



**MADISON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Madison Presbyterian Church

December 6, 2020 — 10:00 A.M.

2nd Sunday of Advent—Peace

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People Boehm

WORDS OF WELCOME

INVOCATION

L: Holy Creator God, in this time and season of Advent, in our wilderness of preparations, we ask that you enter into our worship and hear our prayers.

R: We come, Lord, asking you to calm our spirits so that we may feel your presence. Our hope and our peace are in you. We pray as your children, who trust and believe in our Savior, Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LIGHTING OF THE 2ND ADVENT CANDLE

The first candle of Advent symbolized "hope." Now, the second Advent candle will be lit to encourage us to have "peace."

(The candles are now lit.)

Philippians 4: 4-7

"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, two flames now flicker as our souls tremble with the Good News that peace on earth will come to pass through the birth of Jesus—Jesus Christ, our Prince of Peace. In his name, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN** Comfort, Comfort Now My People

(Text follows order of worship.)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, Lord Jesus!

R: Come, find us even when we try to evade you.

L: Come, Lord Jesus! Be present to us, especially when we feel we are alone.

R: Speak to us, particularly when we cry out and feel there is only silence.

L: Come, Lord Jesus! Give us your work to do, freeing us from being so self-absorbed.

R: Reach out to us; we do not know how to reach toward you. Shower us with your peace. Let us worship God!

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

L: In our more truthful moments, we have not lived as God intended for us to live. In short, we all have sinned. The Good News is: God loves us, no matter who we are. So, let us pray for forgiveness.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Gracious God of Advent, as we wait for your coming, we confess the rough places of our hearts.

R: We confess the angers that become stony roadblocks to your peace as we have hurt others through our thoughtlessness.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

L: Lord, we ask for your forgiveness, because we have been these things and more.

R: Strengthen our spirits, God of Advent, that our lives may reveal not our brokenness but your glory in all we say and do. We pray in Jesus' 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.

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

“Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!” So says our God.

“Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow’s load.

To my people now proclaim that my pardon waits for them!

Tell them that their sins I cover; and their warfare now is over.”

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight,’”

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Of the Father’s Love Begotten

Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega; he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!

Poinsettias: Poinsettias this year will be \$11.00 per plant. If you would like to order a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the form below and mail it to the church. Please mail your order to the church no later than Monday, December 7.

Poinsettia Order

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Ordered by: _____

In memory of/in honor of:

Number of plants ordered: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Will take plant(s) home after Christmas:

Yes _____ No _____

PRAYER LIST

Congregation: Mark Andreasen, Sharon Auxier, Dennis and Karen Bessenecker, Shannon Glass, 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 Ziesemer.

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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, 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, Bob Rouse, Jeff, Janna and Rachel Schmidt, Dan Shearer, Laryssa Smith, Jody Sullivan, Trey Taylor, Kenneth Thompson (Harriete 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 6

Dave and Kay Lou Adams

Dennis and Karen Bessenecker

Annie Orrill

Ellen Eckert and Tony Harrell

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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!”

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