

Assurance of Forgiveness (responsively)

Brothers and sisters, God’s mercy is from everlasting to everlasting;
Through Jesus Christ we are free to live as a forgiven people. Amen.

*Response *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.

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.

Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

Anthem *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns* -arr. John Irvine
Morgan Alexander, flute

The King shall come when morning dawns;
And light triumphant breaks;
When beauty gilds the eastern hills,
And life to joy awakes.

Not as of old a little child
To bear, and fight, and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun
That lights the morning sky.

O brighter than the glorious morn
Shall this fair morning be
When Christ our King, in beauty comes,
And we his face shall see!

The King shall come when morning dawns,
And light and beauty brings;
Hail Christ, the Lord! Thy people pray
Come quickly, King of Kings!

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon Are you a Ewe?

*Hymn *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name* No. 142

*An Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

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.

This Week at MPC

Sunday, November 23
9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
10:00am New Member Reception—Library
10:30am Worship Service
11:30am Covered-Dish Thanksgiving Meal
12:30pm Mission Program (Gathering Area)
1:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service (Choir Room)
2:00pm Memorial Service for Sam Gamble (Meredith Chapel, Sunnyside)
6:00pm Disciple Bible Study (Parlor); Decorating Sanctuary

Monday, November 24
MPC Staffs HARTS at Haas House
1:00pm Small Group *What’s So Amazing About Grace* (Blue Ridge Room, Sunnyside)
2:00pm Continuing Small Group (Jefferson Room, Sunnyside)
7:00pm Called Session Meeting
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers Rehearsal (Bell Room)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (119); Cub Scout Den 5 (Room 117)

Tuesday, November 25
MPC Staffs HARTS at Haas House

8:15am Volunteers—Ministry Link mailing
Yoga Canceled
10:00-2:00pm Massanutten School (Sanctuary)
1:00pm Staff Meeting (Library)
Yoga Canceled

Wednesday, November 26
MPC Staffs HARTS at Haas House
6:30am Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
9:00am Crossroads Pealers Rehearsal (Bell Room)
Yoga Canceled
No WOW today
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, November 27
MPC Staffs HARTS at Haas House
Thanksgiving Day—Church Office Closed

Friday, November 28
MPC Staffs HARTS at Haas House
Church Office Closed
6:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, November 29
MPC Staffs HARTS at Haas House
5:00pm Senior High Youth Dinner and a Movie (the church)
6:00pm Recorders Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Sunday, November 30
MPC Staffs HARTS at Haas House
9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
10:30am Worship Service
1:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service (Sanctuary)
4:30pm Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room)

Spectrum Handbell Ensemble is attending the 2-day Area III Youth Festival in Richmond this weekend with 500 other young ringers. After host home stays on Saturday night, they will play music for 3 worship services at Olivet Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville. Ringers: Austin Reed, Rachel Atkins, Marcus Sensabaugh and Jane Haines; Director: Kath Wissinger; Chaperone: Diann Reed. Any teens interested in joining this group in January 2009, please call Kath Wissinger at 289-6973. We welcome new ringers and will teach you everything you need to know.

Spectrum Hanbell Ensemble will ring their bells for the Salvation Army on December 3 from 4-6pm at the E. Market Walmart’s Salvation Army bucket. They will also ring for the Christmas Tree Lighting at Court Square downtown on December 6 from 5-7pm. Please swing by either of these venues and enjoy some Christmas ringing!

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

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.

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)

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO
...the family and friends of Sam Gamble

Thanks to Those Serving During Worship	
Today	Next Week
Greeters	Greeters
Bill and Ellen Painter Buck and June Ritchie and Ruth Smith	Brian and Gina Phelps Robin and Diann Reed
Ushers	Ushers
William Comer, Netta Coulter, Steve and Sherry Gordon, Fleming Jones, Tim Miller, Eric Phillips, Robin Reed	Chris Bryant, Jim and Juli Colville, Tim and Lisa Cooper, Bill Heinemann, Chris Scott and Jack Wysor
Sunnyside Bus Driver	Sunnyside Bus Driver
Brian Phelps	Linda Green
Sunday School Nursery	Sunday School Nursery
Dannie Allen	Kim Phillips
Acolyte	Communion Stewards
Hunter Gregory	Colin and Hannah Bryant Collin and Jared Dutt
Infant Nursery	Infant Nursery
David and Dannie Allen	Shawn and Linda Green
2 & 3 Year Olds	2 & 3 Year Olds
Ellen Painter and Gina Phelps	Melissa Caldwell
Children’s Church Leader	Children’s Church Leader
Angie Baylor and Robin Lam	Glenn and Jennifer Strawderman

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.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

New Members

Concerns of the Church and Prayers of the People

The Deacons may be found circulating through the congregation before and after worship. They can be identified by their red name tags. You are invited to share any prayer concerns with them to be included in our congregation's prayers.

Gathering of the Offering

Offertory *Beautiful Savior* -arr. Dale Wood

*Doxology No. 593

*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 *Called as Partners In Christ's Service* No. 343

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Response

*Postlude *Christ, Be Our Light!* -Phillips

(*Please stand, who are able.)

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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 23

- **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 on November 30 and December 6 between Sunday school and worship.
- The Fellowship Ministry is hosting a **Thanksgiving Meal** in fellowship hall following the worship service this morning. After lunch everyone is invited to attend the **mission program** in the Gathering Area.
- All adults are invited to join us for a four-week **Advent Study** beginning Sunday, November 30 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.
- Next week 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. And, if you'd like to contribute some goodies, please put your items in the box by the table.
- **Blue Christmas Service**, Sunday December 7, 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.
- 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.
- This week we are hosting **HARTS** at Haas House in Harrisonburg. Please keep the volunteers, staff and guests of the shelter in your prayers.
- 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 Loyalton 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.
- **High School Youth**—Don't forget to grab an Angel Tree ornament so you can bring it on our shopping trip.



Massanutten
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Service for the Lord's Day

Christ the King

November 23, 2008

10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements Ann Pettit, Worship Leader

Minute for Mission *Fasting for Hunger* Leslie Dutt
Wendy Stapleton

Prelude *God Himself Is With Us* - arr. Michael Burkhardt

For Silent Meditation during the Opening Music
Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing and triumph ever more:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)
Make a joyful noise to the Lord;
Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come into His presence with singing.
Let us give thanks and bless His holy name.

*Hymn *When Morning Gilds the Skies* No. 487

*Prayer of the Day (*unison*)
We worship you, O God, with joyful noise - with words of praise and adoration spoken and sung in the name of Jesus who brought your love to us in person. We gather here today to celebrate your rule of love in our hearts. Through Christ, our Lord and King we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)
Merciful God,
We have lived too long in darkness.
We have worried and fretted about many things.
We have hidden our talents from you and from service for others.
We have neglected things we could do, and ignored the plight of many people.
We hunger for your help, O God.
Shed light upon us and guide us as we step out in faith .
Clear away the cobwebs of despair and doubt.
Dust us off and set us in the places you most need us to serve.
We pray through Christ, our light, our hope, our Lord. Amen.