

Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.

Thanks be to God! By grace we have been saved; Alleluia, Amen.

*Response of Praise *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem* (Kingsfold)

O Sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay;

Of Him who hung upon the tree, and took our sins away:

For he who died on Calvary, is risen from the grave,

And Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored, is mighty now to save.

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 may be picked up in Room 108.

Anthem Our God is so Great; Jesus Loves Me
Father, I Adore You
Massanutten School Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading I Peter 1:3-9

Sermon *Indescribable, Glorious Joy* Pastor Ann Pettit

*Hymn *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing* No. 111

*The Apostles’ Creed (*unison*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

This Week at MPC

Sunday, March 30

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Fellowship Coffee (Gathering Area)
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

Monday, March 31

9:00am Disciple 3 Bible Study (Gathering Area)
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers Rehearsal
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, April 6

12:30pm Prime Timers Luncheon (Golden Corral)
1:00pm Staff Meeting (Library)

6:30pm Disciple 3 Bible Study (Gathering Area)
7:00pm Property Ministry Mtg. (105)

Wednesday, April 2

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

Thursday, April 3

2:00-8:00pm Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)
6:30pm Disciple 1 Bible Study (Gathering Area)
7:00pm Family Ministry Mtg. (Parlor)

Saturday, April 5

9:30am Recorder Rehearsal

Sunday, April 6

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

1:00pm Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church
11:45am Middle School Youth
3:00pm Make A Difference Group (Library)
4:30pm Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal
5:00pm Confirmation Class and Mentors (Gathering Area)
6:00pm Senior High Youth

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Offering Given Last Week \$11,345.00
Offering Given Year to Date \$157,735.46
Weekly Need \$14,227.00

Difference (\$12,988.54)

Attending Sunday School Last Week No Sunday School

Attending Worship Last Week 586

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; 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; **Lillian Yoder, Sandra Shifflett & Rhoda Lambert**, friends of Wilsene Scott; **William & Patricia Posey**, parents of Bill Posey; **Susan Geinsen and Lowell Miller**, friends of Diane Schwalbach; **Marcia De-freese**, friend of Massanutten School; **Lee and Reba Emswiler**, aunt & uncle of Charlotte Landes; **Stephen Craun**, friend of Bill & Sharon Posey; **Richard Barth**, father of Laura Atkins; **Bonnie Dellinger & Mary Sue VanHuss**, friends of Herman & Charlotte Landes; **Cameron Byer**, friend of Randy & 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 & Martha Floyd; **Joe & Ann Arnold**, parents of Jan Arnold; **Bob & Elizabeth Atkins**, parents of Mary Morris and Sharon Lam; **Patty Sigmon**, mother of Angie Wheeler.

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 & Ka Guinn (stationed in Iraq)
Elizabeth “Lee” Davis, daughter of Marc & Nancy Davis (stationed in Kuwait)
Ryan Tarman, grandson of Dee & Martha Floyd (stationed in Washington)
Chad Ritchie, son of Robert & 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 & Dixie Dofflemeyer (stationed in Kuwait)

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY...

...to Dale and Dorothy Dobroth and their family on the death of Dorothy’s mother, Mittie Huff.
...to J.R. and Patricia Copper and their family on the death of Patricia’s mother, Elizabeth Stanley
...to Randy and Becky Hylton and their family on the death of Becky’s cousin, Spud Slayton.
...to the family and friends Katheryne Lockridge.

Thanks to Those Serving During Worship	
Today	Next Week
Greeters	Greeters
Ed and Cathy Comer Bob Milner	Denny and Becky Arthur Bob and Charlene Grogg
Ushers	Ushers
Chris Bryant, Jim and Juli Colville, George Cross, Linda and Colin Green, Bill Heinemann, Bruce Rohlf	William Comer, Netta Coulter, Larry French, Steve and Sherry Gordon, Jim and Gail Oppy, Jack Wysor
Sunnyside Bus Driver	Sunnyside Bus Driver
Tim Miller	Randy Atkins
Sunday School Nursery	Sunday School Nursery
Kristen Blye	Carol Poulson
Acolyte	Acolyte
Seth Diehl	Logan Comer
Infant Nursery	Infant Nursery
Shawn and Linda Green	Fleming and Sharon Jones
2 & 3 Year Olds	2 & 3 Year Olds
Amy Bjorkgren and Julia Sensabaugh	John and Sally Brown
Floater	Floater
Ginny Biggs	Sandy Levensgood
Children’s Church Leader	Children’s Church Leader
Glenn and Jennifer Strawderman	Reid and Sheila Laughlin

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 My Lord, What a Morning Lau

*Doxology

*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 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks No. 106

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude Lift High the Cross Manz

(*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 30

- All Middle School and Senior High Youth (grades 6-12) will meet this evening at 6:00 for dinner and to work on Youth Sunday.
Join the Prime Timers (anyone 50 and over) for their monthly luncheon at Golden Corral on Tuesday, April 1 at 12:30 p.m. There will be good food, fellowship and fun for all! Bring a friend.
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 Spring Gathering for the Presbyterian Women of Shenandoah will meet Saturday, April 5, at Massanetta Springs Conference Center. Registration leaflets are available on the PW table in the narthex.
The MPC Youth will hold a Dinner and Talent Show on Saturday, April 12. The dinner begins at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Talent Show. Those wishing to share their talent may sign up on the sheets in the narthex. All ages are invited to participate.
Massanutten School and the Youth of MPC will sponsor a yard sale, bake sale, craft sale, book sale, car wash, and silent auction on Saturday, May 10 from 8 a.m.-noon on the church parking lot. There will be barbecued chicken (\$3 per half), hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Contact Cindy Grimes (746-0362) to reserve a space to sell your crafts or yard sale items. Chicken will be presold and will also be sold on the 10th.
Please donate your good used books to the church to be sold on May 10. Proceeds from the book sale will go to purchase school supplies for our Food Pantry friends children. Please leave your books on the stage in the Fellowship Hall by May 4.
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 14.
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.
Vacation Bible School will be held July 27-31. Please note the date change.
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. The Funds Administration Committee of the Shenandoah Presbytery is also accepting applications for scholarships for church related camps and conferences. Applications are available at www.shenpres.org/ScholarshipGrants.html and must be submitted by April 28.



A Service for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday of Easter

March 30, 2008

10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Leggett, Worship Leader

Minute for Mission Chris Preston
Massanutten School

Prelude By Thy Cross, O Christ, and Passion Manz

For Silent Meditation during the Opening Music

O Christ, after your resurrection you sent out your disciples to teach all nations and to baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; you promised to be with them and us until the end of the world. Help us to embrace this promise and to live faithfully in your service through Christ, Amen.

*Call to Worship (responsively)

The Lord is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed!
Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice in the path of the risen Lord.
We give thanks for the fullness of joy that comes through life in Christ.

*Hymn Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! No. 104

*Prayer of the Day (unison)

God of Glory, fill your church with the power that flows from Christ's resurrection, that we would serve you boldly, and live out your call to us faithfully each and every day. In Christ we pray, Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of grace and mercy, we come to you confidently yet humbly, for we have sinned against you and against each other. We have failed to follow through with what you call us to be and do. We are easily distracted; we are quickly discouraged; we are often frustrated. Forgive us, Lord, and lead us away from what holds us back. Make your way so clear to us that we can do no other but walk in your way and delight in your will; through our risen Lord Christ we pray, Amen.