

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove anything that gets in the way of our love for you. When he comes, may he find us waiting in awe and wonder for him. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things—our hearts are filled with joy.

By your power you lifted us out of the wasteland of sin and brought us with joy and laughter into your kingdom.

Salvation is your gift to us.

But we confess that often we try to replace your gift with our own efforts.

We try to complete what is already perfect;

we try to add to what is already full;

we try to earn what we already have.

Forgive us for our foolishness.

Help us to focus on your grace.

Help us to live grateful lives in return.

For Jesus' sake alone. 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 *Angels from the Realms of Glory* (Regent Square)

All creation, join in praising

God the Father, Spirit, Son,

Evermore your voices raising

To the eternal Three in One:

Come and worship, come and worship,

Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Liturgy of the Word

Anthem

God's Children Choir

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 11:2-11

Choral Response

Sermon

Are You the One?

Pastor John P. Leggett

*Hymn

Savior of the Nations, Come

No. 14

This Week at MPC

Sunday, December 16

9:00am Church School
10:00am Fellowship Coffee (Fellowship Hall)
10:30am Worship Service
11:30pm Youth Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
1:00pm Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church
4:00pm Called Meeting of the Session (Parlor)
5:00pm Christmas Fellowship Dinner
6:00pm Service of Lessons and Carols

Monday, December 17

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

Tuesday, December 18

6:30pm Disciple 3 Bible Study (Gathering Area)

Wednesday, December 19

6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast
8:30am Volunteers prepare newsletter for mailing
9:00am Staff Meeting (West Office)
9:15am Crossroad Pealers Rehearsal
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, December 20

6:30pm Massanutten School Christmas Program (Sanctuary)

Saturday, December 22

6:00pm Recorder Rehearsal

Sunday, December 23

9:00am Church School
10:00am Fellowship Coffee (Fellowship Hall)
10:30am Worship Service
1:00pm Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Offering Given Last Week \$15,344.15

Offering Given Year to Date \$548,431.36

Weekly Need \$11,652.00

Difference (\$22,516.64)

Attending Sunday School Last Week 131

Attending Worship Last Week 331

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, Mary Jo Slane, Edith Binkley, Kelly Miller (Mission Trip to Africa); **Millie Roache; Frank Way; Linda Burner; Sharon Jones; Judy Stryker**

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; **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**, friend of Jim and Gail Oppy; **Harvey McPhail**, Ron Matthew's uncle; **Chuck and Chase Green**, friends of Tim Miller; **Courtney Rhodenizer**, great-niece of Karen Enslin; **our great-grandmother Richmond**, the Maddra family; **Lena Campbell**, friend of Chris McAnulty; **Francis Caldwell**, grandmother of Kevin Caldwell; **Mary Caldwell**, sister-in-law of Kevin Caldwell; **Tony Griffin**, friend of Jack and Nancy Heintzleman

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)

Stephanie Beard, granddaughter of Jean Beard (stationed in Germany)

Erin Burtner, cousin of Susan Newsome (stationed in Iraq)

Timothy Norville, friend of the Dobreths, 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...

...Fred Burfoot and his family on the death of his wife, Jane Burfoot.

...Robert and Susan Reid on the death of their friend, Donnie Mongold.

...Randy and Becky Hylton on the death of their friend, Gabriel Kaden Morris.

Thanks to Those Serving During Worship

Today	Next Week
Greeters	Greeters
Floyd and Jean Wall Les and Vonnie West	Dale and Dorothy Dobroth Bo and Patti Hobbie
Ushers	Ushers
Bob Bales, William Comer, Larry French, Tim Miller, John Myers, Don and Carol Poulson, Chris Preston	Joe Heavener, Fleming Jones, Chris Scott, Juli and Marcus Sensabaugh, Jeannie Sutherland, Greg and Ann Trobaugh
Sunnyside Bus Driver	Sunnyside Bus Driver
Brian Phelps	Linda Green
Sunday School Nursery	Sunday School Nursery
Ellen Painter	Sandy Taylor
Acolyte	Acolyte
Seth Diehl	Skylar Allen
Infant Nursery	Infant Nursery
Jim and Wendy Kinley	Juli Colville and Shirley Jackson
2 & 3 Year Olds	2 & 3 Year Olds
Betsey Branner and Becky Hylton	Shawn and Linda Green
Floater	Floater
Rhonda Stees	Linda Myers
Children's Church Leader	Children's Church Leader
Tim and Jill Kincaid	Kevin and Rhonda Stees