

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>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Tim Busching	Jennifer Saroka	Katie Mathews
Natalie Willis	Libby Sheppard	Dianna Terry
Mike Dorsey	Brett Corbin	Shari Vaughn

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Ken Brunner	Mary Davee	Crystal Bayne
Amanda Corbin	Crystal Dashiell	Don Clapham
Bill Ohlendorf	Dan Smith	Staci Torres

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rick la Cour	Christie Busching	Larry Crisafulli
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Scott Hookey

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NURSERY ATTENDANT—Anna Kietzman

Madison Presbyterian Church

DECEMBER 23, 2018 — 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.

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 "All Praise to Thee, Eternal God" Pachelbel

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 or wealth, but of Mary and Joseph, young and poor:

R: The God of peace is coming.

L: Not announced by prophets, priests, and 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; 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.)

PRAYER LIST

Congregation: Sharon Auxier, Judith Glass, Mary Louise Grimes, Tony Harrell, Bob and Pat Hughes, Al Huntington, Beth Orrill, Janet Rhodes, Alicia Ricketts, Staci Torres, Greg Zieseemer.

Family and Friends: Steve Aldridge, Mike Baker (Mary Davee's brother), Steve Baker, 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, Sherry Craddock, Marie Cross, Hilary Drake, Phillip Eades, Erik, Mary Estes, Trish Frye, Jessica Garvey and family, Pat Goley, Jo Gray, Shirley Griffith, Charles "Poogie" Grooms, Chuck Hale, Peggy Hans, Millie Harness, Lila Haynes and family, Brittany Henry, Bill Hughes, James Jackson, Lois Jackson, Curtis Jacobs, Brittney Johnson and family, Ruth Johnson, Vince Johnson and his wife Mary Jean Woodburn, Kaya Kabota, Candy Kahn and family, Cathy Kish, Michael Sean Kugler, Paul Limato, Jeff Lineburg (Janet Castor's brother), Steve Livingston, Terra Louis, Jason Mace, Madison Correctional Facility, Madison State Hospital, Mary McClure, Tabatha Melton, Gaye Mill, Brad Miller, John Mircheff (Mary Louise Grimes' son-in-law), Julie Monroe, Jeanine Hill Moran, Gary and Geneva Napier, Alicia Nay, Muriel Newcomb, Pam, Bill Parker, Joy Parks, Wanda Payton, Frank Pearson, Nak Phok, Jennifer Poggel, Michelle Powers, Jim Render (brother of Judith Glass), Jim Risk, Linda Roaks, Roberto, Randall Robertson, Cora Russell, Susan Ryan, Susan Schafer and family, Jeff, Janna and Rachel Schmidt, Donna and Travis Smith and family, Jessica Smith, Laryssa Smith, Therese Spence, Tiana Stockton and family, Roy Stone, Jody Sullivan, Mary Lynn Summerfeld, Denver Taylor, Trey Taylor, 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, Laurel Lyn Wiest, Larry Williams, Sue Williams, Kyle Wilson.

MPC Rotating Prayer Calendar for the Week of December 23

Sharon Auxier

Kathy and Kenneth Joyce

Abigail Adams and

Emmanuel Gutierrez-Marquez

Luca Marquez-Adams

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.

Liturgy taken and adapted from “Feasting on the Word Worship Companion,” John Knox Press, Copyright 2014



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

LITURGIST — Greg Ziesemer

USHERS — Jennifer Saroka and Crystal Dashiell

GREETERS — Bill Ohlendorf and Sheri Hookey

ADVENT WREATH — Dianna Terry and Don and Peg Clapham

GATHERING MUSIC — Greg Ziesemer

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS — Dianna Terry and
Don and Peg Clapham

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK— 132

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.

***HYMN “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”**

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THE CALL TO CONFESSION

In the world and in this season, there are many claims on our lives. We take this time to remember that, in our baptism, Christ claimed us as his own. We acknowledge before God and one another that, even as God’s own children, we have not followed Jesus Christ with all our heart and mind and strength. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess this sin.

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary’s song, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

(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: 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: 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: O, Mighty One, you scatter the proud and fill the hungry. By your Holy Spirit, let your Word leap in us and bring to us the joy that comes with new beginnings and renewed lives. Amen

THE FIRST LESSON Luke 1:5-20 N. T. 56

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

THE ANTHEM "Gloria" Vivaldi

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

(a translation of the Latin)
Glory to God in the highest-

THE TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE SECOND LESSON Luke 1: 39-45 N. T. 57

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Life Interrupted"

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***HYMN** "Joy to the World" 134

***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 "Savior of the Nations, Come" Buttstedt

Offering

*Doxology 606

***The Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Lord God, we thank you for all that draws us close together. For this gift and all you give to us, we bring to you these offerings. Accept our gifts as signs of our gratitude for the sake of those who stand in need and Jesus Christ, who saves us. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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

***HYMN** "Angels We Have Heard on High" 113

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** Veni Emmanuel
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

POSTLUDE "The King Shall Come" Johnson