

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Jesus, who sat at the table with outcasts and sinners, we confess that too often our words and actions are not consistent with our beliefs. Often we ignore the needy, show indifference to the lonely, and reject those who seem different from us. Forgive us, we pray. Empower us to reach out in love and acceptance through your name. 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 *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer* (Stuttgart)

O my soul, bless your Redeemer; All within me bless God's name; Bless the Savior, and forget not All God's mercies to proclaim.

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 at the front of the sanctuary after worship.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading John 9:1-41

Sermon *Seeing Clearly* Pastor John P. Leggett

*Hymn *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* No. 457

The Sacrament of Baptism for Madeleine Elizabeth Caldwell

Presentation by Elder Vonnie West

Renunciations

*The Apostles' Creed (*unison*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was

conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

This Week at MPC

Sunday, March 2

9:00am Church School
10:00am Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
10:30am Worship Service
1:00pm Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church
5:00pm Confirmation Class Group Meeting (Gathering Area)
6:00pm Senior High Youth Dinner and Gathering

Monday, March 3

9:00am Disciple 3 Bible Study (Gathering Area)
9:00pm MPC Men's Basketball (EMHS)

Tuesday, March 4

12:30pm Prime Timers Luncheon (Golden Corral)
1:00pm Staff Meeting (Library)
6:30pm Disciple 3 Bible Study (Gathering Area)
7:00pm Property Ministry Meeting (105)

Wednesday, March 5

6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast
8:15am Volunteers—newsletter mailing
9:15am Crossroad Pealers Rehearsal
4:30pm WOW
7:00pm Small Group Book Study (Gathering Area)
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, March 6

2:00pm Central Valley Mission Community (Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church)
6:30pm Disciple 1 Bible Study (Gathering Area)
7:00pm Family Ministry (Parlor)
7:00pm MPC Men's Basketball (EMHS)

Saturday, March 8

9:00am Recorder Rehearsal

Sunday, March 9

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

10:30am Worship Service
11:40am Lenten Luncheon
1:00pm Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church
3:00pm Bland Music Concert (Sanctuary)
4:30-6:00pm Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal
5:30pm Officer Training

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Offering Given Last Week \$9,112.75

Offering Given Year to Date \$87,308.59

Weekly Need \$14,227.00

Difference (\$26,507.41)

Attending Sunday School Last Week 124

Attending Worship Last Week 368

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); **Frank Way; Bill Painter; Edith Binkley; John Gronemeyer; Amaya Kinley; Rhonda Miller; Louise Levinson; Sam Gamble; Sherry Gordon.**

FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Don Grimes, friend of our church family; **David Rose**, nephew of Ann Wilkinson; **Art Benz**, brother-in-law of Bob & Sharon Bloomquist; **Paul Lee**, friends of Kevin Caldwell; **Chuck & Chase Green**, friends of Tim Miller; **Courtney Rhodenizer**, great-niece of Karen Enslin; **Jeff Carriker**, member of the Massanutten Brass Band; **Lillian Yoder & Sandra Shifflett**, friends of Wilsene Scott; **Lance Huff**, brother-in-law of Sharon Jones; **Linda R. Garber**, sister of Ellen Blose & Ruth Smith; **William & Patricia Posey**, parents of Bill Posey; **Mittie Huff**, mother of Dorothy Dobroth; **Cathy Hively Hughs**, friend of the Longs, Newmans & Showalters; **Helen Wright**, Nancy Ruh's mother; **Bethany Ritchie**, daughter of Robert & Ramona Ritchie; **Shirley Miller**, grandmother of Timothy & Lydia Miller; **Susan Geinsen and Lowell Miller**, friends of Diane Schwalbach; **Marcia Defreese**, friend of Massanutten School; **Elzie Morris**, father of E. J. Morris; **Lee and Reba Emswiler**, aunt and uncle of Charlotte Landes; **Joey Whiting**, cousin of Nancy Heintzleman; **Mary T. Rogers**, aunt of Jack 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. Please feel free to resubmit any prayer concerns you may have.

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 Kuwait)

Thanks to Those Serving During Worship	
Today	Next Week
Greeters	Greeters
Chuck Bradley and Peggy Reinhold Nancy Lu Irvine	J. R. and Patricia Copper Collier and Betsy Harvey
Ushers	Ushers
William Comer, Steve and Sherry Gordon, Gail and Jim Oppy, Chris Preston, Greg and Ann Trobaugh	Pam French, Fleming Jones, Tim Miller, Don and Carol Poulson, Julia and Marcus Sensabaugh
Sunnyside Bus Driver	Sunnyside Bus Driver
Phil Miller	Skip Wissinger
Sunday School Nursery	Sunday School Nursery
Kim Phillips	Carol Poulson
Acolyte	Acolyte
Sarah Haines	Ross French
Infant Nursery	Infant Nursery
Dale and Dorothy Dobroth	Corey and Sharon Churchill
2 & 3 Year Olds	2 & 3 Year Olds
Melissa Caldwell and Ricki Irvine	Laura Atkins and Betsey Branner
Floater	Floater
Stephanie Toothman	Linda Knupp
Children's Church Leader	Children's Church Leader
Tim and Jill Kincaid	Dannie Allen and Robin Lam

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Blessing

Welcome (*responsively*)

Madeleine has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

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 Meditation on Saint Columba -Goode

*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 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* No. 387

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude O Sacred Head, Now Wounded -Pachelbel
*(*Please stand, who are able.)*

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Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday—8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Friday—8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

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.org

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 2

- The Board of Deacons will host a **Lenten Luncheon** in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 9. Grilled cheese sandwiches and pickles will be provided; please bring a soup/chili or dessert. *Please make reservations for lunch by writing Lenten Lunch and the number attending beside your name on the Friendship Folder today.*
- This morning we will receive our **4 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering**.
- The **Senior High Youth** (8-12 grades) will meet this evening from 6:00-8:00 for dinner and a get together.
- **Our last WOW will be held on Wednesday, March 12 with a Mystery Dinner and an Illusionist with a Message.** Families and volunteers are welcome to join us. Please complete your WOW survey and place in the WOW box in the narthex.
- **The MPC Women are collecting new and gently used sheets and thermal blankets for Church World Service Overseas Missions.** Single and double sizes are preferred; others will be accepted. Place your items in the box marked *PW Missions* in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Camp Massanetta** brochures and registration forms are available on the table in the narthex. Those registering for camp by April 20 will receive an early bird discount. Contact the church office for information on camp scholarships.
- We need one elementary school student to serve as a **communion steward** for the Maundy Thursday Service on March 20 at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to serve, please write *communion* beside your name on the Friendship Folder and we will contact you.
- Would you like to volunteer to be a **Worship Leader**? If so, write *worship leader* beside your name on the Friendship Folder and someone will contact you.
- **Disaster Preparedness Training** sponsored by the Central Valley Mission Community and the Shenandoah Presbytery will be held on Sunday, March 9 at 2:00 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 725 South High Street, Harrisonburg. Please plan to attend this meeting to learn more about this important ministry of the church in caring for others and ourselves in times of disaster.
- The Fellowship Ministry will host the **Annual Easter Breakfast** at 9:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday. *Please make reservations for breakfast by writing breakfast and the number attending beside your name on the Friendship Folder.*
- **Vacation Bible School will be held July 27-31.** Please note the date change.
- The Fellowship Ministry is looking for volunteers to set up the **Coffee Fellowship** on Sunday mornings. If you need information or would like to volunteer, please write "*coffee*" beside your name on the Friendship Folder this morning.
- **Do you need a name tag?** Misplaced yours or never had one? Please contact Gail Oppy at 249-4695 or sign up for a name tag in the narthex.
- **Weekday Religious Education students** will present a spring concert, "How Great Is Our God" on Saturday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Commons at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg.



A Service for the Lord's Day
Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 2, 2008

10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements Dick Miller, Worship Leader

Prelude Prelude on "Halifax" -Best

For Silent Meditation during the Opening Music

"Baptism enacts and seals what the Word proclaims: God's redeeming grace offered to all people. Baptism is God's gift of grace and also God's summons to respond to that grace. Baptism calls to repentance, to faithfulness, and to discipleship. Baptism gives the church its identity and commissions the church for ministry to the world."
(Directory of Worship, W2.3006)

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

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 peoples.

*Hymn *How Great Thou Art* No. 467

*Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

Journey with us, O holy God, as we continue our way to the cross. Sharpen our focus, that our attention may center more on you than ourselves. Lead us through the shadows of darkness and prepare our hearts, that we might be a people of prayer, ready to perceive and respond to your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

*Four-Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ the Son. (Repeat)
And now let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat) Give thanks.*

Call to Confession