

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not always bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory.

Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

This is the good news of Easter:

In the Risen Christ, we are forgiven and made new. Amen.

*Response of Praise *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* (Hymn to Joy)

Christ is Risen! Raise your spirits From the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, Not a servant, but a friend.

Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end..

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.

Anthem *Christ the Lord is Risen Again* Rutter
Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading John 20:1-18

Sermon *Resurrection Life* Pastor John P. Leggett

*Hymn *Christ Is Alive* No. 108

The Sacrament of Baptism for Barrett Allen Wheeler (10:30)

Presentation

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 again 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. Amen.

This Week at MPC

Sunday, March 23

8:00am Early Worship
9:00am Easter Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
(No Sunday School)
9:45am Easter Egg Hunt
10:30am Worship Service
1:00pm Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church

Monday, March 24

Church Office Closed
2:00pm Small Group (Sunnyside)
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers Rehearsal
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 25

6:30pm Disciple 3 Bible Study (Gathering Area)

Wednesday, March 26

6:30am Men’s Prayer Breakfast
9:15am Crossroad Pealers Rehearsal
10:30am PW Coordinating Team (GA)
7:00pm Small Group Book Study (GA)
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, March 27

6:30pm Disciple 1 Bible Study (Gathering Area)
7:00pm Food Pantry

Saturday, March 29

9:30am Recorder Rehearsal

Sunday, March 30

9:00am Sunday School
9:00am Fifth Sunday Forum (Gathering Area)
10:00am Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
10:30am Worship Service
1:00pm Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church

4:30pm Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal
5:30pm Officer Training
6:00pm Middle and High School Youth dinner and gathering

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Offering Given Last Week \$11,089.57

Offering Given Year to Date \$144,457.46

Weekly Need \$14,227.00

Difference (\$12,039.54)

Attending Sunday School Last Week 125

Attending Worship Last Week 355

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; John Bjorkgren; Sherry Gordon; Anne Bradley; Bob Schuster; Annabelle Shortell; Elizabeth Stanley; Sherry Matthews; Ann Wilkinson; 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; **Chuck & Chase Green**, friends of Tim Miller; **Jeff Carriker**, member of the Massanutten Brass Band; **Lillian Yoder, Sandra Shifflett and Rhoda Lambert**, friends of Wil-sene 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; **Susan Geinsen and Lowell Miller**, friends of Diane Schwalbach; **Marcia Defreese**, friend of Massanutten School; **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; **Richard Barth**, father of Laura Atkins; **Bonnie Dellinger and Mary Sue VanHuss**, friends of Herman and Charlotte Landes; **Cameron Byer**, friend of Randy and Becky Hylton; **Ella Mead**, cousin of Leigh-Anne Lees, **Dawn Frock**, friend of Eric Nickel; **Jeff Lanigan**, friend of Kevin Caldwell; **Mathilda Stritzinger**, grandmother of Josh McFall; **Susan Sheuchuk**, daughter of Dee and Martha Floyd.

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)
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 Dofflemyer (stationed in Kuwait)

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY...

...to the family and friends of **Paul Lee**.

...to **E. J. and Judy Morris** and their family on the death of E. J.’s father, Elzie Morris.

...**Eric and Jacki Nickel** and their family on the death of Jacki’s grandmother.

...the family and friends of **Marie Chapman**.

Thanks to Those Serving During Worship

Today

Greeters

Bob and Patsy Bales
Marty and Susie Diehl

Ushers

Marc Davis, Larry French, Tim Miller, Bob Milner, Jim Oppy, Heidi Wagner (8:00)
Kevin Caldwell, Keith and Linda Knupp, Bob Milner, Brian Phelps, Eric Phillips, Curt Schwalbach, Chris Scott (10:30)

Sunnyside Bus Driver

Brian Phelps

Sunday School Nursery

No Sunday School

Acolyte

Kendra Strawderman

Infant Nursery

Juli Colville and Dana Mather

2 & 3 Year Olds

Mark and Barbara Palmer

Floater

Sue Newman

Children’s Church Leader

No Children’s Church

Next Week

Greeters

Ed and Cathy Comer
Mike and Ka Guinn

Ushers

Chris Bryant, Jim and Juli Colville,
George Cross, Linda and Colin Green,
Bill Heinemann, Bruce Rohlf

Sunnyside Bus Driver

Tim Miller

Sunday School Nursery

Kristen Blye

Acolyte

Seth Diehl

Infant Nursery

Shawn and Linda Green

2 & 3 Year Olds

Amy Bjorkgren and Julia Sensabaugh

Floater

Ginny Biggs

Children’s Church Leader

Glenn and Jennifer Strawderman

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Laying on of Hands

Welcome (*responsively*)

Barrett has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made him 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 *Christ ist erstanden* 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.

Sending

*Hymn *The Day of Resurrection* No. 118

*Charge and Blessing *Hail, Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer* Livingston

*Postlude
*(*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 23

- An **Easter Egg Hunt** for all children, toddlers through 5th grade, will be held at 9:45 this morning. Parents are asked to accompany children onto the church grounds to ensure the safety of all the participants.
- Today 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 Easter Monday.
- A **Fifth Sunday Forum, Living Abundantly through 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 Ministry Link.
- **All Middle School and Senior High Youth (grades 6-12)** will meet on Sunday, March 30 at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and to work on Youth Sunday.
- 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 church office is in the process of **updating church member and visitor records**. If you have a new address, phone number or email address, please write this information on the Friendship Folder or email the church office by April 15.-
- **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.
- Please have all articles/dates for the **April 2 Ministry Link** in the church office by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26.
- **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** offers overnight camping for children and youth and day camp for children through 5th grade. Those registering for camp by April 20 will receive an early bird discount. Brochures are available on the table in the narthex. Contact the church office for scholarship information.



A Service for the Lord's Day
Easter Sunday

March 23, 2008

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements Melissa Leecy, Worship Leader (8:00)
Carol Miller, Worship Leader (10:30)

Choral Introit *Were you There?*
Chancel Choir

For Silent Meditation during the Opening Music

God of life, we praise you for the miracle of Easter. We pray for great joy for ourselves and for all who come to worship today to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. We pray especially for those who will join us for worship and whose lives are filled with pain, loss, or deep sadness. May they sense how the resurrection is a source of great hope. Amen

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the good news—the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

Alleluia!

This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

Alleluia!

This is the good news—once we were no people; now we are God's people.

Alleluia!

Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

Alleluia!

*Hymn *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* No. 123

*Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

O Christ, who lived to show what life is like, who died to show that sin is death, who rose to raise us up to life eternal, help us to follow you and love you forever. Amen.

Call to Confession