

showing us the way of humility.
Strengthen us to serve you in humility all the days of our life.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ,
by your baptism you cleansed us from our sin,
making us children of your Father.
Give the grace of being a child of God to all who seek you.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ,
by your baptism you sanctified creation
and opened the door of repentance
to all who are baptized.
Make us servants of your gospel in the world.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ,
By your baptism you revealed to us the glorious Trinity
When the voice from heaven proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son,"
And the Holy Spirit descended upon you like a dove.
Renew a heart of worship within all the baptized.

Lord, have mercy.

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 *Rhosymedre* -Jordan

*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 *When Jesus Came to Jordan* No. 72

*Benediction

*Postlude

(*Please 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 JANUARY 13

- **Offering Envelopes for 2008** may be picked up in the Fellowship Hall.
- A **Congregational Meeting** has been called for Sunday, January 20 following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the changes in the Pastor's term of call.
- The **Middle High Youth** (grades 6-8) will meet today from 11:45-1:00. Pizza will be provided.
- The **MPC Clergy Luncheon** will be held at the church on Tuesday, January 15 at 12 noon. Bring a sandwich. Drinks and dessert will be provided.
- The next issue of the **Massanutten Ministry Link** will be mailed on January 23. Please submit to the church office any material for publication in the next newsletter by 3 pm on Wednesday, January 16.
- MPC will join Trinity Presbyterian Church in hosting the **Harrisonburg and Rockingham Thermal Shelter (H.A.R.T.S)**, January 28-February 3. Please stop by the table in the Narthex for more information and to volunteer.
- Thank you for your gifts to the **Joy Gift Offering**. We received a total of \$2,847.77.

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Church Office Hours

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



A Service for the Lord's Day
Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 13, 2008

10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements Carol Miller, Worship Leader

Prelude *In Faith We Serve*

Minute for Mission H.A.R.T.S Deacons

For Silent Meditation during the Opening Music

God of our deliverance, who in Christ came to a world that did not know you, and a people who did not recognize you; penetrate now our lives as you invaded theirs. Help us to see and recognize your love in Christ for our here and now, our time and place. Fill us with your grace and truth, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Sing, and bless God's name.

Tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

Proclaim God's glory to the nations,

God's marvelous deeds to all people!

*Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King* No. 455

*Prayer of the Day (unison)

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

In Christ, God’s amazing love transforms our efforts toward acceptance.

Praise be to God that through Christ we are forgiven and received. Amen.

*Response of Praise *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*

*For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.*

*If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God’s Word;
And our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.*

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 *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*
Chancel Choir and Massanutten Ringers

*I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.*

*I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well.
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.*

*When you heard the wonder of the word, I was there to cheer you on,
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.*

*If you find someone to share your time and join your hearts as one,
I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme from dust to rising sun.*

*In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I have done.*

*When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I’ll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Acts 10:34-43

Sermon *A Story to Tell* Pastor Ann Pettit

*Hymn *Lift High the Cross* No. 371

*A Litany for Baptism (*responsively*)

O Christ,
by your epiphany your light shines upon us,
giving us the fullness of salvation.
Help us show your light to all we meet today.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ,
you humbled yourself to be baptized,

This Week at MPC

Sunday, January 13

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

Monday, January 14

9:00am Disciple 3 Bible Study (Gathering Area)
10:00am Food Pantry
2:00pm Small Group (Sunnyside)
6:15pm Deacons Dinner and Planning Meeting
7:00pm Sessional Ministries
7:00pm Boy Scouts
7:30pm Worship Ministry

Tuesday, January 15

6:30pm Disciple 3 Bible Study (Gathering Area)
12:00pm MPC Clergy Luncheon (Gathering Area)
1:00pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 16

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

Thursday, January 17

6:30pm Disciple 1 Bible Study (Gathering Area)

Saturday, January 18

9:30am Recorder Rehearsal

Sunday, January 20

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

10:30am Worship Service
11:30am Spectrum Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal
1:00pm Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church
6:30pm New Member Reception followed by Session Meeting

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Offering Given Last Week \$11,792.50

Offering Given Year to Date \$11,792.50

Weekly Need \$14,227.00

Difference (\$2,434.50)

Attending Sunday School Last Week 114

Attending Worship Last Week 387

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, Kelly Miller (Mission Trip to Africa); **Millie Roache; Frank Way; Judy Stryker; Wilson Sidwell**

FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Don Grimes, friend of our church family; **Logan Hill**, friend of Fleming & Sharon Jones; **David Rose**, nephew of Ann Wilkinson; **Judy Thompson**, cousin of Patti Hobbie; **Art Benz**, brother-in-law of Bob & Sharon Bloomquist; **Sue Ellen Church & Paul Lee**, friends of Kevin Caldwell; **Claude Ramey Jr.**, father of Angie Baylor; **Teresa Shafer**, friend of Tim & Cristy Long; **Galen Long**, father of Kim Showalter; **Lori Bruggeman**, friend of Jacki Nickel; **Barbara Eye**, friend of Geri Black; **Harvey McPhail**, Ron Matthew’s uncle; **Chuck & 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; **Mary Caldwell**, sister-in-law of Kevin Caldwell; **Tony Griffin**, friend of Jack & Nancy Heintzleman; **Lee Emswiler**, uncle of Charlotte Landes; **Linda Burkholder**, mother-in-law of Emily Burner Burkholder; **Diane Wagner**, mother of Heidi Wagner; **Loretta Meyers & Kelsie Adams** (Mission Trip to Sierra Leone), family of Netta Coulter; **Edith Mills**, sister of Geri Black; **Stephanie Rodgers & Florence Green & Lena Zirk**, family of Charlotte Landes & Mike Michael; **Ashlynn and Avery Chandler**, friends of Mary Morris
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 (stationed in 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 Dobroths, Nickels, Wissingers (stationed in Iraq)
Rich Shull, nephew of Don and Dixie Dofflemeyer (stationed in Iraq)

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO...

...**Bud & Betty Long and Warren & Sharon Dovel & their families** on the death of Betty & Sharon’s mother, Louise Huffman.
...**Denny Slane & his family** on the death of his wife, Mary Jo Slane.
...**Kevin & Melissa Caldwell and their family** on the death of Kevin’s grandmother, Francis Caldwell & Kevin’s friend, Edward Shifflett
...**Rich & Patricia Ours & their family** on the death of Patricia’s nephew, Edward Shifflett

Thanks to Those Serving During Worship

Today

Next Week

Greeters

Randy and Laura Atkins
Stephen and Kristin Cosby

Greeters

Jim and Juli Colville
John and Linda Myers

Ushers

Chris Bryant, Jim and Juli Colville, George Cross, Randy Hylton, Keith and Linda Knupp, Bruce Rohlf

Ushers

Larry French, Steve and Sherry Gordon, Linda and Colin Green, Jim and Gail Oppy, Jack Wysor

Sunnyside Bus Driver

Phil Miller

Sunnyside Bus Driver

Skip Wissinger

Sunday School Nursery

Rebecca Arthur

Sunday School Nursery

Sally Brown

Acolyte

Camryn Huffman

Acolyte

Megan Phelps

Infant Nursery

Jeff and Leigh-Anne Lees

Infant Nursery

Chris and Jennifer Bryant

2 & 3 Year Olds

Deb Comer and Linda Knupp

2 & 3 Year Olds

Kim Phillips and Kelly Richardson

Floater

Sandy Levengood

Floater

Rhonda Miller

Children’s Church Leader

Betsey Branner and Jennifer Coffelt

Children’s Church Leader

Kevin and Rhonda Stees