

**Help us to be ready for Jesus in our own hearts.
O come, O come, Savior of the world. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness (responsively)

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Your sins are pardoned. The penalty is paid.

Thanks be to God.

*Response *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (Adeste Fideles)

*Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exaltation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

Liturgy of the Word

Time with the Children

Children are invited to gather at the chancel steps. Following the *Time with the Children*, children will return to their seats in the sanctuary or follow their leaders downstairs to Children’s Church.

Infants through age 2 may be picked up in Room 202. 3’s may be picked up in Room 203. 4 year old and Kindergarten children may be picked up in Room 105. 1st and 2nd graders may be picked up in Room 108.

Anthem *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. Lenel

*O come, o come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.*

*Rejoice, Rejoice
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord’rest all things mightily,
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.*

*O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death’s dark shadow put to flight.*

Scripture Reading Mark 1:1-8

Sermon *Longing for Light...We Hear Good News* Pastor John P. Leggett

*An Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

**In love you came to a stable in Bethlehem
to become one with us.**

**In love you walked the plains and hills of Galilee and Judea
to teach us how to live.**

**In love you were nailed on a cross on Calvary
to bear away our sin.**

This Week at MPC

Sunday, December 7

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00am Open House *Godly Play Room* (Room 105)
- 10:30am Worship Service
- 11:40am Middle School Youth/YEPOGS to visit Nursing Homes
- 1:00pm Korean PC Worship Service (Choir Room)
- 3:00pm Organ Concert by Dr. John Barr (Sanctuary)
- 5:00pm High School Youth Group Shopping and Dinner (meet at the church)
- 6:30pm Disciple Bible Study (Parlor)
- 7:00pm Blue Christmas Service (Sanctuary)

Monday, December 8

- 2:00pm Continuing Small Group (Jefferson Room, Sunnyside)
- 3:00-6:00pm Sanctuary in use/K. Wissinger
- 7:00pm Board of Deacons Meeting
- 7:00pm Sessional Ministry Meetings
- 7:00pm Massanutten Ringers Concert (Sunnyside)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts (119)
- 7:30pm Worship Ministry

Tuesday, December 9

- 9:00am Yoga (Gathering Area)
- 10:00am Circle #2 (Highlands)
- 10:00am Circle #3 (Sunnyside)
- 10:00am Shoshana Circle (Home of Carol Poulson)
- 11:30am Staff Meeting and Lunch
- 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)
- 5:30pm Evening Yoga (Gathering Area)
- 7:00pm Circle #5 (Library)
- 7:00pm Piano Recital/K. Wissinger (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, December 10

- 6:30am Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
- 8:15am *Ministry Link* mailing—volunteers
- 9:30am Crossroads Pealers Concert (Loyalton)
- 5:00pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, December 11

- 9:00am Yoga (Gathering Area)
- 10:00am Circle #4 (Sunnyside)
- 1:30pm Circle #1 (Home of Betsy Newman)
- 7:00pm Concert: Harrisonburg-Rockingham Concert Band (Sanctuary)

Friday, December 12

- 6:00pm Korean PC Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Sunday, December 14

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30am Worship Service
- 1:00pm Korean PC Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 6:00pm Disciple Bible Study (Parlor)
- 7:00pm Concert: Massanutten Brass Band & Salvation Army Concert Band (Sanctuary)

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Offering Given Last Week	\$6,959.37
Offering Given Year to Date	\$559,930.57
Weekly Need	\$14,227.00
Difference	(\$122,965.43)
Attending Worship Last Week	263

In response to the blessings of God in our lives, we give of ourselves—our time, our talents, our treasures, our hearts.

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Sherry Gordon; Dan Chalfant; Megan Phelps; Zoe Speakman; Virginia Derrer; Mike Guinn

FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Chalmers Goshorn, brother of Ann Oldman and Bob Goshorn; **Jim Dobbs**, son of Harry and Alberta Dobbs; **Karen Monger**, aunt of Scott and Lisa Kanney; **Cornelia Robinson**, cousin of Jack and Nancy Heintzleman; **Angela Boley**, friend of the Food Pantry; **Amelia Herring**, friend of Morgan Neary; **Flora Phelps Gutshall and Eddie Gutshall**, mother and step-father of Brian Phelps; **Lois Figgatt**, friend of Dee and Martha Floyd; **Debbie Via**, cousin of Margaret Hylton; **Lynn Gurley**, cousin of Reid and Sheila Laughlin; **Jackie Taylor**, sister-in-law of Chuck and Anne Bradley; **Ben and Jessie Alger and their newborn baby**, friends of Kyle, Jeffrey and Jeremy Long; **Bob and Thelma Rexrode**, sister and brother-in-law of Buck Ritchie; the **Shirey Family**, friends of our church family; **Tina Capuano**, friend of Kevin Caldwell; **Don Grimes**, friend of our church family; **Andrea Lohr**, friend of Jennifer Strawderman; **Richard Williams**, friend of Whit and Helen Scully; **Jean Glick**, friend of Mary Morris; **Tyler Long**, friend of Ed Comer; **the family of Roy Smith; Sharon Williams**, cousin of Melissa Caldwell; **Charles and Rachel Sutton**, friends of the Hylton family; **Violet Conley**, mother of Terri Michael; **Sandra Miller**, friend of our church family; **Mary Lester**, friend of Brian Phelps; **Peter Handleton and Donna Rau**, brother-in-law and cousin of Rhonda Stees.

Please place prayer request cards (found in the seat ahead of you) in the offering plate to be included in our congregation’s prayers. Feel free to resubmit any prayer concerns you may have.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Mark B. Heltzel, son of Helen Groves (Washington, D.C.)
Elizabeth “Lee” Davis, daughter of Marc & Nancy Davis (Kuwait)
Jon Guinn, son of Mike and Ka Guinn (Savannah, GA)
Chad Ritchie, son of Robert & Ramona Ritchie (Florida)
Chris Jerome, son of Bob Jerome (Newport, RI)
Stephanie Beard, granddaughter of Jean Beard (New York)
Erin Burtner, cousin of Susan Newsome (New York)
Sean Duncan, cousin of Scott and Lisa Kanney (Kansas)
Scott Andrews, friend of Sam Thompson (Persian Gulf)
Zulnea Andrews, friend of Sandy Thompson (Texas)
Chris Kibler, brother of Alana Miller (New York)

Thanks to Those Serving During Worship	
Today	Next Week
Greeters	Greeters
George Cross and Denny Slane Bob and Doris Field and Jack Wysor	Bo and Patti Hobbie Floyd and Jean Wall
Ushers	Ushers
Larry French, Linda and Colin Green, Don and Carol Poulson, Greg and Ann Trobaugh	Bob Bales, Kevin Caldwell, John Myers, Dwight Newman, Curt Schwalbach, Julia and Marcus Sensabaugh, Glenn Strawderman
Sunnyside Bus Driver	Sunnyside Bus Driver
Randy Atkins	Pat Armstrong
Sunday School Nursery	Sunday School Nursery
Marcy and Carter Williams	Rebecca Arthur
Acolyte	Acolyte
Jacob Laughlin	Kendra Strawderman
Infant Nursery	Infant Nursery
Sheila Laughlin and Shawn Green	Jeff and Leigh-Anne Lees
2 & 3 Year Olds	2 & 3 Year Olds
Kim Phillips and Carol Poulson	Diane Schwalbach and Wendy Stapleton
Children’s Church Leader	Children’s Church Leader
Susie Diehl and Nancy Wayland	Alayne Leggett and Janet Morris

**In love you rose from a tomb in Joseph's garden
to defeat death's power over us.
In love you ascended beyond the clouds
to be our reigning Lord.
You came to love us so that we need never feel
unloved, deserted, alone, condemned.**

Concerns of the Church and Prayers of the People

Gathering of the Offering

Offertory *Behold, A Rose is Springing* Brahms

*Doxology Tallis' Canon

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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.

Sending

*Hymn *Prepare the Way* No. 13

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Response

*Postlude *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* No. 3

(*Please stand, who are able.)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT MASSANUTTEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We're glad you are here to worship God with us this morning. If you're looking for a church home, we invite you to consider joining Massanutten. Feel free to speak with our Pastor or a Deacon after worship, or call Pastor John Leggett at 540/434-6194 during the week.

Please see one of our Ushers if you would like a large Print Hymnal, Bible, or Bulletin.

Children are welcome in the sanctuary at all times, but a Nursery is available for *Infants to 3 years old* in Room 202 during the Worship Service. **Pagers** are available for parents of children staying in our nursery.

When the *Friendship Folder* is passed to you, please include your phone number and address.

Prayer Request Cards may be found in the seat racks. *Please place them in the offering plate.*

Please see the information on the tables in the Narthex to learn more about what's going on at Massanutten. Extra copies of our bi-monthly newsletter, *The Ministry Link*, may be found there. Please call the church office (540/434-6194) if you are not receiving *The Ministry Link* by mail.

Printed copies of *recent sermons* are available on the table in the narthex.

Worship service CDs are available; if you would like one, please call the church office.

You can find additional information about the many ministries and activities of Massanutten on our **website**: www.massanuttenchurch.org.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 7

- Join us this afternoon at 3:00pm for an **Advent Organ Recital by Dr. John Barr**. John Barr is organ master at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren.
- **Blue Christmas Service**, Sunday, December 7 at 7:00pm in the Gathering Area. Join us for this time of sacred space and worship as we lift up the message of Christmas with attentiveness to the painful realities of life that often get lost amidst the celebrations of the season.
- Please pick up an **Advent booklet** from the rack in the Gathering Area. This will help prepare you and your family prepare for the holy season.
- **Nursery Volunteers Needed:** If you would like to share your time with the children of our church family by being a nursery volunteer, please circle your name on the Friendship Folder today.
- All **Angel Tree Gifts** should be under the tree by 12:00 noon today.
- **Advent Study** continues Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the Gathering Area.
- **Faith Village is collecting money for the Heifer Project.** Parents, please have your children bring in their offering each week. Members of the congregation may also contribute; make checks payable to MPC with "Heifer Project" in the memo line.
- Our next **Blood Drive** is December 16. Sign up after Sunday worship service or call Shawn Green at 289-5735.
- The **Massanutten Ringers** will present a concert in Meredith Chapel at Sunnyside on Monday, December 8 at 7:00pm.
- The **Crossroads Pealers** will be presenting music for the residents of Loyaltan on Wednesday, December 10 at 9:30am.
- The Worship Ministry is aware of a shortage of individual receivers for our **hearing enhancement system**. Please write "hearing" beside your name on the Friendship Folder this morning, if you are in need of hearing enhancement. We are missing one of our hearing devices, if you happened to take one home by mistake please return it to the church at your earliest convenience.
- Coming soon...another "**Sisters**" **Bible study for women...Unfailing Love: Growing Closer to Jesus Christ** beginning Sunday, January 11 at 6:00 p.m. and continuing weekly for 7 weeks. If you are interested, sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex, or email Nancy Ruh at nruh@massanuttenchurch.org by **December 15**.
- The **Harrisonburg-Rockingham Concert Band will present its holiday benefit concert** here on Thursday, December 11 at 7:30pm. Admission is free, but a free will offering will be collected for Central Valley Habitat for Humanity.
- The **Massanutten Brass Band and the Salvation Army Concert Band** will host their annual Salvation Army benefit concert on Sunday, December 14 at 7:00pm.
- The **Shenandoah Valley Choral Society** will present its annual Christmas concert, *A Ceremony of Carols* on Friday, December 19 at 7:30pm at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. Advance admission is \$10 for adults/\$9 for seniors and students. Church members Dick Forbes and Ron Matthews are members of the Choral Society.



Massanutten
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Service for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday in Advent

December 7, 2008

10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements Peggy Reinhold, Worship Leader

Prelude *In Dulci Jubilo* J.S. Bach

For Silent Meditation during the Opening Music

God of Israel, with expectant hearts we your people await Christ's coming. As once he came in humility, so now may he come in glory, that he may make all things perfect in your everlasting kingdom. For he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

As we worship today, let us prepare to welcome God's dramatic work in our midst, in our hearts, in our community, and in all of creation.

We will worship and give thanks.

*Processional Hymn *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry* No. 10

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Four-Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering (*all sing together*)

*Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, Light for the world to see.*

**Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today.**

*Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. (Refrain)*

*Longing for food, many are hungry, Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, Shared until all are fed. (Refrain)*
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Lord God, our lives are filled with sin.

We forget our neighbor's needs and do not love you above all else.

We need a Savior.

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