

*He is Risen!*

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*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  
*Easter Sunday*

April 05, 2026

10:30 a.m.

*\*An asterisk denotes an invitation to stand*

**We Gather at God's Call**

Introit *Joy Is Come* -Traditional

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Lift High the Cross* -Tucker

\*Call to Worship Kath Wissinger, Worship Leader

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

God has answered us!

**God has come to earth to be our salvation!**

This is the day the Lord has made:

**let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!**

\*Opening Prayer

**Resurrecting God, you conquered death  
and opened the gates of life everlasting.**

**In the power of the Holy Spirit,**

**raise us with Christ that we, too,**

**may proclaim healing and peace to the nations. Amen.**

\*Hymn *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* 232

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

*But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

\*Call to Confession

## Life at Massanutten

\*Prayer of Confession

**Resurrected Christ,**

**there is nothing we can do to deserve the grace you give us.**

**There is no way we can earn your love,**

**there is no way we can be worthy of your forgiveness.**

**And yet you shower these mercies on us.**

**You, who have taken away the sting of death,**

**meet us where we are, in doubt and fear,**

**in our regrets and shame, in our delight and awe.**

*Silence is kept for personal confession.*

**Meet us here in this place, and call us once again to trust in you. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

God says to us, “I have loved you with an everlasting love;

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.”

**Christ says to us, “Do not be afraid.”**

We need not fear; we are forgiven, we are loved, we are redeemed!

**Alleluia!**

\*Response of Praise

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

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*Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!*

*Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

\*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 for Illumination

*Be Thou My Vision (v. 1)*

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*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

Time with the Children

Hannah Altman

Anthem

*Christ Is Risen, He Is Living*

-Helgen

Scripture

John 20:1-18

Sermon

Pastor Keith Phillips

- ◆ We invite you to participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, which we will continue accepting through today, 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 offers hope and practical help to those in need, both locally and worldwide. You can 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 a total of **\$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 Saturday, 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](http://singshenandoah.org).
- ◆ **Spring Clean-Up Day – April 25 | Massanetta Springs:** Join us on April 25th from 8:30 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, April 5 - Easter Sunday**

- 9:00 am Easter Breakfast (FH)
- 9:45 am Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:30 am Easter Worship

*\*\*No Sunday School or Youth Programs\*\**

**Monday, April 6 - Easter Monday**

*Church Office Closed*

- 5:00 pm Cub Scouts (FH)
- 7:00 pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)

**Tuesday, April 7**

- 10:30 am PW CT Meeting (L)
- 4:30 pm Comm. Task Force Meeting (L)

**Wednesday, April 8**

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
- 12:00 pm "LOL" Lunch Group (GA)
- 2:00 pm Bethel Circle (SS)
- 5:00 pm N & D Meeting (L)
- 6:00 pm Personnel Comm. Meeting (L)
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (200)

**Thursday, April 9**

- 9:00 am Preschool (FH)
- 10:00 am Thurs. Morn. Circle (L)

**Thursday, April 9 - (Continued)**

- 4:30 pm Mosaic (HBR)
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
- 7:00 pm Food Pantry

**Friday, April 10**

*Church Office Closed*

- 6:30 pm Dance Group (FH)

**Saturday, April 11**

*Church Office Closed*

- 8:30 am CPR Adult/ Pediatric Class (FH/ GA)

**Sunday, April 12**

- 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 with Handbells (HBR)
- 6:00 pm Youth Group (FH)

**Serving April 5 - Easter Sunday**

**Door Monitor:** Robin Reed

**Greeters:** Tom and Gina Holden

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**

Larry and Pam French

**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)*

**Serving April 12**

**Door Monitor:** Nathan Enslin

**Greeters:** Bill and Sharon Lam

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**

Sally Brown and Julia Sensabaugh

**Faith Village & Middle School:**

Jennifer Coffelt, Kathy Frakes, David Allen, and Hannah Altman

**HS Breakfast:**

Emily Burkholder and Robin or Diann Reed

**Godly Play:**

Robin and Diann Reed

**Nursery:**

Katie Rodgers and Barbara Palmer

**Youth Group:**

*No Evening Youth Group (Spring Break)*

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

From *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,  
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

Invitation to the Offering

\*Hymn

*Thine is the Glory*

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*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.*

**Refrain:**

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)*

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (Refrain)*

**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

*The Day of Resurrection!*

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*The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,  
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.*

*Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,  
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.*

*Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;  
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Becky Ford, Trumpet  
Susan Allen, Trumpet  
T.C. Susser, French Horn  
Doug Sensabaugh, Trombone  
Michael Allen, Tuba  
Anna Richardson, Timpani  
  
Massanutten Ringers

**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** (upcoming 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; **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; baby **Amelia**, granddaughter of a friend of Deidre Lenderking; **Amanda Phillips and family** (house fire), cousin of Pastor Keith; **Tom and Tassie Pipperts** (son, Tim, died Mar. 25th), neighbors of Jennifer Davis.

**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); **Elizabeth Lee Davis**, daughter of Marc & Nancy Davis (Tampa); **Dan Balch**, grandson-in-law of Harry and Jean Pettit, (Navy, Japan).

 **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](mailto:office@massanuttenchurch.org). **If you signed up but are no longer interested or no longer need the training, please let us know either way!**