

Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

This is the truth which sets us free:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Response of Praise *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* No. 89

Service of the Passion

*An Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God 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 a 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 to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

(Philippians 2:5-11)

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 *Christ lag in Todesbanden* Bach

*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.

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.

*Hymn *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* No. 98

This Week at MPC

Sunday, March 16

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

Monday, March 17

- 7:00pm Massanutten Ringers
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts
- 9:00pm Men’s Basketball (EMHS)

Tuesday, March 18

- 12:00pm MPC Clergy Luncheon (Gathering Area)
- 1:00pm Staff Meeting (Library)

Wednesday, March 19

- 6:30am Men’s Prayer Breakfast
- 8:15am Volunteers newsletter mailing
- 9:15am Crossroad Pealers Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, March 20

- 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 21

- 7:00pm Good Friday Service
- Church Office Closed

Sunday, March 23

- 8:00am Worship Service

- 9:00am Easter Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:45am Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:30am Worship Service
- 1:00pm Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church (Sanctuary)

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Offering Given Last Week \$22,760.35

Offering Given Year to Date \$130,744.89

Weekly Need \$14,227.00

Difference (\$11,525.11)

Attending Sunday School Last Week 103

Attending Worship Last Week 303

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; Anne Bradley; Bob Schuster; Anna-belle Shortell; John Bjorkgren; 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 Dobroth; **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; **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; **Stephen Craun**, friend of Bill and Sharon Posey; **Rhoda Lambert**, friend of Wilsene Scott; **Richard Barth**, father of Laura Atkins; **Cameron Byer**, friend of Randy and Becky Hylton; **Ella Mead**, cousin of Leigh-Anne Lees; **Dawn Frock**, friend of Eric Nickel.

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...

...the family and friends of **Ada Agnew**.

Thanks to Those Serving During Worship	
Today	Next Week
<p>Greeters</p> <p>Bud and Betty Long Jim and Gail Oppy</p> <p>Ushers</p> <p>Bob Bales, Anne Bradley, Bud and Betty Long, John Myers, Robin Reed, Glenn Strawderman, Sandy Taylor</p> <p>Sunnyside Bus Driver</p> <p>Richard Ours</p> <p>Sunday School Nursery</p> <p>Pam French</p> <p>Acolyte</p> <p>Logan Diehl</p> <p>Infant Nursery</p> <p>Brad and Angie Wheeler</p> <p>2 & 3 Year Olds</p> <p>Gail Oppy and Rhonda Stees</p> <p>Floater</p> <p>Linda Myers</p> <p>Children’s Church Leader</p> <p>Susie Diehl and Janet Morris</p>	<p>Greeters</p> <p>Bob and Patsy Bales Marty and Susie Diehl</p> <p>Ushers</p> <p>Kevin Caldwell, Keith and Linda Knupp, Bob Milner, Bryan Phelps, Eric Phillips, Curt Schwalbach, Chris Scott</p> <p>Sunnyside Bus Driver</p> <p>Brian Phelps</p> <p>Sunday School Nursery</p> <p>Pam French</p> <p>Acolyte</p> <p>Kendra Strawderman</p> <p>Infant Nursery</p> <p>Hunter Davis and Kelly Richardson (8:00) Julie Colville and Dana Mather (10:30)</p> <p>2 & 3 Year Olds</p> <p>Mark and Barbara Palmer</p> <p>Floater</p> <p>Sue Newman</p> <p>Children’s Church Leader</p> <p>No Children’s Church</p>

Prayer for Illumination

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ Matthew 26:14-27:66
(Using the text provided, members of the church will read Matthew's account of Jesus' suffering and death. The congregation will speak the words in **bold** print. Partway through the reading, the choir will sing the anthem. The service will close with the singing of the final hymn.)

*Hymn My Song Is Love Unknown No. 76

(This service awaits its completion throughout the remainder of Holy Week. The Session invites your full participation in the events of this week, including our services of worship on Thursday and Friday nights at 7 p.m. May this Holy Week open you to a deeper awareness of the depths of God's love.)

(*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 16

- The **Senior High Youth** (grades 9-12) will meet at 6:00 p.m. today. Parents please note that the Senior Highs will meet the first and third Sunday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
- The **Sunnyside bus will pick up residents** at the Highlands at 6:30 p.m. and Sunnyside's main entrance at 6:40 p.m. for the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services.
- 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* this morning. This will enable us to know how much food to prepare.
- 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.
- Next Sunday we will receive our **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**. Your gifts are distributed through the following programs: Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Program and the Self Development Program.
- The **church office** will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- **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 **Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction** for the family of Amaya Kinley will be held at McGaheysville Elementary on Thursday, March 27 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10, which includes dinner by Smokin' Pig Barbecue. There will also be live music, face painting, a kid's bazaar, silent auction and Longaberger Easter Basket raffle. Tickets may be purchased at McGaheysville Elementary or by contacting Donna Slye at dslye@rockingham.k12.va.us.
- **Camp Massanetta** brochures are available on the table in the narthex. Contact the church office for scholarship information.



A Service for the Lord's Day
Palm/Passion Sunday

March 16, 2008

10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements	Ka Guinn , Worship Leader
Matthew's Account of Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem	Matthew 27:1-11
Prelude	<i>Reperquissio</i> Timothy Waugh Spectrum Handbell Ensemble

For Silent Meditation during the Opening Music
God of all time, as we prepare to worship you today and this week, help us to call to mind these past events in Jesus' life so that we can sense their significance for our present lives and for the future you are preparing for all creation. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Processional Hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* No. 88

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
People of God, be gathered together!
Like a hen with her brood beneath her wings, God has brought us together!
People of God, await Christ's coming!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord of heaven!

*Prayer of the Day (unison)
O Lord Jesus Christ, on this day you received the worship of those who hailed you as their King: Accept our praise and adoration, our worship and love; and grant that we may never fail to give you the service of our lives. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)
**O Lord, we confess
that our hands are not clean, and our hearts are not pure.
Forgive our erratic discipleship
and keep our faith constant, O Lord.
Lead us always to a deeper experience of your love.
Enliven us by the familiar but always new story of shame and triumph,
suffering and hope, that this week reveals.
Mold us to the ways of the Servant whose life we honor this morning.
In the name of Christ, our Lord. 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.