

## Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

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### Elder Commissions

A = Administration & Finance, CL = Community Life,  
MS = Mission & Service, ND = Nurture & Discipleship, W = Worship & Music

### Pastor Nominating Committee

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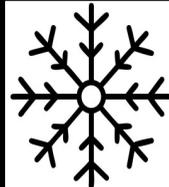
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**Massanutten**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*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  
*First Sunday in Lent*

February 22, 2026

10:30 a.m.

*\*An asterisk denotes an invitation to stand*

### **We Gather at God's Call**

Introit *Here in This Place* - Haugen

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *What a Friend We Have In Jesus* - Cherwien

\*Call to Worship Gus Scheidt, Worship Leader

For forty days and forty nights,  
**led by the Spirit, Christ fasted in the wilderness.**  
For forty days and forty nights,  
**we prepare ourselves to meet the crucified and risen Christ.**

\*Hymn *Come, Worship God* 386

*Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor;  
enter God's presence with thanks and a song!  
You are the rock of your people's salvation  
to whom our jubilant praises belong.*

*Ruled by your might are the heights of the mountains;  
held in your hands are the depths of the earth.  
Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,  
God above all gods, who gave us our birth.*

*We are your people, the sheep of your pasture;  
you are our Maker, and to you we pray.  
Gladly we kneel in obedience before you;  
great is the one whom we worship this day!*

*Now let us listen, for you speak among us;  
open our hearts to receive what you say.  
Peace be to all who remember your goodness,  
trust in your word, and rejoice in your way!*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*responsive*)

**Merciful One, we are so easily tempted.**

**We turn away from your Word so quickly.**

**We seek anything that claims to save us  
from discomfort, inconvenience, pain, fear, and emptiness.**

**But these are false idols, dissolving in the wind.**

**You are our true hope and salvation,  
our hiding place, our guide, our guardian.**

**We confess our transgressions to you: forgive our sins.**

*A time of silence is kept for personal confession.*

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice!

God does not count our sins against us,  
but offers us a free gift of righteousness.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*Response of Praise *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy (v. 1)* 415

***Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.***

***I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.  
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.***

\*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 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God (v. 1)* 286

for Illumination

***Breathe on me, Breath of God;  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.***

Time with the Children

Wanda Wallace



**The Oak Tree Capital Reserve Fund and Acorn Endowment Fund** are the Legacy Programs at MPC. They aim to help our ministry grow today and in the future. Here are the fund balances as of Dec. 31st:

**Acorn Endowment Fund: \$38,959.00**

**Oak Tree Capital Reserve Fund: \$109,809.00**

If you have questions or would like to make a donation, please call the church office, visit [massanuttenchurch.org](http://massanuttenchurch.org), or speak to one of our Legacy Board members:  
**Barbara Palmer, Deb Thompson, Kath Wissinger or Pastor Keith**

### **Life at Massanutten**

- ◆ **The annual meeting of the congregation is taking place today, immediately after worship. Lunch will be provided.** Part of the business of this meeting will be to vote on the slate of elders nominated by the Nominating Committee to fill three-year terms on the Session Class of 2029. The candidates are **John Davis, Linda Knupp, Sarah Rimer, Deb Thompson, and Kath Wissinger**. Please see the bulletin insert for each elder candidate's bio.
- ◆ **The "Deep Dive" Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, February 25th, at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This group explores scripture and other faith-related books in depth, fostering discussions that deepen understanding of the truths the Holy Spirit conveys. Participants should be prepared to consider and wrestle with interpretations of scripture that may challenge their existing beliefs. For more information, please see Ron Matthews or David Allen.
- ◆ **Commitment Sunday is March 1st:** This month we have been examining how we can all Grow in Gratitude by Making an Intentional G.I.F.T. We have done so by examining stories of how God has been at work through our past generosity, allowing us to **Grow In Faith and Thanksgiving**. Now we invite you to respond by making an intentional gift in the form of your 2026 commitment of financial generosity. You may make these commitments at [massanuttenchurch.org](http://massanuttenchurch.org) or bring your commitment card to worship on March 1st. As you prepare to make your commitment, please join in our 2026 Generosity prayer: "God of Abundance, help me to be intentionally generous, growing in faithfulness and thanksgiving."
- ◆ Our next **Sunday Morning Mingle** faith and fellowship gathering will be on Sunday, March 1st. We invite you to join us on the first Sunday of March—and on the first Sunday of each month thereafter—from 10:00 am to 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. 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!
- ◆ **GODLY PLAY:** Volunteers are needed to keep this program going! Please email Hannah at [haltman@massanuttenchurch.org](mailto:haltman@massanuttenchurch.org) if you are interested in volunteering.

**This Week At MPC****Sunday, February 22 - First Sunday of Lent**

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  
 Annual Congregational Meeting after worship w/ lunch  
 1:00 pm Recorder Rehearsal  
 3:00 pm PNC Meeting (L)  
 4:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)  
 5:00 pm Fun w/Handbells (HBR)  
 6:00 pm Youth Group (FH)

**Monday, February 23**

5:30 pm Preschool Board Meeting (L)  
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (FH)  
 7:00 pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)

**Tuesday, February 24****Wednesday, February 25**

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH)  
 12:00 pm "LOL" Lunch Group (GA)  
 5:30 pm "Deep Dive" Bible Study (FH)  
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (200)

**Thursday, February 26**

10:00 am "Home Alone" Let's Eat Group (FH, Kitchen)  
 4:30 pm Mosaic (HBR)  
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)

**Friday, February 27**

*Church Office Closed*

**Saturday, February 28**

*Church Office Closed*

**Sunday, March 1 - Commitment Sunday**

9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119)  
 9:30 am Faith Village  
 MS Sunday School  
 HS Breakfast  
 Parent Fellowship  
 10:00 am Sunday Morning Mingle (FH)  
 10:30 am Worship - Communion  
 Godly Play  
 3:00 pm PNC Meeting (L)  
 4:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)  
 5:00 pm Fun w/Handbells (HBR)  
 6:00 pm Youth Group (FH)

**Serving February 22 - First Sunday of Lent**

**Door Monitor:** Phil Miller

**Greeters:** Tom and Gina Holden

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**

Jack and Sarah Rimer

**Faith Village & Middle School:**

David Allen, Jennifer Coffelt, and Hannah Altman

**HS Breakfast:**

Gus Scheidt and Matt Hamblen

**Godly Play:** *\*\*Volunteers Needed\*\**

**Nursery:**

Katie Rodgers and Julia Sensabaugh

**Youth Group:** Sarah Rimer,

Doug Sensabaugh, and Gus Scheidt

**Serving March 1 - Commitment Sunday**

**Door Monitor:** Nathan Enslin

**Greeters:** Doug Smith and Karen Enslin

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**

Keith and Linda Knupp

**Faith Village & Middle School:**

David Allen, Jennifer Coffelt, and Hannah Altman

**HS Breakfast:**

*TBD*

**Godly Play:** *\*\*Volunteers Needed\*\**

**Nursery:**

Katie Rodgers and Holly Veenis

**Youth Group:** Sarah Rimer,

Chris Hamilton, and Gus Scheidt

Anthem

*We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace*

- Hogan

*We shall walk in peace.*

*We shall walk through the valley in peace, we shall walk in peace.*

*We shall walk through the valley in peace.*

*For Jesus Himself will be our leader,*

*We shall walk through the valley in peace.*

*We shall walk in peace.*

*We will meet our loved ones there, we'll meet them there.*

*We will meet our loved ones there.*

*For Jesus Himself will be our leader,*

*We shall walk through the valley in peace.*

*There will no more trials there, trials there.*

*There will no more trials there.*

*For Jesus Himself will be our leader,*

*We shall walk through the valley in peace*

*We shall walk in peace.*

Scripture

Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon

Pastor Keith Phillips

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

The Apostles' Creed (2)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;**

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**

**from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;**

**the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;**

**the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Congregational Concerns

Invitation to Offering

Song of Thanksgiving      *Now Thank We All Our God (v. 1)*      643

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

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      *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*      166

*Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,  
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.*

*As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win,  
O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.*

*And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide,  
yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.*

*Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,  
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response *God Be with You Till We Meet Again (v. 1)*      542

*God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.*

**We Pray for Members of Our Church Family...**

**Bill Painter, Patricia Armstrong** (receiving treatment for a GIST tumor), **Sharon Pafford** (receiving treatment for cancer), **Don Enslin** (knee pain and mobility difficulties), **Bettye Davis** (receiving treatment for cancer), **Kath Wissinger** (recovering from knee surgery and infection), **Bill Kilby** (home recovering from pneumonia and pulmonary embolism), **Mary Morris** (recovering from hip replacement surgery), **Chris Hamilton** (recovering from carpal tunnel surgery), **Ashley Gordon-Becker** (recovering from surgery).

**We Pray for Friends of Our Church Family...**

**Owen Mann; Linda Caldwell**, mother of Kevin Caldwell; **Janet Binion, Jim Roe**, family of Bill Frazier; **Sandra Rohrer**, mother of Lisa Rohrer Folks; **Ken Jones** (cousin, melanoma and liver cancer), **Ella Perry** (friend, connective tissue disease), family and friends of Pastor Keith; **Bob Voorhees**, father of Patti Hobbie; **Mark Heltzel**, son of Helen Groves; **Christena Scott** (blood cancers), **Genie Mosher** (colon cancer), **June Kofford** (family concern), sisters of Kathy Marlowe; **Ray Harvell**, father of Lindsey Harvell-Bowman (health concerns); a member of our church seeks prayers for a private family health concern; **Kim Hoschar** (health, transportation); **Dennis Oakes** (prostate cancer), brother-in-law of Patti Hobbie; **Lauren Kusterbeck** (cancer treatment), friend of Sharon Posey; **Mindy** (cancer) and **Tony** (brain tumor), a married couple who are friends of Diann Reed's family; **Jean Shepley**, mother of Sherry Matthews; **Charles Matthews** (heart issues), brother of Ron Matthews; **Dick Stutzman** (Parkinson's), friend of Ron Matthews; **Rev. Jerrod Lowry** (cancer treatments) and family, friends of Pastor Keith; **Ty Heilman** (cancer), brother of Sally Brown; **Peggy Kuehl** (cancer), friend of Carol Lown and Kath Wissinger; **Mark Carter** (hospice care), brother-in-law of Ron and Sherry Matthews; **Ezra Miller** (diagnosed with leukemia), attended the 4 year old preschool program at MPC last year; **Sandy Zook** (Alzheimer's Disease), grandmother of Cherokee Adams; **Carol Jean Kacho** (breast cancer), family friend of Frank and Jean Gearing; **Rev. Will Roberts** (prayers for discernment as he seeks his next call); **Taffy de Planque** (therapy for fractured hip), mother-in-law of Jennifer Davis; **Heather Brookhoff** (cancer), sister-in-law of Jan Reser; **Rev. John B. Sterrett** (recovering from stroke), son of Doug Sterrett; **Randy Appleton** (recovering from stroke), son of Shirley Appleton; **Christine Eacho** (recovering from heart failure), mother-in-law of Holly Veenis's sister; **Blayne Liptrap** (son of Ashlea Liptrap); **Nathan Bales** (house burned down, broken ankle requiring surgery), son of the late Bob & Patsy Bales; **Sara Claybrook**, sister-in-law of Jean Gearing; **Melissa Heatwole** (heart surgery), friend of Scott and Sally Brown.

**We Extend Sympathy to ...**

Dwight and Betsy Newman on the death of Dwight's sister, **Nancy Harper**, on Feb. 14th.

Bo Hobbie on the death of his lifelong friend, **Andy Schoof**, on Feb. 16th.

Sharon Posey on the death of her uncle, **Ed Oatman**, on Feb. 19th.

**We Pray for Our Mission and Ministry Efforts...**

The Pastor Nominating Committee, Massanutten Food Pantry, Blessings in a Bag, Habitat for Humanity, Open Doors, Valley Interfaith Action

**We Pray for Those Serving Our Country...**

**Jackie DeGaine**, daughter-in-law of Ka & Mike Guinn (Fort Jackson, SC); **Justin Brockhoff**, nephew of Jan Reser (Germany); **Marcus Sensabaugh**, son of Julia and Doug Sensabaugh (Texas); **Hunter Barr**, nephew of David & Alicia Gutschow (Parris Island, SC); **Matt Riordan**, grandson of Jack Heintzleman (Fairbanks, AK); **Dylan Kenny**, nephew of Gus and Stephanie Scheidt (Navy); **Joseph Knight**, brother of Ben Craig (Air Force); **Elizabeth Lee Davis**, daughter of Marc & Nancy Davis (Tampa).