

## Concerns of the Church and Prayers of the People

*(The Deacon of the Day may be found on Sunday mornings before or after worship in the Gathering Area near the windows. You are invited to share any prayer concerns with him/her to be included in our congregation's prayers.)*

Gathering of the Offering

Offertory *Of the Father's Love Begotten* 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 *Go Tell It on the Mountain* No. 29

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude

*(\*All stand, who are able.)*

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Monday through Thursday—8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. • Friday—8:00 a.m. until Noon.

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT MASSANUTTEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We're glad that that 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 the Deacon of the Day 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 Link*, may be found there. Please call the church office (540/434-6194) if you are not receiving *The 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.com.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 31

- **“Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella”** is a Christmas carol which originated from the Provence region of France in the 16th century. The carol tells the story of two milkmaids, Jeanette and Isabella, who went to milk their cows in a manger in Bethlehem, only to find the baby Jesus sleeping in the hay. The two girls ran to town to tell the village of the coming of Christ, and the townspeople came with their torches to view the sight for themselves. To this day in the Provence region, children dress up as shepherds and milkmaids, carrying torches and candles to Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, while singing the carol.
- Next Sunday we will see receive our **4 Cents a Meal Hunger Offering**.
- Beginning Sunday, January 7th for six weeks a **new adult Sunday School Class** will begin and will be studying the Beatitudes. Class will meet in room 105. Class is open to all church members and visitors.
- **Disciples Sunday School class** will meet in the parlor from now on.
- **Covenant Sunday School class** for the month of January will study the Gifts of the Spirit.
- Please support the **Zacchaeus Kitchen Project** to help provide warm winter clothing to those in need in the Washington, DC area. Start collecting NEW gloves, socks, mittens, and hats and place them in the box marked “Zacchaeus Kitchen” in the narthex. Items will be collected January 2-11, 2007.
- **Gently Used Children's Clothing Needed.** The McGaheysville United Methodist Church Clothes Closet is open the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of each month. MPC Food Pantry clients are referred there and greatly appreciate the Christian hospitality offered. Please gather any fall/winter clothing (including socks and underwear) size 2 through teenage for boys and girls and place them in the library.



A Service for the Lord's Day  
*First Sunday after Christmas*

December 31, 2006

10:30 a.m.

## Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Carol Miller, Worship Leader

Chimes and Silent Meditation

*O God, you pour out the spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.*

Prelude

*In Dulci Jubilo*

J.S. Bach

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

**We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

Hymn

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

No. 22

\*Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

**Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God of grace and truth,  
in Jesus Christ you came among us  
as light shining in darkness.  
We confess that we have not welcomed the light,  
or trusted good news to be good.  
We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst,  
expecting little, and hoping for less.  
Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope,  
so that we may receive the fullness of your grace,  
and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

**Thanks be to God for sending us Jesus Christ, who makes us new. Amen.**

