

Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Let us celebrate together the good news of Jesus Christ:

In him, we are forgiven and made new. The past is behind us and the future is wide open with possibility. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Response of Praise *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* (Resignation)

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.*

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 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*
Men’s Quartet

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading John 11:1-45

Sermon *If You Had Been There* Pastor John P. Leggett

*Hymn *The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want* No. 170

*An Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

Who are you?

I am a child of God.

What does it mean to be a child of God?

That I belong to God, who loves me.

What makes you a child of God?

Grace – God’s free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.

Don’t you have to be good for God to love you?

No. God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.

How do you thank God for this gift of love?

I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.

How do you love God?

By worshiping God, by loving others, and by respecting what God has created.

(From *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*)

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

This Week at MPC

Sunday, March 9

9:00am Church School
10:00am Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
10:30am Worship Service
11:40 am Lenten Lunch
11:45am Middle School Youth
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

Monday, March 10

9:00am Disciple 3 Bible Study (Gathering Area)
10:00am Food Pantry
2:00pm Small Group (Sunnyside)
7:00pm Session Ministries
7:00pm Deacons Meeting
7:00pm Men’s Basketball Game (EMHS)
7:30pm Worship Ministry

Tuesday, March 11

10:00am Circle #2 (Highlands)
10:00am Circle #3 (Sunnyside)
10:00am Shoshana Circle
1:00pm Staff Meeting (Library)
6:30pm Disciple 3 Bible Study (Gathering Area)
7:00pm Circle #5 (Library)

Wednesday, March 12

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

Thursday, March 13

1:00pm Circle #4 (Sunnyside)
1:30pm Circle #1 (Gathering Area)
6:30pm Disciple 1 Bible Study (Gathering Area)

Sunday, March 16

9:00am Church School
10:00am Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
10:30am Worship Service

1:00pm Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church
4:30pm Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal
6:00pm Middle School Youth
6:00pm Senior High Youth
6:30pm New Member Reception followed by Session Meeting (Gathering Area)
7:00pm Confirmands and Mentors meet with Session (Gathering Area)

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Offering Given Last Week \$13,682.45

Offering Given Year to Date \$100,809.04

Weekly Need \$14,227.00

Difference (\$27,233.96)

Attending Sunday School Last Week 138

Attending Worship Last Week 314

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; Sherry Gordon; the Confirmation Class; New Officers in officer training class.**

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; **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 Do-broth; **Cathy Hively Hughs**, friend of the Longs, Newmans & Showalters; **Helen Wright**, Nancy Ruh’s mother; **Shirley Miller**, grandmother of Timothy & Lydia Miller; **Susan Geinsen and Lowell Miller**, friends of Diane Schwalbach; **Marcia Defreese**, friend of Massanutten School; **Elsie 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; **Stephen Craun**, friend of Bill and Sharon Posey; **Rhoda Lambert**, friend of Wilsene Scott; Richard Barth, father of Laura Atkins

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)

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY...

...**June Ritchie, Bud Long, Mildred Bowen and Ruth Showalter** and their families, on the death of their uncle, Claude Boyers.

...**Don and Ann Wilkinson** on the death of Ann’s brother-in-law.

Thanks to Those Serving During Worship	
Today	Next Week
Greeters	Greeters
J. R. and Patricia Copper Collier and Betsy Harvey	Bud and Betty Long Jim and Gail Oppy
Ushers	Ushers
Pam French, Fleming Jones, Tim Miller, Don and Carol Poulson, Julia and Marcus Sensabaugh	Bob Bales, Anne Bradley, Bud and Betty Long, John Myers, Robin Reed, Glenn Strawderman, Sandy Taylor
Sunnyside Bus Driver	Sunnyside Bus Driver
Skip Wissinger	Richard Ours
Sunday School Nursery	Sunday School Nursery
Nancy Lu Irvine	Pam French
Acolyte	Acolyte
Ross French	Logan Diehl
Infant Nursery	Infant Nursery
Corey and Sharon Churchill	Brad and Angie Wheeler
2 & 3 Year Olds	2 & 3 Year Olds
Laura Atkins and Betsey Branner	Gail Oppy and Rhonda Stees
Floater	Floater
Linda Knupp	Linda Myers
Children’s Church Leader	Children’s Church Leader
Dannie Allen and Robin Lam	Susie Diehl and Janet Morris

Offertory

Lord Jesus Think on Me
Men's Quartet

*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

Ah, Holy Jesus

No. 93

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

Pastorale on "Brother James' Air"

(*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.org

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 9

- The Board of Deacons will host a **Lenten Luncheon** in the Fellowship Hall following worship today .
- The **Middle School Youth** (grades 6-8) will meet from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today. Lunch will be provided.
- The **Senior High Youth** (grades 9-12) will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 16. Parents please note that the Senior Highs will meet the first and third Sunday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
- **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 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 you name on the Friendship Folder.*
- An **Easter Egg Hunt** for all children, toddlers through 5th grade, will be held at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, March 23. Please bring a basket or container for gathering eggs. Parents are asked to accompany children onto the church grounds to ensure the safety of all the participants.
- **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 you items in the box marked *PW Missions* in the Fellowship Hall.
- MPC is hosting a **Blood Drive** on Thursday, April 3. Give the gift of life. Sign up for a time slot after today's service in the narthex or contact Shawn Green at 289-5735.
- **H.A.R.T.S. Program.** Once again MPC is invited to assist another host church for shelter needs in Harrisonburg. On *Monday, March 17*, we will team with Community Mennonite Church on the corner of Water and High Street to provide meals and shelter. Sign up sheets are available in the narthex for those interested in assisting.
- **A Fifth Sunday Forum, *Living Abundantly by Serving Boldly*,** will be held on Sunday, March 30 at 9:00 a.m. in the gathering area. All adults are invited to attend the event. Watch for more details in the bulletin and the Ministry Link.
- **Disaster Preparedness Training** sponsored by the Central Valley Mission Community and the Shenandoah Presbytery will be held today at 2:00 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 725 South High Street, Harrisonburg.
- **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.



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

March 9, 2008

10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Anne Bradley, Worship Leader

Prelude

For Silent Meditation during the Opening Music

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, but always to your glory and the welfare of your people, through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

You make me lie down in green pastures.

You lead me beside the still waters.

You restore my soul.

Sisters and brothers, praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised!

*Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

No. 281

*Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

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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.