

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Mighty and merciful God,
you have called us to be your people
and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ.
We confess that we have not lived up to our calling.
We have been timid and frightened disciples,
forgetful of your powerful presence
and the strength of your Spirit among us.
O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways.
As you have chosen us,
and claimed us in our baptisms,
strengthen us anew to choose Christ's way in this world.
Give us your Holy Spirit
that each one in ministry
may be provided with all the gifts of grace
needed to fulfill our common calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Let us claim and celebrate the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ:
In him we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Response of Praise *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (Diademata)

*Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne,
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

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

Scripture Reading Acts 1:1-14

Sermon *The Power of Waiting* Pastor John P. Leggett

*Hymn *Lord, When I Came Into This Life* No. 522

Ordination and Installation of Our New Officers

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

*The Apostles' Creed (**Ecumenical Version, p. 14 at the front of the hymnal.**)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Constitutional Questions

This Week at MPC

Sunday, May 4

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
10:30am Worship Service
11:45am Middle School Youth
1:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service
4:30pm Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal
5:30pm Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
6:00pm High School Youth Gathering
7:00pm Massanutten Brass Band Concert (Sanctuary)

Monday, May 5

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

Tuesday, May 6

9:00am Yoga (Gathering Area)
12:30pm Prime Timers Luncheon (Golden Corral)

6:30pm Disciple 3 Bible Study (Parlor)
7:00pm Property Ministry (105)

Wednesday, May 7

6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast
8:00am-3:00pm Staff Retreat
5:30pm Yoga (Gathering Area)
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 8

10:00am Circle #4 (Sunnyside)
10:00am Circle #1 (Jefferson Room at Sunnyside)
6:30pm Disciple 1 Bible Study (Gathering Area)

Friday, May 9

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

Saturday, May 10

8:00am-12noon Massanutten School and Youth Festival
Day (see announcement)

Sunday, May 11

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

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Offering Given Last Week \$15,197.43

Offering Given Year to Date \$219,619.36

Weekly Need \$14,227.00

Difference (\$22,239.64)

Attending Sunday School Last Week 122

Attending Worship Last Week 315

*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; Frank Way; Edith Binkley; John Gronemeyer; John Bjorkgren;
Sherry Gordon; Anne Bradley; Bob Schuster; Kyle Nickel; Mary Lipscomb;
Linda Burner, the Confirmation Class; the Shenandoah Presbytery Meeting.**

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.;
Norvell Lapsley, friend of our church family; **Madeline Smith and family**, friends of the
Hobbie family; **Effie and Martha**, friends of our Food Pantry; **Kristell Aldana-Pacheco**,
friend of Chris McAnulty; **Dr. Clem Mueller**, friend of our church family; **Mabel
French**, mother of Larry French.

*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...

...Rose Pollard and her family on the death of her husband, Bill Pollard

Thanks to Those Serving During Worship	
Today	Next Week
Greeters	Greeters
Mark and Barbara Palmer Brian and Gina Phelps	Bill and Ellen Painter Don and Carol Poulson
Ushers	Ushers
Chris Bryant, Bill Heinemann, Keith and Linda Knupp, Dwight Newman, Brian Phelps, Bruce Rohlf, Curt Schwalbach	Jim Colville, Netta Coulter, George Cross, Larry French, Linda and Colin Green, Jack Wysor
Sunnyside Bus Driver	Sunnyside Bus Driver
Richard Ours	Brian Phelps
Sunday School Nursery	Sunday School Nursery
Ginny Biggs	Kay Davis
Acolyte	Communion Stewards
Brady Hylton	Jacob Bales, Emily Coffelt, Addie Dof- flemyer, Robby Frakes
Infant Nursery	Infant Nursery
Dana Mather and Jeannie Sutherland	Juli Colville and Kelly Richardson
2 & 3 Year Olds	2 & 3 Year Olds
Angie Baylor and Linda Myers	Corey and Sharon Churchill
Floater	Floater
Alayne Leggett	Shirley Jackson
Children's Church Leader	Children's Church Leader
Jennifer Bryant and Kim Phillips	Ricki Irvine and Janet Morris

Prayer of Ordination
 Declaration of Ordination and Installation
 Welcome
 Charge to the Newly Ordained and Installed
 Presentation of the Towel of Service

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 *Simple Gifts* arr. Held

*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 *Here I Am, Lord* No. 525

Please use the time during the hymn to come forward and lay your completed gift inventory on the communion table. This opportunity represents both the offering of ourselves in service to God, and also a commitment to support our officers as they have been called to lead.

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Response

*Postlude *A Praise to God's Holy Name* J. S. Bach

(*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 MAY 4

- Today we will receive our **4 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering**.
- **A Fellowship Dinner will be held this evening 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.
- The **Massanutten Brass Band's Spring Concert** will be held this evening at 7:00 in the sanctuary. Sunnyside residents will be picked up at the Highlands at 6:30 p.m.
- The **Prime Timers** (50 and over) will meet at the Golden Corral on Tuesday, May 6 at 12:30 pm for their monthly luncheon. Bring a friend and join then for good food, fellowship and fun!
- **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. **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 5:00 p.m. Monday.
- **Elders and Deacons** who are scheduled to serve communion on May 11 should meet at the Communion Table at 10:10 am to receive their serving assignments.
- The **Middle and Senior School Youth** will meet at the church on Saturday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m. to rehearse for Youth Sunday.
- **The Friends at Play Concert—Eight Hands at Two Pianos** will be held at MPC on Sunday, May 18 at 3:00 p.m. Watch for more information in the Ministry Link.
- The **Massanutten Presbyterian Women** will hold their Birthday Celebration at Sunnyside's Meredith Chapel on Sunday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m. The speaker for the evening will be Kelly Miller. Everyone is invited to attend. If you need transportation, call Ruth Smith (434-2234). Those needing transportation from the Highlands should be in the lobby by 6:45 p.m.
- **Volunteers are needed to help prepare dinner for the Free Clinic in June.** For more information, please call Linda Myers (433-4712).
- It is time to sign up to play on the **church co-ed softball team**. For more information or to sign up Contact Kevin Caldwell (434-7006) or Fleming Jones (289-5436).
- Too often we misuse God's creation because we are not aware of it. A week at **Camp Massanetta** gives children and youth a first-hand experience of how God's goodness is expressed through the natural world. Fun-filled programs are available for completed Kindergarten through high school graduates. Pick up your camp brochure on the table in the narthex or call Camp Massanetta at 434-3829. Check with the church office for scholarship information.



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

May 4, 2008

10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements Ellen Painter, Worship Leader

Prelude *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* arr. M. Helman
 (Hymn #514)
 Crossroad Pealers

For Silent Meditation during the Opening Music

Almighty God, as we prepare to worship today, we ask that you will stretch our imaginations to sense the majesty and mystery of your ascension. Help us perceive how Jesus' presence in heaven can give us confidence in our praying and hope for the future. Through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now, all who thirst,

and drink the water of life.

Come now, all who hunger,

and be filled with good things.

Come now, all who seek,

and be warmed by the fire of love.

*Hymn *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* No. 142

*Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

God of power and love, you raised Jesus from death to life, resplendent in glory to rule over all creation. Free the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, and to live in his love. Unite all humankind in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Four-Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ the Son. (Repeat)

And now let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say "I am rich"

Because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat) Give thanks.

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Call to Confession