow Me - Baptize

January 18, 2026

10:30 a.m.

**An asterisk denotes an invitation to stand*

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry* - Ylvisaker

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *How Can I Keep From Singing* - Culli

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Romans 6:3-4

Do you not know that all of us who are baptized into Christ Jesus
were baptized into his death?

**Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death,
so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,
so we too might walk in newness of life.**

Let us worship God.

*Hymn *Here in This Place* 401

*Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*responsively*)

Sovereign God, in baptism you called us to turn from sin
and turn to Jesus Christ; but we stray from his ways
and do not heed your call. (*brief silence*)
Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

In baptism you joined us to Christ in his death
that we might be raised with Christ in new life;
but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace
the risen life of righteousness, justice, and love. (*brief silence*)
Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

In baptism you united us with all the baptized who confess your name;
but we foster division in the church.
We refuse to live as one people,
and so fail to witness to your reconciling love before the world. (*brief silence*)
Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

In baptism you call us to ministry in all realms of life;
but we refuse the struggle to know your will.
We do not nurture the ways of peace.
We allow enmity and hatred to grow among us,
pitting neighbor against neighbor, and nation against nation. (*brief silence*)
Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, remember the promises you made to us in our baptism,
forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness.
Set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ,
that we may be your faithful servants,
showing forth your healing love to the world,
and the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

This Sunday, we welcome Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott as our guest preacher. Teri is Editor / Publisher of *The Presbyterian Outlook*, the only independent publisher of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). She has been an ordained PC(USA) minister for over twenty years, and previously served ten years as chaplain and Dean of the Chapel of Monmouth College.

Life at Massanutten

- ♦ Are you interested in joining MPC? See Pastor Keith or an elder to learn how!
- ♦ **Youth Sunday:** *Next Sunday, January 25th*, we celebrate **Youth Sunday**. This special service highlights the gifts, talents, and perspectives of our youngest members as they lead worship in a creative, interactive, and meaningful way. It is an opportunity to hear their voices, be inspired by their leadership, and be encouraged by their witness of faith. Our youth will guide us through prayer, music, reflections, and more. **We hope you will join us for this memorable service.**
- ♦ **Third Wednesday Dinner:** Join us for our “*Come to the Table*” Third Wednesday Dinner on *January 21st* at *5:30 pm* in the **Fellowship Hall**. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and delicious food around the table! If you plan to attend, please write the word “*Table*” along with the number of individuals planning to attend in the special event sign-up section of the connection folders during worship today. We look forward to seeing you there!
- ♦ **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!

*“Caring for one another means keeping each other safe.
Whether you’re young or old, take a moment to notice what’s around you
— a little awareness can protect a lot of love.”*

- ☑ **Safety Message:** As we gather today, watch your step, lend a hand to anyone who may need it, and keep walkways clear so everyone can move safely and joyfully.

This Week At MPC
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)
Monday, January 19
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
 7:00 pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)
Tuesday, January 20
 7:00 am Fire Extinguisher Inspection
 9:30 am Legacy Board Meeting (L)
 6:30 pm Worship Commission Meeting (L)
Wednesday, January 21
 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
 12:00 pm "LOL" Lunch Group (GA)
 1:00 pm Fire Safety Inspection

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

Wednesday, January 21 - (continued)
 4:30 pm Generosity Team Meeting (L)
 5:30 pm Third Wednesday Dinner (FH)
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (200)
Thursday, January 22
 10:00 am "Home Alone" Let's Eat! (FH)
 4:30 pm Communication Task Force Meeting (L)
 4:30 pm Mosaic (HBR)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
Friday, January 23
Church Office Closed
Saturday, January 24
Church Office Closed
Sunday, January 25 - Youth Sunday
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119)
 9:30 am Faith Village
No MS Sunday School
No HS Breakfast
 Parent Fellowship
 10:30 am Worship
No Godly Play
 4:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
No Fun w/Handbells (HBR)
No Youth Group (FH)

Serving January 25 - Youth Sunday
Door Monitor: Youth & Jack Rimer
Greeters: Youth & Tom and Gina Holden
Ushers & Water Pourers:
 Youth & Doug and Sally Brown
Nursery:
 Katie Rodgers & Erin Basgier

This Sunday is Youth Sunday! There will be no youth programs today. Youth programs will resume next Sunday, February 1st.

*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!

*Response of Praise *Glory Be to the Father* 581

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

*Sung Prayer *Open My Eyes, That I May See (v. 2)* 451
 for Illumination

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear. And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Time with the Children Pastor Keith

Anthem *Living Water of Life* - Lantz

Are you thirsty for the Master, for the God of all creation? Come through Jesus to the Father, through the life sustaining vine. Drink deeply from the living water of life; drink, drink deeply. Drink deeply from the endless water of life; drink, drink deeply.

Like the waters of the Jordan, He will nourish and sustain us. Come through Jesus to the Father, Drink the life of love divine. Drink deeply from the living water of life; Drink, drink deeply. Drink deeply from the endless water of life; Drink, drink deeply. Drink deeply, drink deeply.

*Like the woman at the well, we are human and with sin.
Come through Jesus to the Father, feel His quenching deep within.
Drink deeply from the living water of life; drink, drink deeply.
Drink deeply from the endless water of life. Drink, drink deeply, deeply..
Come through Jesus to the Father. Taste the water of all life.*

Scripture Romans 6:3-11

Sermon "Dying and Rising with Christ"
Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott

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. 2) 482

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully 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 *We Know That Christ Is Raised* 485

*We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!*

*We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn we share with him an Easter life
as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!*

*The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.
Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!*

*A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia!*

*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."*