

*An Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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 *Out Under the Sky* Doug Wagner
Spectrum Handbell Ensemble

*Doxology No. 592

*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 *Once In Royal David's City* No. 49

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Response

*Postlude *More Like You*
Sharon Bloomquist, Piano

(*All stand, who are able.)

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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. **Pagers** 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 9

- The **Massanutten Brass Band** will hold a benefit concert, *Christmas in Brass*, for the Salvation Army this evening at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- The Board of Deacons wants to thank everyone who took a fit tag from the Angel or Turkey Feather Tree this year. Your wrapped gift(s) with the turkey feather attached must be under the tree in the narthex no later than 12 noon today.
- The **Middle School Youth** will meet from 11:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. today to prepare and eat their spaghetti lunch. Due to the holiday season this will be the only Middle School Youth meeting in December.
- Due to **WOW** being cancelled last Wednesday. WOW will meet on Wednesday, December 12 from 4:30-7:00 p.m.
- On **Sunday, December 16 at 5 p.m.** you are invited for **dinner** with your church family in the Fellowship Hall. There will be turkey, dressing, gravy, bread, drinks and a light dessert. Please bring a salad or vegetable to accompany the main course. Following dinner there will be a **Service of Lessons and Carols** which will include readers and music groups from the congregation. Please make your reservations to attend the dinner on the Friendship Folder today.
- Suggestions for **Alternative Giving**—Look on the table in the narthex and help yourself to a catalog or list of possibilities.
- Please bring your new or like new items for the **Zacchaeus Kitchen and Homeless Shelter** to the church no later than Sunday, December 16, and place them in the box under the Presbyterian Women's table in the narthex.
- **The Daughter's of Song** will present their Christmas Concert this evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Park View Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg. Susan Newsome and Hunter Davis members of MPC sing with the Daughter's of Song.
- A benefit concert for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank network will be held at **Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church** on Monday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. A free will offering will be received. Seating is limited. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
- **Redeemer Classical School** invites you to its Christmas Program at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11 in the sanctuary. Kath Wissinger and Julie Staber members of our church family teach music at the school.
- **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 7:30 p.m. (please note the time). The concert is free, but there will be a free-will offering to benefit the Harrisonburg Area Habitat for Humanity.



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

December 9, 2007

10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements Nancy Davis, Worship Leader

Prelude *Savior of the Gentiles, Come* -Pachelbel

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. Amen.

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

In the beginning before time, before people, before the world began,

God was.

Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of the earth for the purposes of heaven,

God is.

In the future, when we have turned to dust, and all we know has found its fulfillment,

God will be.

Come to us, O God, and bring your promised peace.

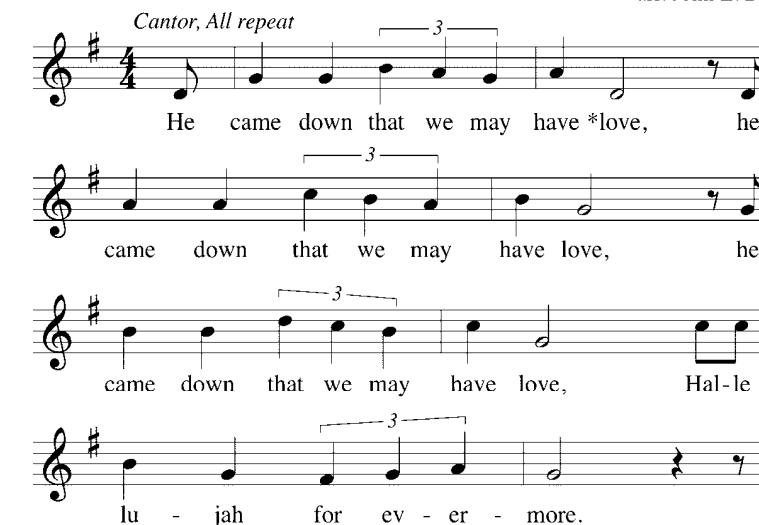
O come, O come, Emmanuel

*Processional Hymn *Comfort, Comfort, You My People* No. 3

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Advent Refrain *He Came Down* -arr. John L. Bell

Cameroon trad.
arr. John L. Bell



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

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Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

God of hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome, that your Son, Jesus Christ, at his coming may find in us a dwelling prepared for him. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God of the future,
you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.
We confess that we have not expected your kingdom,
for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.
We accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbors,
abuse the earth,
and refuse your justice and peace.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Grant us wisdom to welcome your way,
and to seek things that will endure
when Christ comes to judge the world.**

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 *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

Anthem *What is this Fragrance?* Traditional French Carol
Nancy, Hunter and Lee Davis and Kelly Richardson

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 3:1-12

Choral Response

Sermon *Repentance on the Way to the Manger* Pastor John P. Leggett

*Hymn *On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry* No. 10

This Week at MPC

Sunday, December 9

9:00 am Church School
9:45 am Spectrum Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal
10:00 am Fellowship Coffee (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 am Worship Service
11:45 am Middle School Youth
1:00 pm Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church
7:00 pm Massanutten Brass Band Concert

Monday, December 10

9:00 am Disciple 3 Bible Study (Gathering Area)
10:00 am Food Pantry
7:00 pm Sessional Ministries
7:00 pm Deacons Meeting
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:30 pm Worship Ministry

Tuesday, December 11

10:00 am Circle #2 (Highlands)
10:00 am Circle #3 (Sunnyside)

10:00 am Shoshana Circle with Kay Davis
1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)
6:30 pm Disciple 3 Bible Study (Classroom 105)
6:30 pm Redeemer Classical School Christmas Concert (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, December 12

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

Thursday, December 13

1:00 pm Circle #3 (Sunnyside)
1:30 pm Circle #1 (Gathering Area)
2:30 pm Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 pm Disciple 1 Bible Study (Class Room 105)
7:30 pm Harrisonburg/Rockingham Concert Band (Sanctuary)

Saturday, December 15

6:00 pm Recorder Rehearsal

Sunday, December 16

9:00 am Church School
10:00 am Fellowship Coffee (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 am Worship Service
1:00 pm Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church
5:00 pm Christmas Fellowship Dinner
6:00 pm Service of Lessons and Carols

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Offering Given Last Week	\$ 13,800.75
Offering Given Year to Date	\$533,087.21
Weekly Need	\$11,652.00
Difference	(\$26,208.79)
Attending Sunday School Last Week	123
Attending Worship Last Week	359

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), **John Gronemeyer, Millie Roache, Frank Way, Linda Burner**

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 Wilkinson; **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; **Chuck and Chase Green**, friends of Tim Miller; **Gabriel Kaden Morris**, friend of Becky Hylton; **Craig Taylor**, son of Boo and Sandy Taylor; **Ellen Lineweaver**, friend of Dick and Karen Leecy

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, Washington, D.C.)
Jon Guinn, son of Mike and Ka Guinn (stationed in Iraq)
Elizabeth “Lee” Davis, daughter of Marc and Nancy Davis (posted to Kuwait)
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. . .

...Dr. Ed Comer & family on the death of his nephew

Thanks to Those Serving During Worship	
Today	Next Week
Greeters David and Alicia Gutschow Boo and Sandy Taylor	Greeters Floyd and Jean Wall Les and Vonnie West
Ushers Steve and Sherry Gordon, Linda and Colin Green, Jim and Gail Oppy, Bruce Rohlf, Jack Wysor	Ushers Bob Bales, William Comer, Larry French, Tim Miller, John Myers, Don and Carol Poulson, Chris Preston
Sunnyside Bus Driver Richard Ours	Sunnyside Bus Driver Brian Phelps
Sunday School Nursery Kristen Suter-Blye	Sunday School Nursery Ellen Painter
Acolyte Kendra Strawderman	Acolyte Seth Diehl
Infant Nursery Jan Arnold and Rhonda Miller	Infant Nursery Jim and Wendy Kinley
2 & 3 Year Olds Reid and Sheila Laughlin	2 & 3 Year Olds Betsey Branner and Becky Hylton
Floater Julia Sensabaugh	Floater Rhonda Stees
Children’s Church Leader Angie Baylor and Ricki Irvine	Children’s Church Leader Tim and Jill Kincaid