

Commissioning of the Mississippi Mission Team

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
whom shall I send, and who will go with us?

And I said Here am I; send me!

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 *Gordon* Goode

*Doxology No. 592

*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 *God of Grace and God of Glory* No. 420

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

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

Massanutten Presbyterian Church

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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 MARCH 18

- The Board of Deacons hosts their second **Lenten Lunch on Sunday, March 25** following worship. Pasta, bread, lettuce, drinks, and dressings for the salad bar will be provided. Each family needs to bring a pasta sauce and salad bar topping or dessert. Please sign up on the Friendship Folder this morning, or call the church office, or email Susan J. Reid at reidsj@jmu.edu by March 21. **Volunteers** are also needed to help in the kitchen that day. Contact Sharon Bloomquist at 289-5977 or sb110quail@aol.com if you are available to help.
- The MPC Youth will prepare and serve their annual **Easter Breakfast** at 9:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend. Please make reservations on the Friendship Folder by writing "*breakfast*" and the number from your family who will be attending or by calling the church office by April 1.
- **Nursery News:** In order to have the nursery available for the early service on Easter (8:00 a.m.), the nursery committee needs TWO willing volunteers to rock infants and entertain the toddlers. What a great morning to be around our children! If you can help, please call Sharon Churchill at 438-5906.
- MPC is hosting three **Blood Drives in 2007**. We are looking for two volunteers to assist Shawn Green to organize and host the Brave Hearts of MPC for each Blood Drive. If interested, call Shawn at 289-5735. Our first Blood Drive is April 26.
- A **family in the Penn Laird area** lost everything in a house fire. They need small appliances, towels and wash cloths, kitchen linens, bathroom and kitchen rugs, etc. They are also in need of paper towels, toilet tissue, cleaning supplies, personal care items, and food. Please bring small items to the church by March 25, if you have large items to donate, please call the church office.
- 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 today. We are planning to publish a new directory to be distributed in April.
- The **Presbyterian Women are collecting new and used sheets** (any size or color) and thermal blankets (twin and double) for Church World Service. Please place your donations under the PW table in the narthex.
- You are invited to attend **Redeemer Classical School's Open House** (K-8th grade) on March 22 at 7:00 p.m. For more information call 578-1242.
- Do you know a Junior High or Senior High who likes to stay up late and sleep in till noon? **Camp Massanetta** may have just what they are looking for. This summer they are offering a "Night Owl" Camp from July 15-20. Participants will eat breakfast at "lunch time", eat lunch at "dinner time" and cook out their dinner late that night. Read more about the exciting activities at this camp in the Camp Massanetta summer brochure. Brochures are available in the narthex or on our website at www.massanettasprings.org. Call the church office for scholarship information.

PEACE BE TO YOU.

A Service for the Lord's Day
Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2007

10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements Ellen Painter, Worship Leader

Chimes and Silent Meditation
Journey with us, O holy God, as we continue our way to the cross. Sharpen our focus, that our attention may center more on you than ourselves. Amen.

Prelude *Marcato March* Wissinger
Prism Handbell Ensemble

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear God.
As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you, says the Lord.

*Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* No. 356

*Prayer of the Day (*unison*)
God of compassion, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy. Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)
**God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
and great when we are small.
We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

Let us celebrate the good news of the gospel together:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Response of Praise (Azmon)

*I come with praise before the Lord, release me from all strife;
The poor will feast at tables full and find eternal life.*

*The far-flung corners of the earth shall turn to God and sing;
And nations of the world shall rise to hail the Lord as King.*

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 through Grade 2 may be picked up in Room 108.**

Anthem *Even the Fish Obey Him* Goodman/Crane
Carol Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sermon Pastor John P. Leggett
Remembering What God Has Done...We Come to Our Senses

*Hymn *God of the Sparrow* No. 272

*An Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

THIS WEEK AT MASSANUTTEN

Sunday, March 18

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
1:00 p.m. Korean Worship Service (Sanctuary)
4:30 p.m. Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Administrative Committee (Classroom 105)
6:15 p.m. Senior High Youth Meeting
6:30 p.m. New Member Reception followed by Session Meeting (Parlor)
7:00 p.m. Brass Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Monday, March 19

9:00 a.m. Disciple IV Bible Study (Gathering Area)
7:00 p.m. Massanutten Ringers Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 20

9:00 a.m. Disciple I Bible Study (Gathering Area)
9:00 a.m. Volunteers collate newsletter
12:00 p.m. MPC Clergy Luncheon (Gathering Area)
6:30 p.m. Disciple I Bible Study Class (Gathering Area)
7:30 p.m. Small Group (Parlor)

Wednesday, March 21

6:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
9:15 a.m. Crossroads Pealers Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
4:30 p.m. Logos
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Deadline for March 20 newsletter

Thursday, March 22

7:00 p.m. Food Pantry

Sunday, March 25

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service followed by Lenten Lunch
1:00 p.m. Korean Worship Service (Sanctuary)
4:30 p.m. Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Prism Handbell Rehearsal
6:15 p.m. Senior High Youth Meeting
7:00 p.m. Brass Band Rehearsal

Finance and Attendance Summary

Offering Received—March 11, 2007	\$ 9,473.82
Offering Received—Year to Date	96,959.65
Weekly Expense Budget	11,652.00
Difference—Year to Date	- 19,560.35
Sunday School Attendance—Mar. 11, 2007	114
Worship Attendance—March 11, 2007	334

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP

TODAY

Greeters

Ed and Cathy Comer
Mike and Ka Guinn

Ushers

Chris Bryant, Netta Coulter, Linda and
Colin Green, Bud and Betty Long

Deacon of the Day

Jennifer Bryant

Sunnyside Bus Driver

Rich Ours

Sound Technician

Tyler Jones

Acolyte

Kyle Nickel

Caring for Our Youngest Members

Infants

Nancy Lu Irvine and Stephanie Toothman

2 & 3 Year Olds

Kelly Richardson and Hunter Davis

Floater

Gina Phelps

Children’s Church Leaders

Betsey Branner and Jennifer Coffelt

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters

Denny and Rebecca Arthur
Bob and Charlene Grogg

Ushers

Jim and Juli Colville, Dwight Newman,
Jim and Gail Oppy, Jack Wysor

Deacon of the Day

Leslie Dutt

Sunnyside Bus Driver

Anne Bradley

Sunday School Nursery

Sandy Taylor

Acolyte

Megan Miller

Caring for Our Youngest Members

Infants

Sherry Gordon and Linda Myers

2 & 3 Year Olds

Tim and Jill Kincaid

Floater

Jan Liskey

Children’s Church Leaders

Deb Comer and Jennifer Strawderman

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Polly Wysor, Judy Morris, Chuck Bradley, Mary Lipscomb, Sherry Gordon,
Lin Harmon, Russell Studenmund**

FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Raymond Shepley, Sr., father of Sherry Matthews; **Christine Foster**, wife of Rev. Kerry Foster, pastor of Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church, Steeles Tavern; **Janice Good**, friend of the church; **Dave Taylor**, brother of Diann Reed; our **Confirmation Class**; our **Current and Incoming Officers**; our **Mission Team to Mississippi**; **Chris Masill**, friend of Lisa Cooper; **Harriet McGee**, sister of Marcia Stirewalt; **Doug and Tina Warner**, friends of Randy and Becky Hylton; **Dr. Isabel Rodgers**, former moderator of the General Assembly; **Nick Linstid**, great nephew of Chuck and Anne Bradley; **Logan Hill**, friend of Fleming and Sharon Jones; **Anny Leecy**, mother of Dick Leecy

Please place prayer request cards (found in the seat ahead of you) in the offering plate to be included in our congregation's prayers. Thank you for continuing to keep us informed of on going prayer needs.

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 and Ka Guinn (stationed in AL)

Elizabeth “Lee” Davis, daughter of Marc and Nancy Davis (stationed in El Paso, TX)

Haywood A. Marsh, son of Tim and Lisa Cooper (stationed in Korea)

Ryan Tarman, grandson of Dee and Martha Floyd (stationed in Iraq)

Chad Ritchie, son of Robert and Ramona Ritchie (stationed in NC)

Chris Jerome, son of Bob Jerome (stationed in Naples, Italy)

Jennifer Lonas, niece of Tim and Rhonda Miller

Brent Rohrbaugh, brother of Rhonda Miller (stationed in Norfolk, VA)

Jeff Pascale, friend of the Wissinger family (stationed in Iraq)

Matt Moore, cousin of Dee Floyd (stationed in Iraq)

Joe Arbogast, cousin of Dee Floyd (stationed in Iraq)

Stephanie Beard, granddaughter of Jean Beard (stationed in Germany)

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO...

...**David and Kim Showalter** and their family on the occasion of the death of David’s father.