

*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.

O Antiphon (*based on Isaiah 22:22*)

O come, thou Key of David, come; And open wide our heavenly home!
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.

O Come! O Come! Lord Jesus, come; O come! O Come! Lord Jesus, come.

Concerns of the Church and Prayers of the People

O Antiphon (*based on Isaiah 7:40*)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lowly exile here, Until the Son of God appear.

**O Come! O Come! Lord Jesus, come;
O come! O Come! Lord Jesus, come.**

Gathering of the Offering

Offertory *Gesu Bambino* Yon
Sharon Bloomquist and Jessica Jones

*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 *Joy to the World* No. 40

*Charge and Blessing

*O Antiphon

O come, Desire of nations, bind All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease, Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

**O Come! O Come! Lord Jesus, come;
O come! O Come! Lord Jesus, come.**

*Postlude *Medley*

(*All 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 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 23

- Suggestions for **Alternative Giving**—Look on the table in the narthex and help yourself to a catalog or list of possibilities. Many on our Christmas lists, who have no need of *things* will be deeply honored to have us donate to Heifer, Church World Service, or the Volunteer Farm in their honor!
- We will receive our **Christmas Joy Offering** on Christmas Eve. Envelopes are in the chair racks for your convenience.
- **Offering Envelopes for 2008** may be picked up in the Fellowship Hall.
- The **Church Office** will be closed December 24, 25, 26, and January 1. The office will be open from 9am-3pm on December 27, 28 and 31.

Christmas Eve Services

4:30pm Family Christmas Eve Service

This service is specially designed for children and families, but all are welcome. The service focuses on the Christmas Story, told through scripture, singing and story.

7:00 & 11:00pm Candlelight with Communion

The traditional services include candlelight and communion as well as special music and sermon.

- Please invite your friends, neighbors and family members to worship with you on Christmas Eve.
- We will receive our Christmas Joy Offering at all services.
- A nursery is provided for the 4:30 & 7:00pm services.

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

December 23, 2007

10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements John Irvine, Worship Leader

Prelude *Christmas Fantasia* Lohr
Massanutten Ringers

O Antiphon (*based on Zechariah 6:12*)

O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadow put to flight.

**O Come! O Come! Lord Jesus, come;
O come! O Come! Lord Jesus, come.**

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

The Spirit and the church cry out:

Come, Lord Jesus.

All those who await his appearance pray:

Come, Lord Jesus.

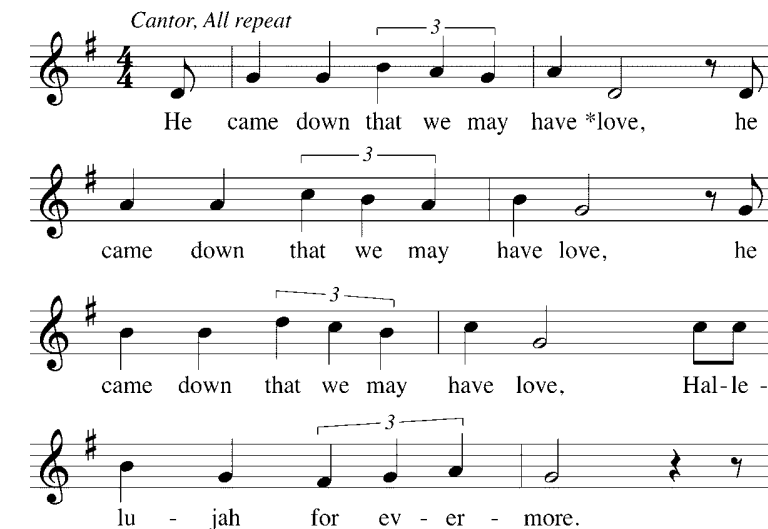
The whole creation pleads:

Come, Lord Jesus.

*Processional Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* No. 41

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Advent Cameroon trad. Refrain
arr. John L. Bell



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

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Prayer of the Day

O Antiphon (*based on Isaiah 11:1-10*)

O come, thou Rod of Jesse's stem, From every foe deliver them
That trust thy mighty power save, And give them victory o'er the grave.

**O Come! O Come! Lord Jesus, come;
O come! O Come! Lord Jesus, come.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*responsively*)

O God, we need Christ to renew our commitment.

We confess that our lack of faith has made us fearful.

May your star once more set our course firmly in your direction.

We have turned our faith into a lifeless ritual.

May your manger call us again to expressions of love and devotion.

**We have carefully kept our gifts and have not freely given our
goods and our hearts to you.**

May the Magi show us the spirit of giving.

**Lord, may your Spirit linger in our hearts and bring renewal in
our lives. 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.

O Antiphon (*based on Proverbs 8:22-31*)

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, Who orderest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go.

**O Come! O Come! Lord Jesus, come;
O come! O Come! Lord Jesus, come.**

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.

Anthem

In the Bleak Midwinter

Drake

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

O Antiphon (*based on Exodus 20:1-17*)

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height;
In ancient times didst give the law, In cloud and majesty and awe.

**O Come! O Come! Lord Jesus, come;
O come! O Come! Lord Jesus, come.**

Sermon

The Ministry of Joseph

Pastor John P. Leggett

*Hymn

No Longer Alone

(See Insert)

(Mary Beth Holbrook, soloist)

This Week at MPC

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

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve—Church Office Closed
4:30 pm Family Christmas Eve Service
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service of Candlelight
and Communion
11:00 pm Christmas Eve Service of Candlelight
and Communion

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day—Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26

Church Office Closed
6:30am Men's Prayer Break-
fast
9:00am-5pm Fellowship Hall in
use

Thursday, December 27

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 30

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	\$8,626.01
Offering Given Year to Date	\$557,057.37
Weekly Need	\$11,652.00
Difference	(\$25,542.63)
Attending Sunday School Last Week	73
Attending Worship Last Week	231

*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; Sharon Jones; Judy Stryker; Audrey Maune**

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; **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 Kan-
ney'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; **Ellen Lineweaver**, friend of our church family; **Francies Caldwell**, grand-
mother of Kevin Caldwell; **Mary Caldwell**, sister-in-law of Kevin Caldwell; **Tony Grif-
fin**, friend of Jack and Nancy Heintzleman; **Sarah Martin** (Mission Trip to India)

*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)

Chad Ritchie, son of Robert and Ramona Ritchie (stationed in FL)

Ryan Tarman, grandson of Dee and Martha Floyd (stationed in Washington)

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 Dobroths, Nickels, Wissingers and others of our church
family (stationed in Iraq)

Rich Shull, nephew of Don and Dixie Dofflemyer (stationed in Iraq)

Thanks to Those Serving During Worship

Today	Next Week
Greeters	Greeters
Dale and Dorothy Dobroth Bo and Patti Hobbie	John and Evelyn Earl Fleming Jones
Ushers	Ushers
Joe Heavener, Fleming Jones, Chris Scott, Julie and Marcus Sensabaugh, Jeannie Sutherland, Greg and Ann Trobaugh	Anne Bradley, Bud and Betty Long, Bob Milner, Robin Reed, Ramona Ritchie, Glenn Strawderman, Sandy Taylor
Sunnyside Bus Driver	Sunnyside Bus Driver
Linda Green	Randy Atkins
Sunday School Nursery	Sunday School Nursery
Sandy Taylor	Marcy and Carter Williams
Acolyte	Acolyte
Skylar Allen	Brady Hylton
Infant Nursery	Infant Nursery
Juli Colville and Shirley Jackson	Shawn and Linda Green
2 & 3 Year Olds	2 & 3 Year Olds
Shawn and Linda Green	Brad and Angie Wheeler
Floater	Floater
Linda Myers	Melissa Caldwell
Children's Church Leader	Children's Church Leader
Dannie Allen	Gina Phelps and Erin White