

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 *Jesus Redeemer to All* Mawbry

\*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 *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem* No. 308

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude *From Heaven to Earth* Pachelbel

*(\*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](http://www.massanuttenchurch.com)

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 30**

- 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!
- **Offering Envelopes for 2008** may be picked up in the Fellowship Hall.
- The **Church Office** will be closed January 1. The office will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on December 31.
- Next Sunday is Epiphany Sunday. The Faith Village classes will be leading us in an Epiphany Processional to begin our worship service. **Parents, please note that your children will be in the fellowship hall between Sunday School and Worship preparing for the processional.** Following the *Time with the Children* they are invited to join you in worship or proceed to Children's Church, according to your family's tradition.
- Next Sunday will be the **final Sunday** in the third *Faith Village Rotation*. Children have been invited to bring non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry during this rotation as part of the curriculum. These food donations will be used during the processional next Sunday. Please consider picking up a few extra items at the store this week to help replenish the Food Pantry after a very busy month!

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A Service for the Lord's Day

*First Sunday of Christmas*

December 30, 2007

10:30 a.m.

**Gathering**

Welcome and Announcements

Melissa Leecy, Worship Leader

Choral Introit

For Silent Meditation during the Opening Music

*God of hope and promise, thank you for coming to us in the child of Jesus, bringing salvation to all. Thank you for your grace which surrounds us and grants us the freedom to love and serve you. Help us to dwell deeply in the word and peace of Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Hear the good news—the news of great joy:

**In the city of David a child has been born!**

The child is our Savior -

**The child is Christ the Lord!**

\*Hymn

*Joy to the World*

No. 40

\*Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

**O God most High, your only Son embraced the weakness of flesh, to give us power to become your children; your eternal Word chose a dwelling among us that we might live in your presence. Grant us a spirit of wisdom to know how rich is the glory you have made known, and how great the hope to which we are called in Jesus Christ, your word made flesh. Amen.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God of Grace,**

**we have come to Bethlehem,**

**looking forward to what you have done in the birth of Jesus.**

**We confess that our expectancy wanes as we move beyond the manger.**

**We prefer the celebration of Christmas to the hard reality of Calvary.**

**We want to linger in the light yet avoid what Jesus came to do.**

**Forgive us when we are slow to move on.**

**Help us to look forward to what you have done in and through Christ.**

**Lead us expectantly into both the joys and the challenges ahead of us.**

**In Christ we pray, Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Let us celebrate together the good news of Jesus Christ:

**Jesus is the light of the world! The light shines in the darkness and the darkness will not overcome it. Amen.**

\*Response of Praise *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (In Dulci Jubilo)

*Good Christian Friends, rejoice With heart, and soul, and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door, And we are blest for evermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!*

### 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 *Peace Child* Glover

*In the sleep of the night, in the dark before light  
you come, in the silence of stars, in the violence of wars-  
Savior, your name.*

*To the road and the storm, to the gun and the bomb  
you come, through the hate and the hurt, through the hunger and dirt-  
bearing a dream.*

*To our dark and our sleep, to the conflict we reap  
now come be your dream born alive, held in hope, wrapped in love:  
God's true  
Peace Child, shalom.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon *After Silent Night* Pastor Ann Pettit

\*Hymn *What Child is This?* No. 53

\*An Affirmation of Faith (*responsively*)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality as something to be exploited.

**But emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.**

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on the cross.

**Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,**

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

**And every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## This Week at MPC

**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

**Monday, December 31**

Church Office Hours 9:00am - 3:00pm

**Tuesday, January 1**

New Year's Day—Church Office Closed

**Wednesday, January 2**

6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast  
9:00am Staff Meeting  
9:15am Crossroads Pealers Rehearsal  
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, January 3**

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

**Saturday, January 5**

6:00pm Recorder Ensemble Rehearsal

**Sunday, January 6**

9:00am Church School  
10:00am Fellowship Coffee (Fellowship Hall)  
10:30am Worship Service  
1:00pm Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church  
4:30pm Spectrum Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal

## STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

<b>Offering Given Last Week</b>	\$23,000.10
<b>Offering Given Year to Date</b>	\$580,057.47
<b>Weekly Need</b>	\$11,652.00
<b>Difference</b>	(\$14,194.53)
<b>Attending Sunday School Last Week</b>	141
<b>Attending Worship Last Week</b>	377

*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, Judy Stryker**

### FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Don Grimes**, friend of our church family; **Logan Hill**, friend of Fleming and Sharon Jones; **Scott Dovel**, nephew of Warren and Sharon Dovel; **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; **Teresa Schaffer**, friend of Tim and Cristy Long; **Lori Bruggema**, friend of Jacki Nickel; **Barbara Eye**, friend of Geri Black; **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 McNulty; **Ellen Lineweaver**, friend of our church family; **Francies Caldwell**, grandmother of Kevin Caldwell; **Mary Caldwell**, sister-in-law of Kevin Caldwell; **Tony Griffin**, friend of Jack and Nancy Heintzleman; **Lee Enswiler**, uncle of Charlotte Landes; **Linda Burkholder**, mother-in-law of Emily Burner Burkholder; **Diane Wagner**, mother of Heidi Wagner; **Sarah Martin**, friend of Kevin Caldwell (Mission Trip to India); **Loretta Meyers, Kelsie Adams**, family of Netta Coulter (Mission Trip to Sierra Leone); **Louise Huffman**, mother of Betty Long

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### 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)

**WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO . . .**

...Charlotte Landes on the death of her cousin, Olive Middleton.

## Thanks to Those Serving During Worship

Today	Next Week
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Greeters</b>
John and Evelyn Earl Fleming Jones	Larry and Pam French Robert and Doris Field
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
Anne Bradley, Bud and Betty Long, Bob Milner, Robin Reed, Ramona Ritchie, Glenn Strawderman, Sandy Taylor	Kevin Caldwell, Netta Coulter, Bill Heinemann, Dwight Newman, Brian Phelps, Eric Phillips, Curt Schwalbach
<b>Sunnyside Bus Driver</b>	<b>Sunnyside Bus Driver</b>
Randy Atkins	Tim Miller
<b>Sunday School Nursery</b>	<b>Sunday School Nursery</b>
Marcy and Carter Williams	Ellen Painter
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>
Brady Hylton	Logan Comer
<b>Infant Nursery</b>	<b>Infant Nursery</b>
Shawn and Linda Green	Chris and Mari Kyle
<b>2 &amp; 3 Year Olds</b>	<b>2 &amp; 3 Year Olds</b>
Brad and Angie Wheeler	Wendy Stapleton and Pam French
<b>Floater</b>	<b>Floater</b>
Melissa Caldwell	Laura Atkins
<b>Children's Church Leader</b>	<b>Children's Church Leader</b>
Gina Phelps and Erin White	Reid and Sheila Laughlin