

Holy Week at Massanutten

Today, 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
Palm/Passion Sunday

March 29, 2026

10:30 a.m.

**An asterisk denotes an invitation to stand*

We Gather at God's Call

Welcome

Sarah Rimer

Proclamation of the Palms

Matthew 21:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*Processional Song

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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*Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.*

*From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.*

*"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.*

Greeting

Pastor Keith Phillips

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Lord, we think your arrival means one thing;
you will show us it means another.**

Jesus, this is the day you have made;

yet we turn it into our parade as we swing the palms.

We have asked you for liberation.

**You will liberate us from our sin
and not from political captivity.**

Forgive our misguided gladness

as you reclaim this day as the one you made it to be. Amen.

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

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Life at Massanutten

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

This is the good news of God's grace:

Though we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Though we were enemies of God, God loved us.

Once we were lost and dead -

now Christ has become our life and salvation.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*Response of Praise

All Glory Laud and Honor (v. 4)

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***All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!***

***Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!***

***All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!***

*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 Christ, the Great Foundation (v. 1)

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for Illumination

***O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand
to preach your true salvation in every age and land:
pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,
to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.***

Time with the Children

Gayle Allen

Children age 4 through second grade may go with Robin and Diann Reed to Godly Play, an interactive children's Bible study that features story, wonder, and play.

They will return to the sanctuary before worship ends.

Anthem

Hosanna to the King

- Forrest

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna! Hosanna to the King!

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

Scripture

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (The Message)

Sermon "Eternal"

God's Love Is ...

Rev. Melissa Harmon

- ◆ 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>.
- ◆ **Pancake Supper Fundraiser:** On Wednesday, March 4, members and families of our church and preschool came together for a joyful evening of food, fellowship, and generosity at our **Pancake Supper** to benefit the **MPC School Supply Drive**. We are grateful to share that the event raised so **\$1,478.04**, which is **\$565 more than last year**, and welcomed even more people than before. We give thanks for everyone who helped make the evening such a success and for the generous support of this meaningful ministry. Please **be on the lookout** for more information about our upcoming **Book, Bake & Yard Sale on June 27 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, which will also support the school supply drive.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.**

In observance of Easter Monday, the church office will be closed on Monday, April 6. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, April 7, at 9:00 a.m.

This Week At MPC

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
 Godly Play
 3:00 pm PNC Meeting (L)
 4:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
No Fun w/Handbells
No Youth Group

Monday, March 30

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

Tuesday, March 31

Wednesday, April 1

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

Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday

10:00 am Coffee Small Group (KK)
 4:30 pm Mosaic (HBR)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
 7:00 pm **Maundy Thursday Worship**
(Communion Served)

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday

Church Office Closed
 7:00 pm **Good Friday Worship**

Saturday, April 4

Church Office Closed

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday

No Adult Sunday School
 9:00 am **Easter Breakfast (FH)**
 9:45 am **Easter Egg Hunt**
No Faith Village
No MS Sunday School
No HS Breakfast
No Parent Fellowship
 10:30 am **Easter Worship**
No Godly Play
No Fun w/Handbells
No Youth Group

Serving March 29 - Palm/Passion Sunday

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 Julia Sensabaugh

Youth Group:

No Evening Youth Group (Spring Break)

Serving April 5 - Easter Sunday

Door Monitor: Robin Reed

Greeters: Tom and Gina Holden

Ushers & Water Pourers:

TBD

Faith Village & Middle School:

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

HS Breakfast:

No High School Breakfast (Spring Break)

Godly Play:

No Godly Play

Nursery:

Katie Rodgers and Diann Reed

Youth Group:

No Evening Youth Group (Spring Break)

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

Song of Thanksgiving *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below;
 praise God above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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

O God of Every Nation

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*O God of every nation, of every race and land,
 redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand.
 Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,
 in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.*

*From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,
 from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,
 from pride of race and station and blindness to your way,
 deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.*

*Lord, strengthen those who labor that all may find release
from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase;
when hope and courage falter, your still small voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.*

*Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go (v. 3)*

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*O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.*

Guest Preacher Bio: Today, we welcome guest preacher **Rev. Melissa Leigh Harmon**. A native of Richmond, Virginia, Rev. Harmon moved to the Shenandoah Valley in 2008 to serve three churches in Highland County. In 2015, she became a member-at-large of the presbytery and continues to serve the wider church through pulpit supply, enjoying opportunities to worship with congregations across the Presbytery. Rev. Harmon lives in Harrisonburg with her wife and their three children. She is also a certified pharmacy technician at Sentara RMH. In her free time, she enjoys various crafts, especially stained glass, embossed cardmaking, and—when the garden yields plenty—canning the harvest.

CPR/AED Training Class: On March 11, an email was sent about an upcoming Adult/Pediatric CPR class offered at MPC by the Safety Team, with Bill Frazier as the instructor. Those who expressed interest should have received a follow-up email with two possible training dates in April. If you did not receive that email, please contact Ashlea at the church office at (540) 434-6194 or via email at office@massanuttenchurch.org. **If you signed up but are no longer interested or no longer need the training, please let us know either way!**

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), **Bill Dent** (recovering from fall).

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; **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, recovering from broken ankle), son of the late Bob & Patsy Bales; **Sara Claybrook**, sister-in-law of Jean Gearing; baby **Amelia**, granddaughter of a friend of Deidre Lenderking.

We Extend Sympathy to ...

Sally Brown on the death of her brother, **Ty Heilman**, on March 25th.

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).