

**We have not loved our neighbors,
and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Because we are forgiven, we can live at peace. Amen.

*Response of Praise *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy* (Darwall’s 148th)

*Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!*

For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

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 2nd grade may be picked up in Room 108.

Anthem *For the Beauty of the Earth* John Rutter
Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading John 14:15-28

Sermon *Moving into the Neighborhood* Rev. Philip Sommer
(We are delighted to welcome the Rev. Philip Sommer, Interim Pastor of Bridgewater Presbyterian Church to our pulpit as part of the Central Valley Mission Community pulpit exchange. Pastor John is worshipping with the Mossy Creek Presbyterian Church this morning.)

*Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* No. 376

*An Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

**In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

This Week at MPC

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

Monday, April 28

9:00am Disciple 3 Bible Study (Gathering Area)
2:00pm Small Group (Sunnyside)
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers Rehearsal
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, April 29

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

Wednesday, April 30

6:30am Men’s Prayer Breakfast

8:15am Volunteers—newsletter mailing
8:30am Crossroad Pealers Rehearsal
10:30am PW Coordinating Team (Gathering Area)
5:30pm Yoga (Gathering Area)
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 1

9:00am Yoga (Gathering Area)
2:00pm Central Valley Mission Community (First Presbyterian Church)
6:30pm Disciple 1 Bible Study (Gathering Area)
7:00pm Family Ministry Meeting (Parlor)

Friday, May 2

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

Saturday, May 3

8:30am Church Workday

Sunday, May 4

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
5:30pm Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
6:00-7:00pm High School Youth Gathering
7:00pm Massanutten Brass Band Concert

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Offering Given Last Week \$11,365.83

Offering Given Year to Date \$204,008.93

Weekly Need \$14,227.00

Difference (\$23,623.07)

Attending Sunday School Last Week 127

Attending Worship Last Week 312

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; Patti Hobbie; Kyle Nickel; Mary Lipscomb; Bill Pollard; the Confirmation 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; **Barbara McCann**, wife of Richard McCann; **Kathryne Detrick**, niece of Wendy Kinley; **Jim Laughlin**, father of Reid Laughlin.

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)

Thanks to Those Serving During Worship	
Today	Next Week
<p>Greeters</p> <p>Jim and Gail Oppy Eric and Jacki Nickel</p> <p>Ushers</p> <p>Kevin Caldwell, Randy Hylton, Bud and Betty Long, Bob Milner, Eric Phillips, Robin Reed, Glenn Strawderman</p> <p>Sunnyside Bus Driver</p> <p>Skip Wissinger</p> <p>Sunday School Nursery</p> <p>Carter Williams</p> <p>Acolyte</p> <p>Zack Allen</p> <p>Infant Nursery</p> <p>Jeff and Leigh-Anne Lees</p> <p>2 & 3 Year Olds</p> <p>Susie Diehl and Ellen Painter</p> <p>Floater</p> <p>Becky Rohlf</p> <p>Children’s Church Leader</p> <p>Deb Comer and Alayne Leggett</p>	<p>Greeters</p> <p>Mark and Barbara Palmer Brian and Gina Phelps</p> <p>Ushers</p> <p>Chris Bryant, Bill Heinemann, Keith and Linda Knupp, Dwight Newman, Brian Phelps, Bruce Rohlf, Curt Schwalbach</p> <p>Sunnyside Bus Driver</p> <p>Richard Ours</p> <p>Sunday School Nursery</p> <p>Ginny Biggs</p> <p>Acolyte</p> <p>Brady Hylton</p> <p>Infant Nursery</p> <p>Dana Mather and Jeannie Sutherland</p> <p>2 & 3 Year Olds</p> <p>Angie Baylor and Linda Myers</p> <p>Floater</p> <p>Alayne Leggett</p> <p>Children’s Church Leader</p> <p>Jennifer Brayan and Kim Phillips</p>

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Reception of New Members

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 *You Are My All in All* Jernigan/arr. Cota
Spectrum Handbell Ensemble

*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 *To God Be the Glory* No. 485

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Response

*Postlude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Kevin McChesney
Spectrum Handbell Ensemble

(*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 APRIL 27

- Our **Annual Church Workday** will be held on Saturday, May 3 beginning at 8:30 am. There are a number of projects that need to be completed. Make plans to come help the Property Ministry at workday on May 3.
- **Parents of youth planning to go on the June Mission trip...**The deadline for signing up and submitting paper work and payment is May 1. The cost to each youth is \$175. Contact Nancy Ruh.
- During May the **Disciples Sunday School Class** will be studying the novel *Brendan* by the noted author (and Presbyterian minister) Frederick Buechner. St. Brendan 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. Next Sunday we will discuss the first five chapters. **If you plan to join the class, call Mark Davis at 434-8507 so he can order a copy of the book for you.** Mark & John Irvine are the co-teachers of the class.
- During May, the **Covenant Sunday School Class** will be studying the topic: *Have You Ever met An Angel?* It deals with the subject as spoken of in Scripture and several very good supporting books and writings—what Christians can learn about how God uses angels in ministry. The topic is mostly unknown or shadowy to most people and we hope to shed some light on it. The class is open to any and all who might be interested. There will be printed material available. Dick Miller teaches this class.
- **A Fellowship Dinner will be held on Sunday, May 4 at 5:30 p.m.** prior to the Massanutten Brass Band Concert to honor our new members in 2007 and 2008 as well as members of the Brass Band. Bring your favorite spaghetti sauce or salad and the Fellowship Ministry will supply the pasta, bread, dessert and drink.
- **Massanutten School and the Youth of MPC will sponsor a yard sale, bake sale, craft sale, book sale, car wash (free; donations accepted), 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 in the narthex this morning. **Please donate your good used books** to the book sale. Proceeds from the book sale will go to purchase school supplies for our Food Pantry friends children. Place all books in the Fellowship Hall by next Sunday.
- **Please check out the PW display in the narthex today.** All items on display have been collected by the PW and members of MPC to be sent to Church World Service.
- **Volunteers are needed to help prepare dinner for the Free Clinic in June.** For more information or to volunteer, please call Carol Lown (574-2808).
- 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) to sign up.



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

April 27, 2008

10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Ann Pettit, Worship Leader

Minute for Mission Kelly Richardson
Living Abundantly through Serving Boldly

Prelude *O Lord Most Holy* Franck
Susan Bales, Soloist

For Silent Meditation during the Opening Music

Lord, hear; Lord, forgive; Lord, do. Hear what we speak not; forgive what we speak amiss; do what we leave undone; that not according to our words, or our deeds, but according to your mercy and truth, all may work for your glory, and the good of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

*Hymn *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* No. 460

*Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love.**