



**MADISON  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

# Madison Presbyterian Church

December 8, 2019 — 10:00 A.M.

## 2nd 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** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Reichel

### **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 CANDLE**

L: "See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me," says the Lord of hosts.

**R: The light of hope has awakened our spirits.**

L: A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

**R: Renew in us your covenant, O God, that we may be ready for the dawn of your salvation.**

L: We light a second candle to bring light to every darkness and to guide us in the way of peace.

**R: With gratitude for your light, O God, we will prepare to welcome a new birth of your love.**

### THE UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Lord, in our worship today, prepare our hearts to live in your Way. May every valley be filled and every mountain and hill be made low. May the crooked paths be made straight and the rough ways smooth. This we pray in the name of Jesus our Savior. 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**

**Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your people. We confess that too seldom do our lives reflect what we proclaim in this time of worship. We do not heed your Word each day in all that we say and do. We do not see our neighbors, families, and friends as beloved children whom you have made, loved, and died to save.**

**In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways and look to your power to heal us and raise us up, so that, at the last, you will gather us to you and give us peace.**

*(SILENT MEDITATION)*

**THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**L:** The reign of God has come near. The saving love of God is made known in our Lord Jesus Christ. Hear this Good News! You are forgiven. Be filled with hope, believing in the power of the risen Christ to bring you to new life. Rejoice and believe.

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

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

Gloria Patri

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**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

Your Word, Holy God, was written for our instruction. By your Holy Spirit, open our ears and fill us with the mysteries of this Word.

Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

**THE FIRST LESSON**            Isaiah 11: 1-10                            O.T. 640-641

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**R: Thanks be to God.**

**THE ANTHEM** "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" Ness Beck

The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light triumphant breaks,  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills  
And life to joy awakes.

Not as of old a little child,  
To bear and fight and die,  
But crowned with glory like the sun  
That lights the morning sky.

Then let the endless rapture begin,  
By prophets long foretold,  
When right shall triumph over wrong,  
And truth shall be extolled.

The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light and beauty brings:  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray,  
Come quickly King of Kings!

### THE TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

**THE SECOND LESSON**            Matthew 3: 1-12                            N.T. 2-3

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**R: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**                            "Preparing from the Inside Out"

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

**\*HYMN**                    “Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice”                    163

**\*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                    “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”                    Bohm

Offering

\*Doxology                    606

### **\*The Prayer of Dedication**

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

R: We give you thanks, Holy One, for all good things. In response, we bring you this offering. Turn our offering 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

**\*HYMN**                    “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”                    100

### **\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**                    Veni Emmanuel

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**POSTLUDE**                    “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”                    Bender

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.

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Catherine Knott to the pulpit this morning. Catherine is the Ball Family Chaplain at Hanover College.

**LITURGIST** — Janet Hostettler

**USHERS** — Brett Corbin and Ken Brunner

**GREETERS** — Connie Huntington and Sheri Hookey

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS** — The Cullens and Ohlendorf Families

**ADVENT WREATH CANDLELIGHTERS** — The Corbin Family

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK— 85**

## **PRAYER LIST**

**Congregation:** Mark Andreasen, Sharon Auxier, Dennis Bessenecker, Ken Brunner, the family of Bill Ford, Judy George, Mary Louise Grimes, Carole Hanson, Tony Harrell, 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, 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 8**

Dave and Kay Lou Adams

Dennis and Karen Bessenecker

Annie Orrill

Ellen Eckert and Tony Harrell

# 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>
	Katie Mathews Christian Education	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

## 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