

Next Sunday we will receive the 4-Cents-A-Meal offering—a ministry of the PC(USA)'s Cents-Ability program. Gifts to 4-Cents-a-Meal support hunger ministries near and far. 25% of what's received will remain at Massanutten. We will use it to support the purchase of food for our Blessings-in-a-Bag/Food-for-the-Weekend program at South River Elementary School in Grottoes.

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Erin Basgier (W)	David Allen (ND)	Gina Holden (CL)
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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
Third 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 19, 2026

10:30 a.m.

**An asterisk denotes an invitation to stand*

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *Called As Partners in Christ's Service* - Huber

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* - Wood

*Call to Worship

Come! Now is the time to worship the living Lord!

We come into the presence of Jesus with joy, ready to hear his voice.

Look! The kin-dom of God is among us, to be shared with the world.

Our eyes are open to see God at work all around us.

Listen! We gather to be nurtured and will be sent to share.

We are ready to come, look, listen, then go out to the world God loves.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* 248

*Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.*

*Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.*

*Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Sending God, Jesus told his disciples to go out to the towns and villages,
carrying nothing, only trusting in you.**

**We hear this story, and while we admire their faith and commitment,
we are certain that we can't give up the things we carry.**

We hold on tight to our possessions.

**We hold on tight to our convictions
and to our doubts and fears, to our pride and prejudices.**

**We carry our status like a suitcase,
and we refuse to see, or to admit,**

how so much of what we carry weighs us down.

Forgive us, God!

**Help us to travel more lightly, not just in terms of material things,
but also in terms of our spirits.**

**Show us how to reach out to the world around us,
carrying a message of peace, ready to receive what is offered.**

Help us to live into the truth

that your kingdom is already at hand

through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

There is no burden that Jesus will not help you carry.

There is no possession of greater value than your faith.

There is no struggle that is beyond God's grace.

There is no failing that God will not forgive.

Forgiveness is yours, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Response of Praise

Christ Is Alive (v. 2)

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***Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.***

*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

Lead Me, Guide Me (refrain)

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***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.***

Life at Massanutten

- ◆ **Today, we welcome the Rev. Ann Reed Held.** Ordained in 1978, Rev. Held served churches in Memphis, Tennessee, before coming to the Shenandoah Valley in 1990 as pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Harrisonburg. She has been actively involved in the community through the Free Clinic, Open Doors, and People Helping People. She previously served as President of the Board of Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center. Rev. Held has two grown daughters and three grandchildren. She currently serves as co-chair of the Presbytery's Nominating Committee.
- ◆ **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.**
- ◆ **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>.
- ◆ **A special treat for you on April 25 at 4:30 pm!! MOSAIC Handbell Ensemble** (Massanutten's "in-house" community ringing group) will host The James River Ringers (Richmond) for a collaborative concert, "Heroes & Dreams." Each group will play solos and join forces on "Sweet Caroline" and "Ghostbusters." Our music is sure to please—don't we all need to celebrate some heroes these days? For information, ask Kath Wissinger or Carol Lown, or go to MosaicBells.org.
- ◆ **Faithful Conversations Adult Sunday School Class:** Through May 17th, the class will explore the Psalms. **Join us each Sunday at 9:00 am in Room 119.** Often called a "school of prayer," the **Book of Psalms** gives voice to our prayers and guides us in faithful living. This study focuses on six psalms, each offering a unique glimpse into God's heart: Psalm 8 (awe), Psalm 27 (beauty), Psalm 51 (mercy), Psalm 73 (hope), Psalm 90 (time), and Psalm 116 (love). Join us as we explore their meanings, contexts, and lasting impact, and discover how these psalms continue to offer hope, comfort, and inspiration for our lives and God's world today.
- ◆ **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!
- ◆ **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 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
 2:00 pm PNC Meeting (L)
 4:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
 5:00 pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)
 6:00 pm Youth Group (FH)

Monday, April 20

*Special Election Set-up
 (FH & Narthex in Use)*

5:30 pm Preschool Board Meeting (L)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (FH)
 7:00 pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)

Tuesday, April 21

*Special Election
 (FH & Narthex in Use)*

10:30 am Legacy Team Meeting (L)

Wednesday, April 22

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

Wednesday, April 22 (continued)

4:30 pm Comm. Task Force (GA)
 5:30 pm "Deep Dive" Bible Study (L)
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (200)

Thursday, April 23

9:00 am "Home Alone" Group (FH)
 4:30 pm Mosaic (FH)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)

Friday, April 24

Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 25

Church Office Closed

8:30 am Massanetta Springs Clean-up
 4:30 pm Mosaic Concert (FH)

Sunday, April 26

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
 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 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 and Sarah Rimer

Nursery: Katie Rodgers and Holly Veenis

Youth Group:

Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt, Cherokee Adams

Serving April 26

Door Monitor: Dwight Wm. Newman

Greeters: Ric and JoAnn Leobold

Ushers & Water Pourers:

Cheryl Henderson and Deb Thompson

Faith Village & Middle School:

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

HS Breakfast:

Emily Burkholder and Sarah Rimer

Godly Play:

Hannah Altman and Ka Guinn

Nursery: Katie Rodgers and Sally Brown

Youth Group:

Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt, Dani Hargens

Time with the Children

Rev. Ann Held

*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

Go Forth Into the World

- Rutter

Scripture

Deuteronomy 11:18-21, Acts 1:6-8

Sermon

"Go! When, Where and What"

Rev. Ann Held

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 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

Go to the World!

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*Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*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.*

Visit greatcommunitygive.org by Wednesday

#GREATCOMMUNITYGIVE



The Great Community Give is underway! Early giving is now open, and the big event runs Wednesday, April 22nd, from 6 am to 8 pm. You may donate to any participating area nonprofit of your choice. Visit greatcommunitygive.org for more information or to donate. Here are some of the organizations that Massanutton Presbyterian Church supports through our annual budget.



CarePortal

Learn About CarePortal This Sunday
We are happy to welcome Lauren Yoder, Church Ambassador for CarePortal, to worship this Sunday. Lauren will tell us all about CarePortal and how we can help meet vetted needs for folks in our community. Go to: <https://vimeo.com/513121418> to watch the video.

Congregational Concerns

We Pray for Our Church Family...

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

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; **Lynda Coffelt** (mother of Jason Coffelt), recent biopsy.

We Extend Sympathy to ...

Doug Pafford and his family on the death of **Sharon Pafford** on Apr. 9. Services are being planned for later this month at Trinity Ecumenical Parish at Smith Mountain Lake, where Doug & Sharon previously resided.

We Pray for Our Mission and Ministry Efforts...

The Pastor Nominating Committee, Massanutton Food Pantry, Blessings in a Bag, Habitat for Humanity, Open Doors, Valley Interfaith Action

We Pray for Those Serving Our Country...

Jackie DeGaîne, 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).