

**Holy Week at Massanutten**

**Sunday, March 29, at 10:30 am - Palm / Passion Sunday**

*Featuring the Procession of the Palms & Guest Preacher, Rev. Melissa Harmon*

**Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday**

*Communion Served*

**Friday, April 3, at 7:00 pm - Good Friday**

*We Journey with Jesus to the Cross*

**Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday**

**9:00 am - Breakfast**

*Sign up to bring a dish in the Narthex or by using the form in Blessings.*

**9:45 am - Easter Egg Hunt**

*Candy Needed! Please place Easter candy donations in the basket located in the Narthex.*

**10:30 am - Worship**

*We rejoice for our resurrected Savior*



**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  
*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

March 22, 2026

10:30 a.m.

*\*An asterisk denotes an invitation to stand*

**We Gather at God's Call**

Introit *Breathe On Me, Breath of God* - Hatch

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *My Song Is Love Unknown* - Burkhardt

\*Call to Worship *Ka Guinn, Worship Leader*

Wait for the Lord.

**Our souls wait and hope in God's word.**

Hope in the Lord.

**With God there is steadfast love,  
and great power to redeem.**

Our souls wait for the Lord,  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
**more than those who watch for the morning.**

\*Hymn *God Is Here!* 409

*God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.*

*Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.*

*Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.*

*Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt  
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:  
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!*

**Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session**

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Erin Basgier (W)	David Allen (ND)	Gina Holden (CL)
Jennifer Coffelt (ND)	Kathy Frakes (W)	Jean Kilby (W)
Ashley Gordon-Becker (MS)	Pam French (CL)	Bill Marlowe (A)
Deidre Lenderking (A)	Lindsey Harvell-Bowman (MS)	Riley Scheidt (MS)
Beth Smith (ND)	Ric Leibold (A)	Doug Sensabaugh (CL)

Clerk: Ron Matthews, Moderator: Rev. Keith Phillips

**Elder Commissions**

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

**Pastor Nominating Committee**

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\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God of resurrection, we know the power of death.**

**We have seen its works, we have felt its sting.**

**We have been to the valley of despair,  
and felt like there was no chance for life.**

**We do not believe in your power to resurrect.**

**We do not believe in your power to redeem our pain  
and fashion something beautiful in this world.**

**Forgive us.**

**We cry out from the depths - however faint our call may be,  
we pray you hear our voices.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Thus says the Lord: You shall know that I am the Lord  
when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people.  
I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.

**We believe the good news!**

**Thanks be to God.**


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

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*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.*

Introduction to Four Cents a Meal

<p><b>Today, we receive the 4-Cents-a-Meal offering,</b> part of the PC(USA)'s Cents-Ability program. Contributions to 4-Cents-a-Meal supports hunger relief efforts both locally and globally. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds raised will stay at Massanutten. We will use this portion to support food purchases for our Blessings-in-a-Bag/Food-for-the-Weekend program at South River Elementary School in Grottoes.</p>	
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Four Cents a Meal Offering

*Give Thanks*

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***Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.***

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## Life at Massanutten

- ⇒ We invite you to participate in the **One Great Hour of Sharing offering**, which we will receive now through Easter Sunday. Your gifts support three vital ministries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.): Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Each ministry brings hope and practical assistance to those in need, both locally and globally. You may contribute by check, using envelopes found in the chair racks, or give online at <https://pcusa.org/special-offerings/one-great-hour-sharing>.
- ⇒ **MPC is planning to host Vacation Bible School (VBS) this summer.** More details will be shared soon. Volunteers are needed to make this event possible; if you're interested in helping, please contact Hannah Altman at [haltman@massanuttenchurch.org](mailto:haltman@massanuttenchurch.org).
- ⇒ **Krispy Kreme Fundraiser – MPC Preschool:** Treat yourself while supporting our MPC Preschool! Orders are due **Monday, April 27**. Choose from a Digital Dozen, BOGO Card, or a fresh dozen. Orders will be available for pickup on **May 6**. Full details and order forms are available in the Narthex. Please make checks payable to MPC Preschool. Thank you for supporting us!
- ⇒ **Registration for Netta Day Camp Summer 2026 is now open!** This faith-based day camp for ages 6–12 offers outdoor fun like canoeing, archery, swimming, and more in a safe, engaging environment. Learn more at: <https://massanettasprings.org/nettadaycamp>.
- ⇒ **The Shenandoah Valley Choral Society**, directed by Curtis Nolley, presents its 55th annual Spring concert, “When Music Sounds,” on April 10 at 7:30 pm and April 12 at 3:00 pm at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. The program features Gounod’s \*St. Cecilia Mass\* and works by Rutter, Arnesen, and others. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$12 seniors/students—available at the door. For more information, go to: [singshenandoah.org](http://singshenandoah.org).
- ⇒ **Spring Clean-Up Day – April 25 | Massanetta Springs:** Join us on April 25th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm for Massanetta Springs’ annual Spring Clean-Up Day—rain or shine! Volunteers of all ages are encouraged to participate in a wide range of indoor and outdoor projects as we prepare the campus for summer. Lunch will be served at noon. Whether you can come for the whole day or just a few hours, your help is truly valued. **Please RSVP for lunch by calling (540) 434-3829. For questions, contact Doug Smith at (540) 705-5862.**

*If you have not yet made a **financial commitment for 2026**, we encourage you to do so. You may turn in a **commitment card** (available in the Narthex) or may make a commitment online.  
**Thanks to everyone who has made a commitment thus far!***

**This Week At MPC****Sunday, March 22**

9:00 am Youth Spring Lock-In  
 Adult Sunday School (117,119)  
 9:30 am Faith Village  
 MS Sunday School  
 HS Breakfast  
 Parent Fellowship  
 10:30 am Worship  
 Godly Play  
 3:00 pm PNC Meeting (L)  
 4:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)  
*No Fun w/Handbells*  
*No Youth Group*

**Monday, March 23**

6:00 pm Cub Scouts (FH)  
 7:00 pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)

**Tuesday, March 24**

9:30 am Presbytery of Shen. Comm. Meeting (FH)

**Wednesday, March 25**

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH)  
 8:30 am Home Alone Group (FH)  
 12:00 pm "LOL" Lunch Group (GA)  
 5:30 pm "Deep Dive" Bible Study (L)  
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (200)

**Thursday, March 26**

8:30 am Preschool (FH)  
 4:30 pm Mosaic (HBR)  
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)

**Friday, March 27**

*Church Office Closed*  
 Home Alone Group (FH)

**Saturday, March 28**

*Church Office Closed*

**Sunday, March 29 - Palm / Passion Sunday**

9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119)  
*No Faith Village*  
*No MS Sunday School*  
*No HS Breakfast*  
*No Parent Fellowship*  
 10:30 am Worship  
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*No Fun w/Handbells*  
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**Serving March 22**

**Door Monitor:** Nathan Enslin

**Greeters:** Dick and Karen Leecy

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**

Chris Hamilton and Doug Smith

**Faith Village & Middle School:**

Jennifer Coffelt, Ellen Blöse,  
 David Allen, and Hannah Altman

**HS Breakfast:**

Emily Burkholder and Diann or Robin Reed

**Godly Play:**

Bill and Jean Kilby

**Nursery:**

Katie Rodgers and Katie Gray

**Youth Group:**

*No Evening Youth Group (Spring Lock-In)*

**Serving March 29**

**Door Monitor:** Jack Rimer

**Greeters:** John and Pam Davis

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**

Tim and Susan Russell

**Faith Village & Middle School:**

*No Faith Village or Middle School Sunday School (Spring Break)*

**HS Breakfast:**

*No High School Breakfast (Spring Break)*

**Godly Play:**

Robin and Diann Reed

**Nursery:**

Katie Rodgers and Holly Veenis

**Youth Group:**

*No Evening Youth Group (Spring Break)*

*And now let the weak say, "We are strong;" let the poor say,  
 "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"*

*And now let the weak say, "We are strong;" let the poor say,  
 "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
 Give thanks. Give thanks.*

**We Gather around God's Word**

Time with the Children

Nancy Wayland

Anthem

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

- Friedell

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether; For when humbly, in thy name,  
 Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:  
 Alleluya! Alleluya!*

*Touch we now thy garment's hem.*

*As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup,  
 Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup,  
 Alleluya! Alleluya!*

*So knit thou our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of thee,  
 That by caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be.  
 Alleluya! Alleluya!*

*We will serve thee faithfully, we will serve thee faithfully.*

Scripture

John 11:1-45

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.**

Song of Thanksgiving *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (v. 1)* 645

*Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled,  
and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory!*

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 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* 250

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.*

*In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response *Spirit of the Living God* 288

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

**Congregational Concerns**

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

**Bill Painter, Patricia Armstrong** (receiving treatment for a GIST tumor), **Sharon Pafford** (receiving treatment for cancer), **Don Enslin** (cancer), **Bettye Davis** (receiving treatment for cancer), **Mary Morris** (recovering from hip replacement surgery), **Ashley Gordon-Becker** (recovering from surgery), **Adele Durost** (cancer).

**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; **Blayke Liptrap** (son of Ashlea Liptrap); **Nathan Bales** (house burned down, recovering from broken ankle), 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; baby **Amelia**, granddaughter of a friend of Deidre Lenderking.

**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 DeGaune**, 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).