

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Laying on of Hands

Welcome (*responsively*)

Jacob has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made him a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ’s church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, always with us, always coming,

We confess that we do not know how to prepare for advent:

We have forgotten how to hope for miracles;

We have ignored the promise of your coming reign;

We get distracted by the busyness of the season.

Forgive us, God.

Grant us the wonder of the shepherds, the courage of the magi, the faith of Mary and Joseph.

Lead us to Bethlehem, that we might discover again the good news of the gospel,

for Jesus’ sake, for our sakes, for the sake of the world.

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness (responsively)

This is the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ;

In him, we are forgiven and made new. Amen.

*Response *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (In Dulci Jubilo)

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;

Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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.

This Week at MPC

Sunday, November 30

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
10:00am Open House *Godly Play Room* (Room 105)
10:30am Worship Service
1:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service (Choir Room)
4:30pm Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room)

Monday, December 1

1:00pm Small Group *What’s So Amazing About Grace?* (Blue Ridge Room, Sunnyside)
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers Rehearsal (Bell Room)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (119)

Tuesday, December 2

9:00am Yoga (Room 119)
12:30pm Prime Timers Luncheon (Golden Corral)
1:00pm Staff Meeting (Library)
5:30pm Evening Yoga (Room 119)
7:00pm Property Ministry Meeting (Room 104)

Wednesday, December 3

6:30am Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
9:15am Crossroads Pealers Rehearsal (Bell Room)

4:00pm Disciple Bible Study (at the home of Peggy Reinhold)

4:15pm Children’s Yoga

5:00pm WOW

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, December 4

9:00am Yoga (Room 119)

Friday, December 5

6:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 6

10:00am-8:00pm Volunteers ring the bell at the Salvation Army Kettle (J. C. Penney Court at Valley Mall)
Recorders Rehearsal Canceled

Sunday, December 7

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
10:30am Worship Service
11:40am Middle School Youth/YEPOGS to visit Nursing Homes
1:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service (Sanctuary)
3:00pm Organ Concert by Dr. John Barr (Sanctuary)
4:30pm Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room)

5:00pm High School Youth Group (meet at the church to go shopping)

6:30pm Disciple Bible Study (Parlor)

7:00pm Blue Christmas Service (Sanctuary)

The **Harrisonburg-Rockingham Concert Band** will present their annual holiday benefit concert on Thursday, December 11 at 7:30p.m. at MPC. Admission is free, but a free will offering will be collected and all proceeds will be given to Central Valley Habitat for Humanity. Please join us for an evening of music.

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Offering Given Last Week \$6,763.61

Offering Given Year to Date \$552,926.20

Weekly Need \$14,227.00

Difference (\$115,742.80)

Attending Worship Last Week 344

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 (Germany)
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
<p>Greeters</p> <p>Brian and Gina Phelps Robin and Diann Reed</p> <p>Ushers</p> <p>Chris Bryant, Jim and Juli Colville, Tim and Lisa Cooper, Bill Heinemann, Chris Scott and Jack Wysor</p> <p>Sunnyside Bus Driver</p> <p>Linda Green</p> <p>Sunday School Nursery</p> <p>Marcy and Carter Williams</p> <p>Communion Stewards</p> <p>Colin and Hannah Bryant Collin and Jared Dutt</p> <p>Infant Nursery</p> <p>Linda Green and Stephanie Toothman</p> <p>2 & 3 Year Olds</p> <p>Melissa Caldwell</p> <p>Children’s Church Leader</p> <p>Glenn and Jennifer Strawderman</p>	<p>Greeters</p> <p>George Cross and Denny Slane Bob and Doris Field and Jack Wysor</p> <p>Ushers</p> <p>Larry French, Linda and Colin Green, Don and Carol Poulson, Greg and Ann Trobaugh</p> <p>Sunnyside Bus Driver</p> <p>Randy Atkins</p> <p>Sunday School Nursery</p> <p>Rebecca Arthur</p> <p>Acolyte</p> <p>Jacob Laughlin</p> <p>Infant Nursery</p> <p>Sheila Laughlin and Shawn Green</p> <p>2 & 3 Year Olds</p> <p>Kim Phillips and Carol Poulson</p> <p>Children’s Church Leader</p> <p>Susie Diehl and Nancy Wayland</p>

Anthem *The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee* by Jean Berger

*The eyes of all wait upon thee;
And thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.*

Scripture Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

Sermon *Longing for Light...We Wait in Darkness* Pastor John P. Leggett

*An Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

**God keeps his promises and gives us hope.
In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus God kept his promises.
All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ.
But the work of God in Christ is not over.
God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.
The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.
In Christ, God gives hope for a new heaven and a new earth, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.
This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.**

Concerns of the Church and Prayers of the People

Liturgy of the Table

Gathering of the Offering

Offertory *Of the Father's Love Begotten* -arr. Held

*Doxology Tallis Canon

*Invitation to the Lord's Table

*Great 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.

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Communion of the People

(We will come forward to receive the bread and the cup. Please move toward the center of the church and move to the station serving your section. Take and eat a piece of bread from the loaf; then take and drink the cup. Stewards will collect your used cups. Move back to your seat by the opposite aisle.)

Sending

*Prayer after Communion

*Hymn *Savior of the Nations, Come* No. 14

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Response

*Postlude *All Praise to Jesus' Hallowed Name* - J. S. Bach
*(*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 NOVEMBER 30

- 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. - Adult Education Ministry.
- The **Prime Timers December luncheon** will feature their annual "Oopsie Prize" Giveaway. Everyone is asked to bring an unwrapped gift, that is something you are anxious to get rid of. The luncheon will be at the Golden Corral Restaurant on Tuesday, December 2 at 12:30. Everyone is invited to attend.
- **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.
- **Angel Tree:** Would you like to help make a child's Christmas Special? If so, select an ornament from the Angel Tree in the narthex. Please purchase the clothing items specified and if you are able, purchase a wish gift item. If you would like you can partner with another church family to purchase the items needed. Purchase and wrap your gifts and place the ornament on the outside of the gift. If you have more than one package, please clearly identify each with copies of the ornaments or tags. Return your item to the church no later than December 7th. All gifts will be distributed to the children of our Food Pantry friends.
- Children's Church for all 4 year old and Kindergarten children now meets in the **Godly Play Room (room 105)**. Parents are invited to an Open House December 6 between Sunday school and worship.
- All adults are invited to join us for a four-week **Advent Study** beginning today led by Roger Monger. The study will be held during the Sunday School hour at 9am in the Gathering Area. All Adult Sunday School Classes are invited to join us for a very meaningful time of preparation.
- Following worship this morning the Congregational Care Ministry will be assembling **care packages for college students and military personnel.** Please take a moment to sign some cards on the table in the Narthex which will be included in the packages.
- **Blue Christmas Service**, Sunday, December 7 at 7:00 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.
- Brave Hearts of Massanutten, mark your calendar! Our next **Blood Drive** is December 16. We are looking for a few good men and women to share the gift of life. 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 30 minute concert will include seasonal music, hymn-based arrangements, and a great piece by our own resident composer, Kath Wissinger. All are invited to enjoy the music and support our church musicians.
- The **Crossroads Pealers** will be presenting music for the residents of Loyaltan on December 10 at 9:30am. There will be Christmas selections as well as music from throughout the year. All are invited to come and enjoy the music.



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

November 30, 2008

10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements Bill Vance, Worship Leader

Minute for Mission *Nursery* Dana Mather
Kelly Richardson

Prelude *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* - arr. Held

For Silent Meditation during the Opening Music

During these days of Advent, O God, may you help us to be watchful for the ways that your kingdom draws near. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

We gather at God's call to watch for the coming of the good news into our world and into our lives.

We wait to see the fullness of God's vision.

In this time of waiting, let true worship begin in our hearts.

Let our praises rise up to the heavens. Let our celebrations spread new hope over a tired world. Let us gather together all our dreams and lives to worship our God.

*Processional Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* No. 2

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Advent Refrain (*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.*

Baptism of Jacob Savard

Presentation by Elder Dale Dobroth

Renunciations

The Apostles' Creed (*unison*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.