

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.

Liturgy of the Table

Gathering of the Offering

Offertory Whiter Than Snow William G. Fischer

*Doxology No. 592

*Invitation to the Lord's Table

*The 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 communion. 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 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts No. 510

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Response

*Postlude Magnificat Kindermann (*All stand, who are able.)

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Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday—8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT MASSANUTTEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We're glad that 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. Pagery are available for parents of children staying in our nursery.

When the Friendship Pad 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.

Do you have trouble hearing in the service? Please see an usher for information about Sonic Ear.

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.com

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2

- Today we will receive our 4 Cents a Meal Hunger Offering.
The Family Ministry Team is planning an Advent Intergenerational Event of fun and fellowship this evening from 5-7 p.m.
The Prime Timers will be gathering for their monthly luncheon at Golden Corral on Tuesday, December 4 at 12:30.
The Board of Deacons invites you to participate in its efforts to make the Christmas holidays a bit more enjoyable for families of our Food Pantry.
The Middle School Youth will meet next Sunday from 11:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
On Sunday, December 16 at 5 p.m. you are invited for dinner with your church family in the Fellowship Hall.
Suggestions for Alternative Giving—Look on the table in the narthex and help yourself to a catalog or list of possibilities.
Zacchaeus Kitchen and Homeless Shelter in Washington, DC, will be distributing hats, socks, gloves and mittens to the homeless and needy.
Redeemer Classical School invites you to its Christmas Program at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11 in the MPC sanctuary.
The Harrisonburg-Rockingham Concert Band, under the direction of William Posey, will present its annual Christmas Benefit Concert at MPC on Thursday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m.



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

December 2, 2007

10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements Brian Phelps, Worship Leader

Prelude O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee Manz

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 He Came Down -arr. John L. Bell

Sheet music for the Advent Refrain 'He Came Down' by John L. Bell. It includes a cantors part and congregational parts with lyrics: 'He came down that we may have love, he came down that we may have love, he came down that we may have love, Hal-le-lu-jah for ever more.'

* Subsequent verses (after cantor): peace, joy.

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Prayer of the Day

*4-Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ the Son. **(Repeat)** And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “ I am rich ” Because of what the Lord has done for us. **(Repeat)** Give thanks.

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternal God, you taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand. Keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, and make us strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may joyfully give him praise; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

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

In him, we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Response of Praise *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

The children are invited to gather at the chancel steps. Following the Children’s Sermon, 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’s through Grade 2 may be picked up in Room 108.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Matthew 24:36-44

Choral Response

Sermon *Keep Awake Till the End* Pastor John P. Leggett

*Hymn *The Desert Shall Rejoice* No. 18

*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.

This Week at MPC

Sunday, December 2

9:00 am Church School
10:00 am Fellowship Coffee (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal
1:00 pm Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church
5:00 pm Advent Intergenerational Event

Monday, December 3

9:00 am Disciple 3 Bible Study (Gathering Area)
7:00 pm Massanutten Ringers
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, December 4

10:00 am Circle #2 (Highlands)
10:00 am Circle #3 (Sunnyside)
10:00 am Shoshana Circle with Kay Davis
12:30 pm Prime Timers Luncheon (Golden Corral)

6:30 pm Redeemer Classical School Concert (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm Disciple 3 Bible Study (Parlor)

Wednesday, December 5

6:30 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am Staff Meeting (West Office)
9:15 am Crossroad Pealers Rehearsal
4:30 pm WOW
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, December 6

6:30 pm Disciple 1 Bible Study (Gathering Area)
7:00 pm Family Ministry (Parlor)

Saturday, December 8

6:00 pm Recorder Rehearsal

Sunday, December 9

9:00 am Church School
10:00 am Fellowship Coffee (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 am Worship Service

11:45 a.m. Middle High School Youth
1:00 pm Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church
7:00 pm Massanutten Brass Band Concert (Sanctuary)

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Offering Given Last Week \$ 9,053.79

Offering Given Year to Date \$519,286.46

Weekly Need \$11,652.00

Difference (\$28,357.54)

Attending Sunday School Last Week 123

Attending Worship Last Week 375

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

Bill Jackson, Jane Burfoot, Mary Jo Slane, Edith Binkley, Kelly Miller (Mission Trip to Africa); **Barbara Walker; John Gronemeyer; Millie Roache; Frank Way; Whit Scully**

FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Don Grimes, friend of our church family; **Amaya Kinley**, friend of our church family; **Logan Hill**, friend of Fleming and Sharon Jones; **Scott Dovel**, nephew of Warren and Sharon Dovel; **Cathy Austin**, Butch Dutt’s sister; **David Rose**, nephew of Ann Wilkin-son; **Judy Thompson**, cousin of Patti Hobbie; **Art Benz**, brother-in-law of Bob & Sharon Bloomquist; **Sue Ellen Church and Paul Lee**, friends of Kevin Caldwell; **Claude Ramey Jr.**, father of Angie Baylor; **Donnie Mongold**, friend of Robert and Susan Reid; **Jay Megaw**, friend of Bill and Sharon Posey; **Teresa Schaffer**, friend of Tim and Cristy Long; **Galen Long**, father of Kim Showalter; **Lori Bruggema**, friend of Jacki Nickel; **Barbara Eye**, friend of Geri Black; **Morgan Kanney’s aunt; Marilyn Ann Laughlin**, mother of Reid Laughlin; **Vernon Threlkeld and Steve Duncan**, friends of Jim and Gail Oppy; **Harvey McPhail**, Ron Matthew’s uncle

Please place prayer request cards (found in the seat ahead of you) in the offering plate to be included in our congregation’s prayers. Thank you for continuing to keep us informed of on-going prayer needs.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Mark B. Heltzel, son of Helen Groves (Department of Navy Medical and Surgery, Wash- ington, D.C.)
Jon Guinn, son of Mike and Ka Guinn (stationed in Iraq)
Elizabeth “Lee” Davis, daughter of Marc and Nancy Davis (posted to Afghanistan)
Ryan Tarman, grandson of Dee and Martha Floyd (stationed in Washington)
Chad Ritchie, son of Robert and Ramona Ritchie (stationed in FL)
Chris Jerome, son of Bob Jerome (stationed in Naples, Italy)
Brent Rohrbaugh, brother of Rhonda Miller (stationed in Norfolk, VA)
Joey Arbogast, cousin of Dee Floyd (stationed in Iraq)
Stephanie Beard, granddaughter of Jean Beard (stationed in Germany)
Erin Burtner, cousin of Susan Newsome (stationed in Iraq)
Timothy Norville, friend of the Dobroths, Nickels, Wissingers and others of our church family (stationed in Iraq)
Rich Shull, nephew of Don and Dixie Dofflemeyer (stationed in Iraq)

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO...

...Robin, Diann, Chelsie, and Austin Reed, on the death of Diann’s brother, Dave Taylor

Thanks to Those Serving During Worship

Today	Next Week
Greeters Mark and Stephanie Toothman Jack and Polly Wysor	Greeters David and Alicia Gutschow Boo and Sindy Taylor
Ushers Chris Bryant, Jim and Juli Colville, George Cross, , Bill Heinemann, Randy Hylton Keith and Linda Knupp	Ushers Steve and Sherry Gordon, Linda and Colin Green, Jim and Gail Oppy, Bruce Rohlff, Jack Wysor
Sunnyside Bus Driver Skip Wissinger	Sunnyside Bus Driver Richard Ours
Sunday School Nursery Kim Phillips	Sunday School Nursery Kristen Suter-Blye
Communion Stewards Andrew Caldwell, Jems Gutschow, Caitlyn Miller, Joshua Stapleton	Acolyte Kendra Strawderman
Infant Nursery Leslie Dutt and Becky Rohlff	Infant Nursery Jan Arnold and Hunter Davis
2 & 3 Year Olds Eric and Angie Baylor	2 & 3 Year Olds Reid and Sheila Laughlin
Floater Sherry Gordon	Floater Julia Sensabaugh
Children’s Church Leader Jennifer Bryant and Wendy Stapleton	Children’s Church Leader Angie Baylor and Ricki Irvine