

# **The Madison Presbyterian Church**

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“We are part of the Family of God! As a Christian family, we seek to practice the generous hospitality of Jesus Christ, who welcomes all. As a worshipping family, we seek to enhance and expand our experience of God in worship. As a family of Christ’s disciples, we seek to grow in our understanding of God’s grace and God’s claim upon our lives. As a mission-oriented family, we express our faith in action. As an historic Presbyterian family in a contemporary setting, we are rooted and grounded in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as we strive to remain relevant to the needs of our community. As the joyful children of God, we live in faith, hope and love!”

## **THE SESSION**

### **2014**

**Jim Bartlett  
Rick laCour  
Don Wiest**

### **2015**

**Tim Busching  
Marshall Havens  
Richard Hoover**

### **2016**

**Jean Beaver  
Jennifer Saroka  
Libby Sheppard**

## **THE BOARD OF DEACONS**

**Anne Andreasen  
Gina Freeman  
Carole Hanson  
Sam Zinnel**

**Amanda Corbin  
Mike Dorsey  
Bill Ohlendorf**

**Mary Davee  
Connie Huntington  
Shari Vaughn**

### **MINISTER**

**Scott Hookey**

### **CLERK**

**of SESSION**

**Jane Jacobs**

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**Gregg Mayberry**

### **OFFICE MANAGER**

**Dee Hudson**

### **DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRY**

**Jonathan Stanley**

### **YOUTH MINISTRIES**

#### **DIRECTOR**

**Dave Adams**

### **FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

**Sheila Self**

### **SEXTON**

**Donnie Stevens**

**OUR HISTORY:** The Madison Presbyterian Church was organized in 1815. The present sanctuary was built in 1846. In 1925 and again in 1956, rooms were added to provide additional facilities for our educational task. As a congregation, we are part of the continuing work of God through the Church of all ages and a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

# Madison Presbyterian Church

December 21, 2014 - 10:00 A.M. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

The \* indicates when to rise in body or in spirit.

## GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD!  
WE ARE BOUND TOGETHER BY THE LOVE OF GOD,  
AND BY CONCERN FOR EACH OTHER  
AND FOR THE WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE.

**PRELUDE** Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates Bender

### WORDS OF WELCOME

Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad at this time.  
Please note prayer requests and announcements.

### DEACONS' MINUTE

**INTROIT** from Psalm 89

Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing;  
From age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.  
For I am persuaded that your love is established forever;  
You have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

### THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (responsive)

The Andreasen Family

L: People of God, today we hear the story of an angel  
appearing in a dream.

**R: Joseph was a righteous man who heard  
God's messenger.**

L: Because of his deep faith, he trusted in God's steadfast love.

**R: When we know God's love, we can extend it to others.**

L: Today we light a candle to symbolize the steadfast love of God.  
We hope in the One who will come. We pray for God's peace  
to prevail. Our joy will come with God's servant.  
God's love never ends.

*The candles of hope, peace, love and joy are lit.*

## PRAYER LIST

**Congregation:** Ashtyn Adams, Sharon Auxier, Mary Clapham  
(Thornton Terrace), Marshall Havens, Al Huntington, Mary  
Louise Grimes, Jane Jacobs, Bill Mayberry, Harriette Parton,  
Janet Ryan, Staci Ryan-Torres, Sheila Self, Nancy  
Strandmark, Barbara Walters-Dixon.

**Family and Friends:** Ruth Auxier, Dylan Baer, Mike Baker (Mary  
Davee's brother), Lloyd Bell, Carol Blasdel, Conny Bowman and  
family, Donna Bowman, Todd Bredenkamp, Connie Brink, Martha  
Brown, Mark Busching, Michael Busching, Becky Chase, Sherry  
Craddock, Linda and John Davis, Mary Lawrence Davis, Susan  
DeLapp, Elaine DeVries, Dave Dionne, Dan Dunn, Phillip Eades,  
Eric, Jessica Garvey and family, Tammy Gerber, Peter Glycer, Pat  
Goley, Hilary Goodman, Shirley Griffith, Chuck Hale, Tom Hale,  
Miachel Hancock-Eccles, Millie Harness, Brittany Henry, Norma  
Huffman, Bill Hughes, James Jackson, Brittney Johnson and family,  
Ruth Johnson, Anne Jones, Kaya Kabota, Candy Kahn and family,  
Tasha Keller, Albert Lanham, James Leveille, Terra Lewis, Paul  
Limato, Jeff Lineburg (Janet Castor's brother), Steve Livingston,  
Mary Louise Lohrig, Mahoney Family, Mary McClure, David Meese,  
Jr., Tabatha Melton, Helen Miller (Hanover Health & Rehab Center),  
Eric Mitchell (Jean Beaver's son), Gaye Moll, Doris Moss, Pam,  
Wanda Payton, Frank Pearson, Nak Phok, Darrell Ralston,  
Residents and Staff of Madison Correctional Facility and Juvenile  
Correctional Facility, Roberto, Susan Schafer and family, Elizabeth  
Shupperd, Jessica Smith, Josh Smith, Laryssa Smith, Therese  
Spence, Dan Stockdale, Tiana Stockton and family, Roy Stone,  
Denver Taylor, Trey Taylor, Leslie Thompson, Ruben Portillo  
(Alicia's dad), Doug Vaughn, Peggy Voris and family, Buddy Waller,  
Warren (friend of Bob & Judith Glass), Jaye Weaver, Tom Weber,  
Laurel Lyn Wiest, Sue Williams, Nick Wyne.

### MPC Rotating Prayer Calendar for week of December 21

Georgia and Lee Marnett  
Jonathan Stanley  
Scott & Sheri Hookey  
Nabb Presbyterian Church

The commitments to our stewardship and capital campaigns keep growing. Here are the latest results! Thank you!

For our 2015 Stewardship Drive — **53** pledges have been received, and the total amount pledged is **\$144,439**.

For the Capital Campaign — remember...our goal was \$150,000 — **\$166,270** has been pledged!!

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

	<u>12/14/2014</u>
	<u>Received</u>
Pledged Offering	\$ 4,278.00
Unpledged Offering	\$ 1,637.00
Total Received	\$ 5,915.00
Goal	\$ 2,887.00

#### Year to Date (Week 50)

Pledged Offering	\$ 137,959.00
Unpledged Offering	\$ 17,646.00
Total Received	\$ 155,605.00
Goal	\$ 144,350.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ 11,255.00</b>

	<u>12/14/2014</u>
Steeple Fund Receipts	\$
	<u>Received to Date</u>
<i>Feel free to donate to this fund at any time.</i>	\$ 9,200.00

L: People of God, remember you are God's beloved children.  
**Many: We celebrate God's steadfast love!**

#### **\*HYMN**

In Bethlehem a Babe Was Born

1. In Bethlehem a babe was born with love enough for all.  
While kingdoms slept, the Lord came down  
To grace a manger stall.  
And with a glorious light angels appeared that night,  
*(refrain)* Singing, "Come, come, Christ is born!  
Come, come, world forlorn.  
The Child of peace and sacrifice is waiting to be found."
2. Royalty and shepherds came to worship from afar,  
Guided through the long cold night by one persistent star.  
As each beheld the Son, strangers became as one,  
*(refrain)*
3. The mystery of Bethlehem was long ago, they say,  
But, miracle of miracles, the Baby lives today  
In each new heart that hears Love coming through the years,  
*(refrain)*

#### **THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

In our brokenness we will find no healing until we turn to the Peace who comes to us. In our emptiness we will find no future until we turn to the one who is our hope. Let us speak the words which are hard to say so we may hear the whispers of God's mercy and know the joy that is God's gift to us.

#### **THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**With the songs of the angels in our ears, too often we cannot hear the way we speak words of hurt and anger to others. Looking at the bright lights, we often miss the darkness that envelopes another. Enjoying the bounty of food and treats of the season, we ignore those whose bread is their fear and whose cup is filled with lost dreams. Come to us. Come to open our eyes. Come to melt our hearts and lead us to serve others. O come, Immanuel, to forgive, to heal so all that was promised might be fulfilled.**

*(A time of silence is observed)*

## THE CHORAL RESPONSE

Love Has Come

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## THE RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: In Christ, the light of God's love shines in our hearts.  
We are forgiven and given the strength to forgive others.

R: **Let us give thanks that in Jesus, Immanuel,  
God is truly with us.**

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE** Gloria Patri 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

## THE UNISON PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**God of promise, you made a commitment to Joseph that you would make Jesus a Savior to all. Help us to hear that Word today. Renew your commitment within us so that all may know the saving grace of your son, Jesus. We pray these things in the name of our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**THE FIRST LESSON** Isaiah 7: 10 - 17 O.T. 636

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** O Savior Sweet Bach

O Savior sweet, O savior kind,  
Thy Father's will has all Thy mind,  
From Heaven Thou hast vouch-safed to come,  
With men, as Man, to make Thy home,  
O Savior sweet, O savior kind.

O Savior sweet, O Savior kind,  
The way to please Thee we would find,  
Whate'er we have, it comes of Thee,  
O let us ever near Thee be,  
O Savior sweet, O Savior kind.

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### December 21

SUNDAY	8:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School Classes
	10:00 A.M. Worship Children's Sunday School
	11:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour Worship Ministry Meeting
	4:00 P.M. Caroling
WEDNESDAY	5:00 P.M. The Gathering at F.B.C.*
	5:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Service
	10:40 P.M. Pre-Service Special Music
	11:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Service
SATURDAY	8:00 A.M. End-of-the-Month Meal at
	-1:00 P.M. Salvation Army

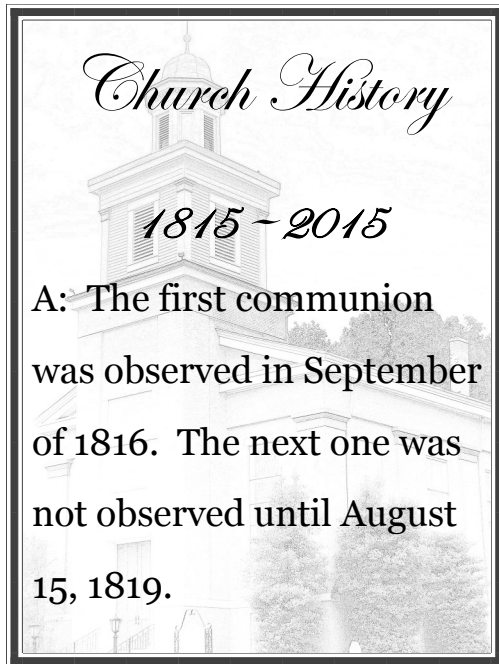
\*The Gathering is an evening ecumenical Worship Service at First Baptist Church.

\*The Madison Men's Bible Study is an ecumenical Bible Study meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at different homes each time. Contact Larry Newhouse at 812-493-4012 or [lwnewhouse@gmail.com](mailto:lwnewhouse@gmail.com) for information.

\*ACES = Adult Christian Education Subgroup

## ANNOUNCEMENT

**Christmas Caroling:** You are invited to go caroling today.  
Meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. After the singing, enjoy chili  
and desserts with everyone at Dave and Kay Lou Adams' home.



O Savior sweet, O Savior kind,  
Who came to earth the lost to find,  
Who died to save us on the tree,  
Our hearts are filled with love to Thee,  
O Savior sweet, O Savior kind.

Thee with tender care I'll cherish,  
Live to Thee, Die to Thee;  
Thus I shall not perish,  
But with Thee abide forever,  
Joyfully, peacefully,  
Where life endeth never.

### THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

### THE SECOND LESSON

N.T. 1

Matthew 1: 18 – 25

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### THE SERMON

"God with Us"

### RESPONDING IN FAITH

#### \*HYMN

Blessed Be the God of Israel

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#### \*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by  
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the  
third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from  
thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection  
of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### THE OFFERING and CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Offertory  
Doxology

Hosanna to the Living Lord

Zachow  
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\*The Unison Prayer of Dedication  
**With these gifts, O God, accept the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts. Let these offerings be used to point to your presence in the world through Jesus. Amen.**

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent Prayer  
Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors")

\*HYMN Joy to the World 134

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Veni Emmanuel

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

\*POSTLUDE Fugue on the Magnificat Bach  
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***You are invited to join members and friends for Fellowship Time immediately after the benediction response. If you wish to stay and listen to the postlude, please feel free to remain in your seat.***

Thank you for being with us in worship. If you are new in the area or are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us for worship, fellowship, study and service.

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A nursery is available for young children. If you are unfamiliar with the location of the nursery, please ask an usher.

**LITURGIST** – Jim Grant

**USHERS** – Marshall Havens and Sam Zinnel

**GREETERS** – Joyce Ashbrook and Gina Freeman

**GATHERING MUSIC** – Harriette Parton

**ADVENT READERS/CANDLELIGHTERS** -

The Andreasen Family

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS** -

Don & Jill Wiest and Pam & Larry Newhouse

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY** - 101

## CHRISTMAS EVE

## SERVICES

DECEMBER 24

5:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M.

*We hope you will join  
us for one or both  
of these celebrations of  
the birth of Christ.*

The 5:00 p.m. worship will include the Lord's Supper and a Christmas message, along with our traditional candle lighting while the congregation sings "Silent Night." Nursery provided.

The 11:00 p.m. service will be a service of Lessons and Carols with choir and bells. This service also will include the traditional candle lighting while the congregation sings "Silent Night." Pre-service special music will begin at 10:40 p.m.