

## Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

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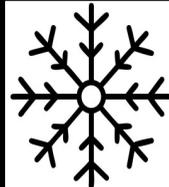
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**Massanutten**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*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  
Second Sunday in Lent  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

March 01, 2026

10:30 a.m.

*\*An asterisk denotes an invitation to stand*

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

Introit *Come Down, O Love Divine* - Siena

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Abide, O Dearest Jesus* - Walther

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

There is so much we do not understand,  
so many mysteries in this life of faith.

But some things are certain. We do know:

**Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

**God is our keeper and our shade.**

Let us lift our eyes to God.

\*Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* 39

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

#### Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.  
(Refrain)*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*  
(Refrain)

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Teacher, you call us to go, following the plan that you have set out for us.  
You promise us blessings and purpose, but we do not trust your words.  
We cling to what we already know,  
we trust in what we can see and touch,  
we make excuses for our failure to trust in you.

Call to us again, that we may be born again through your Spirit.  
Help us to believe and give us the abundant life  
that comes from following your will.

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but in order that the world might be saved through him.  
**Thanks be to God.**  
We will bear witness to God's saving grace with our lives.

\*Response of Praise *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* (v. 2)

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*Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome;  
God's free bounty glorify,  
true belief and true repentance,  
every grace that brings you nigh.*

*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.**

### **Guest Preacher Bio:**

*This Sunday, we welcome the Rev. Melissa Leigh Harmon. Rev. Harmon is a native of Richmond, VA. She came to the Valley in 2008 to pastor 3 churches in Highland County. She became a member at large in the presbytery in 2015. Melissa serves the church by doing pulpit supply and enjoys being able to worship with the churches of the Presbytery. Rev. Melissa and her wife live in Harrisonburg along with their 3 children. She works as a certified pharmacy technician for Sentara RMH. Melissa's hobbies include more crafts than should be listed unless this is a resume. She mainly does stained glass, embossed cards, and, when the garden produces, canning the harvest.*

### **Life at Massanutten**

- ◆ **Today is Commitment Sunday:** 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 fill out your commitment card during worship today. 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."
- ◆ **Pancake Supper Fundraiser on March 4th!** You and your family and friends are invited to a Pancake Supper on Wednesday evening, **March 4th, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm** in the **Fellowship Hall**. This supper will benefit the MPC School Supply Drive. It will feature a Pancake Toppings Bar and a Pancake Flipping Contest. Free-will offerings will support the mission of the MPC School Supply Drive, which provides school supplies, earphones, and backpacks for students of our clients in the Food Pantry.
- ◆ **Coffee Break Small Group:** The Coffee Break Small Group will meet on Thursday, March 5th, at 10:00 am at the Kaffee Klatsch at the Dayton Market. All are welcome!
- ◆ **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.



**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**

**This Week At MPC**

**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)

**Monday, March 2**  
6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)  
7:00 pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)

**Tuesday, March 3**  
10:30 am PW CT Meeting (L)

**Wednesday, March 4**  
7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH)  
12:00 pm "LOL" Lunch Group (GA)  
5:30 pm Pancake Supper (FH)  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (200)

**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:**  
Ellen Blose, Jennifer Coffelt,  
David Allen, and Hannah Altman  
**HS Breakfast:**  
Emily Burkholder and Keith Phillips  
**Godly Play:**  
Hannah Altman and Ka Guinn  
**Nursery:**  
Katie Rodgers and Dorothy Dobroth  
**Youth Group:** Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt,  
Chris Hamilton, and Hannah Altman

**Thursday, March 5**

10:00 am Coffee Small Group (KK)  
4:30 pm Mosaic (HBR)  
6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)

**Friday, March 6**  
4:00 pm Comm. Task Force Meeting (L)  
6:30 pm Dance Group (FH)  
*Church Office Closed*

**Saturday, March 7**  
9:00 am Pres. of Shen. (FH)  
*Church Office Closed*

**Sunday, March 8**  
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)  
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 March 8**

**Door Monitor:** Frank Gearing  
**Greeters:** Dexter and Cyndi Taylor  
**Ushers & Water Pourers:**  
Cheryl Henderson and TBD  
**Faith Village & Middle School:**  
Ellen Blose, Jennifer Coffelt,  
David Allen, and Hannah Altman  
**HS Breakfast:**  
Emily Burkholder and TBD  
**Godly Play:**  
Sarah Rimer and Hannah Altman  
**Nursery:**  
Katie Rodgers and Erin Basgier  
**Youth Group:** Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt,  
Chris Hamilton, and Hannah Altman

**We Gather around God's Word**

\*Sung Prayer *Come Down, O Love Divine (v. 1)* 282  
for Illumination

*Come down, O Love Divine;  
seek out this soul of mine,  
and visit it with your own ardor glowing.  
O Comforter, draw near;  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.*

Time with the Children Hannah Altman

Anthem *The Meditations of My Heart* - Hagenberg

*May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart  
be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord.  
May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart  
be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord.*

*O Lord, my Rock, O Lord my strength,  
O Lord, my God and Redeemer.  
O Lord, my Rock, O Lord my strength,  
O Lord, my God and Redeemer.*

*May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart  
be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord.  
May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart  
be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord.*

*O Lord, my Rock, O Lord my strength,  
O Lord, my God and Redeemer.  
O Lord, my Rock, O Lord my strength,  
O Lord, my Redeemer.*

*O Lord, my God and Redeemer.  
O Lord.*

Scripture John 3:1-17

Sermon "Above Verse Anew?" Rev. Melissa Harmon

## 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.**

Invitation to Offering

\*Communion Hymn

*Come to the Table of Grace*

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*Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.*

*Come to the table of peace. Come to the table of peace.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of peace.*

*Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of love.*

*Come to the table of hope. Come to the table of hope.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of hope.*

*Come to the table of joy. Come to the table of joy.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of joy.*

*Continue with \*We are Fed at God's Table\*  
Communion Insert*

## We Are Sent to the World

Invitation to Offering  
Estimates of Giving

Gus Scheidt on Behalf of the Generosity Team

\*Hymn of Commitment

*Lord of All Good*

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*Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;  
use them your holy purpose to fulfill,  
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,  
that our whole life is offered to your will.*

*We give our minds to understand your ways;  
hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great design;  
heart with the flame of your own love ablaze,  
till for your glory all our powers combine.*

*Father, whose bounty all creation shows;  
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;  
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:  
to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.*

\*Hymn of Commitment

*We All Are One in Mission*

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*We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single, great commission compels us from above  
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.*

*We all are called for service to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,  
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.*

*Now let us be united and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.  
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

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*Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way,  
let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.*