

Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Let us announce with Paul the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ:

**There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.**

\*Response of Praise *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* (Lobe Den Herren)

*Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!*

### Liturgy of the Word

Time with the Children

The children are invited to gather at the chancel steps. Following the Time with the Children, 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. Ages 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may be picked up in Room 108.**

Anthem *God So Loved The World* Chilcott

*God so loved the world,  
that He gave His only begotten Son  
that whoso believeth in Him,  
should not perish  
but have everlasting life.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Acts 7:55-60

Sermon Pastor John P. Leggett

*Living and Dying in the Faith*

\*Hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* No. 260

\*An Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

**Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom.**

**Jesus announced the coming of God’s kingdom  
and its hidden presence in the midst of the world’s kingdoms.**

**He taught his disciples to seek God’s kingdom first.**

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives  
in pilgrimage toward God’s kingdom.**

**Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey  
all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful.**

**No more than Christ are we spared  
the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world.**

**We are in the world, but not of the world.**

**Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people  
do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world,  
but in the coming and hidden presence of God’s kingdom.**

**Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:  
to serve as he has served us;  
to take up our cross,  
risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;  
to walk by faith, not by sight,  
to hope for what we have not seen.**

## This Week at MPC

**Sunday, April 20**

9:00am Sunday School  
10:00am Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)  
10:30am Worship Service  
1:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service  
4:30pm Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal  
5:00pm Officers and Elders Dinner followed by examination of Officers (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00pm High School Youth Gathering  
7:00pm New Member Reception followed by Session Meeting (Gathering Area)

**Monday, April 21**

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

**Tuesday, April 22**

9:00am Yoga (Gathering Area)  
1:00pm Staff Meeting (Library)  
6:30pm Disciple 3 Bible Study (Parlor)

**Tuesday, April 22 (cont)**

7:00pm Mission Program (Gathering Area)

**Wednesday, April 23**

6:30am Men’s Prayer Breakfast  
9:15am Crossroad Pealers Rehearsal  
5:30pm Yoga (Gathering Area)  
7:00pm Small Group Bible Study (Gathering Area)  
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, April 24**

9:00am Yoga (Gathering Area)  
6:30pm Disciple 1 Bible Study (Gathering Area)  
7:00pm Food Pantry

**Friday, April 25**

6:00pm Korean Church Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**Saturday, April 26**

6:00pm Recorder Rehearsal

**Sunday, April 27**

9:00am Sunday School  
10:00am Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)  
10:30am Worship Service  
1:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service  
4:30pm Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal  
6:00pm Middle School Youth Gathering

### STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

**Offering Given Last Week** \$12,985.33

**Offering Given Year to Date** \$192,643.10

**Weekly Need** \$14,227.00

**Difference** (\$20,761.90)

**Attending Sunday School Last Week** 127

**Attending Worship Last Week** 284

*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; Betty Hancock; John Earl; Patti Hobbie; Kyle Nickel; Mary Lipscomb; 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 Defreese**, friend of Massanutten School; **Lee and Reba Emswiler**, aunt & uncle of Charlotte Landes; **Stephen Craun**, friend of Bill & Sharon Posey; **Bonnie Dellinger & Mary Sue VanHuss**, friends of Herman & Charlotte Landes; **Cameron Byer**, friend of Randy & Becky Hylton; **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; **John Meanor**, uncle of Dick Miller; **Charles and Cathy Burke**, parents of Jacki Nickel; **Holly Dillion**, friend of Laura Atkins; **Opal Newland**, sister of Dodie Groseclose; **Bruce and Mildred McCall**, brother and sister-in-law of Dodie Groseclose; **Mac McCall**, brother of Dodie Groseclose.

*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 Dofflemyer (stationed in Kuwait)

### WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO....

... Mary Morris and family on the death of family friend, **Joanne Baber**.  
... family and friends of **Reverend Hoge Smith**.

## Thanks to Those Serving During Worship

### Today

#### Greeters

Patricia Copper and Heidi Wagner  
Chris and Mari Kyle

#### Ushers

Bob Bales, Fleming Jones, John Myers,  
Ramona Ritchie, Chris Scott, Sandy Taylor

#### Sunnyside Bus Driver

Phil Miller

#### Sunday School Nursery

Sandy Taylor

#### Acolyte

Caitlyn Miller

#### Infant Nursery

Reid and Sheila Laughlin

#### 2 & 3 Year Olds

Deb Comer and Pam French

#### Floater

Rebecca Arthur

#### Children’s Church Leader

Kevin and Rhonda Stees

### Next Week

#### Greeters

Jim and Gail Oppy  
Eric and Jacki Nickel

#### Ushers

Kevin Caldwell, Randy Hylton, Bud and  
Betty Long, Bob Milner, Eric Phillips,  
Robin Reed, Glenn Strawderman

#### Sunnyside Bus Driver

Skip Wissinger

#### Sunday School Nursery

Carter Williams

#### Acolyte

Zack Allen

#### Infant Nursery

Jeff and Leigh-Anne Lees

#### 2 & 3 Year Olds

Susie Diehl and Ellen Painter

#### Floater

Becky Rohlf

#### Children’s Church Leader

Deb Comer and Alayne Leggett

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 *Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word* J.S. 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 *We Know That Christ Is Raised* No. 495

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude *Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness* J.S. Bach

(\*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](http://www.massanuttenchurch.org)

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 20**

- **The Disciple III Tuesday evening Bible Study will meet in the Parlor on Tuesday, April 22 at the regular time of 6:30 p.m.**
- Please join others of you church family on Tuesday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. as **Bruce and Lora Whearty share information about their upcoming ministry to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia** where they will teach English. The Whearty's have a deep and passionate love for mission and for the connections that are growing between churches and our mission workers on the field.
- During May the **Disciples Sunday School Class** will be studying the novel Brendan by the noted author (and Presbyterian minister) Frederick Buechner. St. Brendan the Navigator, as he is often called today, was an Irish saint of the generation after St. Patrick, and is legendary for his sea voyages. This book is the story of his life as told by his skeptical but loyal friend Finn. Buechner is masterful at recreating what life was like in the Dark Ages when the Christian faith was still new in Ireland. Despite our distance from that time, the faith issues are much the same as those today, and this novel should provoke a rich discussion. We would welcome you to join us. We will jump right in on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, with a discussion of the first five chapters. **If you want to be a part of it, please call Mark Davis at 434-8507 so he can order a copy of the book for you.** Mark and John Irvine are the co-teachers of the class.
- **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 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **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.
- It is time to sign up to play on the **church co-ed softball team**. The season begins the first week in May and all games are played at the Weyers Cave Ruritan Park. Contact Kevin Caldwell (434-7006) or Fleming Jones (289-5436) for more information or to sign up.
- **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 basket marked "PW Missions" in the Fellowship Hall.



A Service for the Lord's Day  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

April 20, 2008

10:30 a.m.

**Gathering**

Welcome and Announcements Peggy Reinhold, Worship Leader

Prelude *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* arr. Pachelbel

For Silent Meditation during the Opening Music

*O God, light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: Help us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God.

**Let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.

**For you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

\*Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* No. 464

\*Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

**Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life. Amen.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Merciful God,  
you made us in your image,  
with a mind to know you,  
a heart to love you,  
and a will to serve you.  
But our knowledge is imperfect,  
our love inconstant,  
our obedience incomplete.  
Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.  
In your tender love, forgive us  
through Jesus 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.*