



**MADISON  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

# Madison Presbyterian Church

December 15, 2019 — 10:00 A.M.

## 3rd Sunday of Advent

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

**Parents**, welcome to Madison Presbyterian Church! Please find a listing of optional accommodations that we can provide for you and your child printed in the announcements in this bulletin.

Music during worship is in praise of God and not a performance. If you choose to show your appreciation, please feel free to say “Amen” in place of applause.

### GATHERING GOD’S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE**

“Angelus”

Biebel

### **WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### **THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

*(Three candles of our Advent Wreath are lit.)*

L: People of God, shout with joy to our Lord!

**R: It is good to praise God!**

L: Sing a new song to God; shout with joy!

**R: For the Word of God is full of love.**

L: Rejoice in God always; and again I say: Rejoice!

### **THE UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

L: Let us pray.

**R: Loving God, we open ourselves to you, trusting that this is how you made us: you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained but must be shared. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

**“The First Nowell”**

**147**

(Verses, 1, 2, 3 and 6)

## **THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

Jesus calls us now to turn to the One who is both judge and savior,  
trusting that repentance opens the door to new life and that peace beyond all measure has been promised to us. Let us confess our sins.

## **THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need to repent. Too often, we do not live with joy but rather a sense of dread or the mundane. It is an unfulfilling life. We do not love or share our blessings with others. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your Word, and we are afraid.

Forgive us; restore us. Help us to live with a deep joy that comes from your Spirit. This we pray for the sake of the One who proclaims the Good News and for the sake of all the world.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

## **THE KYRIE**

L: Lord, have mercy.

R: Christ, have mercy.

L. Lord, have mercy.

## **THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: In the name of the one God who lives and moves among us, you are forgiven. This is the Good News of the Gospel.

R: Thanks be to God!

**\*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

L: Let us pray together.

**R: Holy Lord, by your Holy Spirit, open us to your promises held within the Truth of your Word. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

### THE LESSON

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

O. T. 638

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**R: Thanks be to God.**

### THE ANTHEM

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Holst

Kay Lou Adams, Soprano

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded or with blessing in his hand,  
Christ our Lord to earth descendeth our full homage to demand.  
King of Kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of Lords, in human vesture in the Body and the Blood.  
He will give to all the faithful His own Self for heavenly food.  
Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day  
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.  
At His feet the six-winged seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
"Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya Lord most High. Amen."

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Silent Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer      (using "debts" and "debtors")      35**

### OFFERING

Offertory      "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"      Brahms

Offering

\*Doxology      606

### \*THE UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, in gratitude for all that you have given us, we bring our tithes, offerings, and labor to help feed a world hungry for healing and hope. We pray for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **“THE BIRTH OF JESUS”**

Violinist—Lexi Moderau

Narrators—Amber Gobbel, Sloane Mathews

Joseph—Dylan Brown

Mary—Claire Miller

Main Angel—Kate Miller

Shepherds—John Paul Torres, Torsten Moderau, Michael Kietzman

Wisemen—Scout Porter, River Porter, Molly Gobbel

Star Holder—Gabby Smith

Cows, Sheep, Angels, Stars, Camel—Elsie Ricketts, Audrey Studebaker,  
Henry Ricketts, Amelia Brown, Zoe Corbin, Luca Marques-Adams,  
Lucy Cullens

Please remain seated while singing the following carols:

**“O Little Town of Bethlehem”** (stanzas 1-2), **121**

**“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”** (stanzas 1-2), **123**

**“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”** (all stanzas), **136**

Please rise and sing all stanzas of

**\*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

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** — Connie Huntington

**USHERS** — Katie Mathews and Janet Castor

**GREETERS** — Bill and Susan Ohlendorf

**ADVENT WREATH CANDLELIGHTERS** — The Mathews/Moderau Family

**GATHERING MUSIC** — Gregg Mayberry

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS** — The Wiests and the Newhouses

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK— 83**

## **PRAYER LIST**

**Congregation:** Mark Andreasen, Sharon Auxier, Dennis Bessenecker, Ken Brunner, the family of Bill Ford, Judy George, Mary Louise Grimes, Carole Hanson, Bob and Pat Hughes, Al Huntington, Betty King, Beth Orrill, Janet Rhodes, Alicia Ricketts, Jennifer Saroka, Staci Torres, Sondie Williams, Greg Ziesemer.

**Family and Friends:** Steve Aldridge, Steve Baker, Mason Barger, Michelle Barlow, Lloyd Bell, Robert Black, Carol Blasdel, Donna Bowman, Todd Bredenkamp, Connie Brink, Mike Brown, Chris Browning, Michael Busching, Becky Chase, children separated from their parents, Betty Collins, Sherry Craddock, Marie Cross, Andrew Damm, Hilary Drake, Phillip Eades, Erik, Trish Frye, Jessica Garvey and family, Pat Goley, Jo Gray, Shirley Griffith, Chuck Hale, Peggy Hans, Milly Harness, Lila Haynes and family, Jeffrey Heckenast, Brittany Henry, Bill Hughes, Chad Imel, James Jackson, Lois Jackson, Curtis Jacobs, Brittney Johnson and family, Ruth Johnson, Vince Johnson and his wife Mary Jean Woodburn, Kaya Kabota, the family of Lorraine Kahan, Candy Kahn and family, Cathy Kish, Michael Sean Kugler, Paul Limato, Jeff Lineburg (Janet Castor's brother), Steve Livingston, Terra Louis, Mary Anne and James Lutes, Jason Mace, the family of Vernie Mahoney, Madison Correctional Facility, Madison State Hospital, Shane Mason, Mary McClure, Tabatha Melton, Gaye Mill, Brad Miller, John Mircheff (Mary Louise Grimes' son-in-law), Julie Monroe, Tom Moore, Jeanine Hill Moran, Gary and Geneva Napier, Muriel Newcomb, Pam, Bill Parker, Joy Parks, Wanda Payton, Frank Pearson, Nak Phok, Jennifer Poggel, Michelle Powers, Jim Risk, Roberto, Randall Robertson, Cora Russell, Susan Schafer and family, Jeff, Janna and Rachel Schmidt, Dan Shearer, Donna and Travis Smith and family, Jessica Smith, Laryssa Smith, Therese Spence, Michael Staub, Roy Stone, Jody Sullivan, Mary Lynn Summerfeld, David and Kate Sutter, Denver Taylor, Trey Taylor, Rodney Thompson, Jean Trillet (Jim Grant's sister), Doug Vaughn, Peggy Voris and family, Buddy Waller, Warren (friend of Bob and Judith Glass), Jaye Weaver, Tom Weber, Dawson Whitaker, Laurel Lyn Wiest, Sue Williams, Kyle Wilson.

## **MPC Rotating Prayer Calendar for the Week of December 15**

Jonathan Stanley

Rev. Scott and Sheri Hookey

Pam Sandoz

Steve Goldsmith and Becky Chase

# 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

<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
		Natalie Willis Buildings and Grounds
Libby Sheppard Mission	Dianna Terry Fellowship	Mike Dorsey Fellowship
Brett Corbin Personnel	Shari Vaughn Worship	Gina Freeman Finance and Budget

## BOARD OF DEACONS

Mary Davee	Crystal Bayne	Ken Brunner-Moderator
Carole Hanson	Don Clapham	Janet Castor
Dan Smith	Staci Torres	Gregg Mayberry

## THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Larry Crisafulli	Al Huntington
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## MINISTER

Scott Hookey

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY**—Jonathan Stanley

**CLERK OF THE SESSION**—Susan Ohlendorf

**YOUTH MINISTRIES DIRECTOR**—Dave Adams

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY**—Shannon Glass

**OFFICE MANAGER**—Jonathan Stanley

**SEXTON**—Karen Ault

**NURSERY ATTENDANT**—Beth Owens