



**MADISON  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

# Madison Presbyterian Church

December 20, 2020 — 10:00 A.M.

## 4th Sunday of Advent—Love

### GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

#### PRELUDE

All My Heart This Day Rejoices

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#### WELCOME

#### INVOCATION

L: Almighty God, Prince of Peace and Love, our hearts glorify your holy name. Our spirits rejoice in you, our God and Savior.

**R: Lord, this beautiful Advent stirs such hope and love in us; we're thankful for your coming. In you we find light, joy and peace, because we have glimpses of the world to come. Let it be for us, according to your Word. Amen.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE LIGHTING OF THE 4TH ADVENT CANDLE

Each of the last three weeks we have focused on a specific candle and what it represented. Today's candle reminds us of God's love.

(The candles are now lit.)

#### **Luke 2: 13-14**

*"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!'"*

#### Let us pray:

Dear God, we thank you for your unimaginable love, a love which inspires us. We pray that our love for you will spark a greater love for others as we share your Good News. Amen.

#### HYMN

Love Has Come

(See text following.)

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, people of God. Our time of waiting for Christmas will soon be over.

**R: We are ready to hear the old familiar story of Jesus being born and placed in a manger as if it were for the first time.**

L: It is an amazing, familiar story—God coming to us in the flesh.

**R: We need to ponder this message in our hearts and hear God's prophecies with fresh ears. Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

## THE CALL TO CONFESSION

L: In Jesus, we have a Savior who is as human as we are: a man who is fully aware of our temptations; Emmanuel, God who is sympathetic to our struggles and who is willing and able to forgive us. Let us confess our sins.

## THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Gracious God, we wear ourselves out trying to be self-sufficient, certain our efforts will earn our way into your kingdom of heaven.

**R: We forget the way you entered this world—as a baby.**

(A moment of silence is observed.)

L: Lord, we confess we are not always pleasing in your sight.

**R: Forgive us, we pray. Help us to become your people of peace and love. This we pray, determined to change, in your holy name. Amen.**

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: In Jesus Christ, God forgives us and grants us mercy and grace. Believe the Good News of the Gospel. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**R: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

**SCRIPTURE**                      Luke 1:26-38                      (See text following.)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**R: Thanks be to God.**

**THE MESSAGE**                      Mary Said, "Yes!"

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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

**\*HYMN**                      Hark! The Herald Angels Sing                      (See text following.)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**                      Hosanna to the Living Lord                      Zachow

Liturgist—Heather Owsley-Smith

## Love Has Come

Love has come: a light in the darkness!  
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;  
hear how their song of joy arises: Love! Love!  
Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love!  
Glory to God on high.

## Luke 1:26-38

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king!"



**THE POINSETTIAS DECORATING THE  
SANCTUARY HAVE BEEN GIVEN  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD**



by Larry and Valecia Crisafulli

- ◆ in memory of Roy and Virginia Ingle
- ◆ in memory of Charles and Rosalie Crisafulli
  - ◆ in memory of Velma Rhea Torbett
  - ◆ in memory of Andrew Lane

by Mary Elizabeth Goldsmith

- ◆ in memory of Gladys and Howard Demaree

by Al and Connie Huntington

- ◆ in memory of Paul, Margaret and Paul D. Geyman
- ◆ in memory of Glenn and Dorothy Huntington

by Joan Knowland and Family

- ◆ in memory of Don Knowland

by Gregg Mayberry

- ◆ in memory of Bill, Jean, Shirley and Eric Mayberry

by Bill and Susan Ohlendorf

- ◆ in memory of Charles and Doris Moss
- ◆ in memory of Bill and Juanita Ohlendorf

by Jonathan Stanley

- ◆ in honor of the members of the Choir
- ◆ in honor of the members of the Bell Choir

## **PRAYER LIST**

**Congregation:** Mark Andreasen, Sharon Auxier, Larry and Valecia Crisafulli, Dennis and Karen Bessenecker, Shannon Glass, Sandy Gold, Mary Louise Grimes, Bob and Pat Hughes, Al Huntington, Betty King, Joan Knowland, Susan Ohlendorf, Beth Orrill, Desna Ratcliff, Alicia Ricketts, Jennifer Saroka, Ted Skrypak, Staci Torres, Sondie Williams, Greg Zieseemer.

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**Family and Friends:** Mark Ashbrook, Karen Ault, Steve Baker, Michelle Barlow, Michael Busching, James Callahan, Becky Chase, children separated from their parents, Marie Cross, Jeff Dagher, Andrew Damm, Angel Dart, Jordan Davis, Phillip Eades, Steve Facemire, Shirley Griffith, Chuck Hale, Milly Harness, Sarah Hull, Curtis Jacobs, Heidi Kendall and family, Joni Lanham, Jeff Lineburg (Janet Castor's twin brother), James Lutes, Madison Correctional Facility, Madison State Hospital, Shane Mason, Yolanda Modley, Margie and Frank Moller (Connie Huntington's sister and brother-in-law), Bob Rouse, Jeff, Janna and Rachel Schmidt, Dan Shearer, Laryssa Smith, Jody Sullivan, Trey Taylor, Kenneth Thompson (Harriette Parton's grandson), Rodney Thompson, Jean Trillet (Jim Grant's sister), Warren (friend of Bob and Judith Glass), Dawson Whitaker, Laurel Lyn Wiest, Kyle Wilson.

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## **MPC Rotating Prayer Calendar for the Week of December 20**

Kathy and Kenneth Joyce

Abigail Adams and

Emmanuel Gutierrez-Marquez

Luca Marquez-Adams

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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 worshiping 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>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
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Dianna Terry Fellowship	Mike Dorsey Personnel	Jim Bartlett Membership
Shari Vaughn Worship	Connie Huntington Finance	Heather Owsley-Smith Mission

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