



**MADISON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Madison Presbyterian Church

December 22, 2019 — 10:00 A.M.

4th 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 “Hosanna to the Living Lord” Zachow

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

L: Not in the mighty places of power, but in little Bethlehem, in a room out back:

R: The God of hope is coming.

L: Not born in nobility and wealth, but of Mary and Joseph, young and poor:

R: The God of peace is coming.

L: Not announced by prophets, priests, or kings, but by two women,
who were the first to know:

R: The God of joy is coming.

L: Nothing will be impossible for God, but when and where we least
expect it, look among the straw and the stars:

R: The God of love has arrived.

(The Advent candles are lit.)

THE UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Stir up your power, O God, and come to set us free by the righteousness of your birth in our midst, by the light of your face shining upon us, and by becoming our Truth, our friend, our salvation.

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us lay before God and one another the distances between us, the impatience, idolatries, and lack of compassion that form our confessions this day. For if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves. Yet in mercy, God will forgive us and renew us.

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. You called Joseph to a new understanding of righteousness, but we are not so inclined to change our own thinking. We read the story of your birth and miss its challenge, resisting its call to a new way of life.

Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be the people you intend.

Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we celebrate your birth, turn our sentimentality into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

(SILENT MEDITATION)

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Friends, God is for us and not against us. For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world—not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Believe the Good News: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

R: Praise the Lord, and bless God’s holy name forever.

**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.**

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*HYMN "What Child Is This" 145

*THE APOSTLES' CREED 35

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.

OFFERING

Offertory "I Wonder as I Wander" Niles

Marlene Bateman, Mezzo Soprano

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die
For poor ornery people like you and like I...
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall,
With wisemen and farmers and shepherds and all.
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,
And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing,
He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

Offering/Christmas Joy Offering

*Doxology 606

*The Prayer of Dedication

L: Loving God, we pray that you will receive our offerings.

R: We give you thanks, Holy One, for all good things. In response, we bring you these offerings. Turn our offerings to your good will, and turn us always to you in gratitude. This we pray in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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

PRAYER LIST

Congregation: Mark Andreasen, Sharon Auxier, Dennis Bessenecker, Ken Brunner, 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 Zieseemer.

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, 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 22

Kathy and Kenneth Joyce

Abigail Adams and

Emmanuel Guitierrez-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 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>
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