

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

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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 Second Sunday of Easter **Follow Me: Make Disciples**

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." - Matt. 28:19-20

April 12, 2026

10:30 a.m.

**An asterisk denotes an invitation to stand*

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *Lead Me, Guide Me* -Akers

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* -Hobby

*Call to Worship David Allen, Worship Leader

We gather to worship the living Christ!

We are chosen, holy, and beloved!

We come to listen and learn.

We seek to be clothed in compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, & patience.

Above all, we gather to be enfolded in love.

**May our worship, our prayers, our singing, and our silence
serve to bind us together in perfect harmony.**

We come as disciples to be sent in service.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* 240

**Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name**

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. (Refrain)

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. (Refrain)

Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)

Life at Massanutten

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we know that we are to clothe ourselves
in compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.
We know that we should wear peace like a clasp,
securing the cloak of love around our shoulders.**

**Often we are altogether too absorbed in our own fashions, O God.
We cast off compassion and kindness like last year's style,
preferring to judge others.
We consider humility and meekness as shame and weakness.
We do not have time to be patient or to wait for your timing.
And so we do not have peace, Holy One,
and the love to which you call us
is not evident to those around us.**

Forgive us!

**Help us to shed our selfishness and pride
and put on the clothes of a disciple,
so that your love and mercy will be visible to everyone we meet,
and your peace will dwell in us.
We pray as disciples of Jesus. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news.

We have died with Christ and been raised with Christ,
so we have set aside the old ways and put on new life.
When Christ, who is our new life, is revealed,
we also will be revealed in glory.
Rejoice and give thanks!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!**

*Response of Praise

Christ Is Alive (v. 1)

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***Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.***

*Sharing the Peace of Christ (*responsively*)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

- ◆ Join us for our “*Come to the Table*” **Third Wednesday Dinner** this Wednesday, April 15th, at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and delicious food around the table! If you plan to attend, please write the word “**Table**” along with the number of attendees in the special event sign-up section of the connection folders during worship today. We look forward to seeing you there!
- ◆ **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>.
- ◆ **Spring Clean-Up Day at Massanetta Springs:** Join us on Sat., Apr. 25, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm for Massanetta Springs’ annual Spring Clean-Up Day - rain or shine! All ages are encouraged to participate in a wide range of indoor & outdoor projects as we prepare the campus for summer. Lunch will be served at noon. Your help is truly valued whether you can come for the whole day or just a few hours. **Please RSVP for lunch by calling (540) 434-3829. For questions, contact Doug Smith at (540) 705-5862.**
- ◆ **The Shenandoah Valley Choral Society**, directed by Curtis Nolley, presents its 55th annual Spring concert, “When Music Sounds,” 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.
- ◆ **Chordially Yours of the Shenandoah Valley**, a 35-member professional choir under the direction of artistic director Scott Zane Smith, presents their spring concert, “The Wonderful World of Broadway” on May 9-10, at Linville Creek Church of the Brethren in Broadway. Our one-hour concert consists of an inspiring collection of Broadway favorites. Concerts both days are at 3 p.m. Celebrate the joy, heart and magic of Broadway with Chordially Yours this Mother's Day weekend! For more information, find us on Facebook, @Chordially Yours of the Shenandoah Valley.

This Week At MPC

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)
 4:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
 5:00 pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)
 6:00 pm Youth Group (FH)

Monday, April 13
 10:00 am Food Pantry
 5:00 pm Admin Commission (L)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (FH)
 7:00 pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)

Tuesday, April 14
 10:00 am Tues. Morning Circle (FH)
 6:30 pm CPR Adult / Pediatric Class (FH/GA)

Wednesday, April 15
 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
 12:00 pm "LOL" Lunch Group (GA)

Wednesday, April 15 (cont'd)
 5:30 pm Third Wednesday Dinner (FH)
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (200)

Thursday, April 16
 4:30 pm Mosaic (HBR)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)

Friday, April 17
Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 18
Church Office Closed

Sunday, April 19
 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
 Session Meeting
 After Worship (FH)
 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 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 Diann Reed
Godly Play:
 Robin and Diann Reed
Nursery: Katie Rodgers and Barbara Palmer
Youth Group:
 Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt, Karen Mast

Serving April 19
Door Monitor: Harvey Mast
Greeters: Helen Groves & Jody Humphreys
Ushers & Water Pourers:
 Lewis, Emily, & Jacob Burkholder
Faith Village & Middle School:
 Jennifer Coffelt, Kathy Frakes,
 David Allen, and Hannah Altman
HS Breakfast:
 Emily Burkholder and Keith Phillips
Godly Play:
 Jack & Sarah Rimer
Nursery: Katie Rodgers and Holly Veenis
Youth Group:
 Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt, Cherokee Adams

We Gather around God's Word

*Sung Prayer for Illumination *Lead Me, Guide Me (refrain)* 740

*Lead me, guide me, along the way,
 for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
 Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

Time with the Children Jean Kilby

*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 *O God, Whose Will Is Life and Peace* -Tallis/Busarow

*O God, whose will is life and peace for all the sons of men,
 Let not our human hates release the sword's dread pow'r again.
 Forgive our narrowness of mind; destroy false pride, we plead;
 Deliver us and all mankind from selfishness and greed.*

*O God, whose ways shall lead to peace, enlighten us, we pray;
 Dispel our darkness and increase the light along our way.
 Illumine those who lead the lands, that they make at length
 The laws of right to guide the hands that wield the nations' strength.*

*O God, who calls all men to peace, we join with everyone
 Who does his part that wars may cease and justice may be done.
 Enable us to take the way the Prince of Peace has trod;
 Create the will to build each day the family of God.
 The family of God.*

Scripture Matthew 28:18-20, Psalm 1, Colossians 3:12-17

Sermon Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) From *A Brief Statement of Faith*
**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
 The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
 sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
 and binds us together with all believers
 in the one body of Christ, the Church.
 The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
 rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
 engages us through the Word proclaimed,**

claims us in the waters of baptism,
 feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
 and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
 In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage
 to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples
 to Christ as Lord and Savior,
 to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
 to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
 and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 606

*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 the 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 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* 757

*Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
 to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,
 to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
 to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.*

*God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race
 to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.
 But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.
 Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.*

*Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
 with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
 For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
 a world that was created for a harmony of peace.*

*May we in service to our God act out the living word,
 and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
 As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
 to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Go with Us, Lord

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*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
 through this and every coming day,
 that in your Spirit strong and true
 our lives may be our gift to you.*

- Thurs - Sat, June 4-7
9 am - Noon
- Worship Sun, June 4
10:30 am encourage
- **Spots are limited for first year back - don't wait to regist**
- Registration deadline
May 15th
- Register at
massanuttenchurch
or pick up a printed
in the Narthex
- \$10 registration fee
(scholarships availa



Children from preschool through completed 5th grade are invited to join us June 4-7, right after Rockingham schools get out, for *Discovery on Adventure Island*. From a whimsical lighthouse on an enchanted island, your Kids (Explorers) will be guided by a Lighthouse Keeper & Beacon the Puffin on a quest to find three mysterious Infinity Lanterns. Using map coordinates from their Reference Book (the Bible), children will uncover clues to find each lantern & discover how God's light shines through stories of familiar biblical characters from both the Old & New Testaments. Together, we will learn about God's light & love, and how to share God's light & love in the world.