



**MADISON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Madison Presbyterian Church

November 8, 2020 — 10:00 A.M.

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

If you are led to do so, please feel free to sing the hymns

softly with Jonathan under your mask. You may retrieve feathers upon entering or leaving the church for Thanksgiving baskets. Contributions are due on November 20. If you are unable to be present, please contact a Deacon.

PRELUDE Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring Bach

WELCOME

INVOCATION

L: Good morning, Father God! We're filled with gratitude that you love us, so we have answered your call to come to worship and praise your holy name. We pray boldly that you would work in our lives to prepare us for your presence among us.

R: Create in us a vivid expectation of your advent. We expect and we wait longingly for your entrance and the beginning of your eternal reign. Stir in us a desire to welcome you in all times and circumstances. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please introduce yourself before speaking.)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Though the mountains may shake,

R: we are standing on holy ground.

L: Though the earth moves under our feet,

R: Christ alone is our solid rock.

L: Though the walls may crack,

R: our refuge is in the everlasting love of God.

L: While the world seems to be falling apart, let us discover our God again in Jesus, who helps us to make sense of life.

R: In all the days of our lives, let God's praise be on our lips.

Let us worship God!

HYMN Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us (see text following)

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

L: The Scriptures urge us to acknowledge our sins and not to conceal them in the presence of God, our heavenly Father.

We are to confess our sins with a penitent and obedient heart so that we may be forgiven through God's boundless goodness and mercy.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Gracious God, we confess that we move from day to day as if our days were without number.

R: Often we also live as if we will never need to be accountable for our choices and their consequences.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

L: Lord, forgive our apathy and our indifference. Open our eyes to your eternal truth and to the blessing of our mortality, which makes every decision precious.

R: We know we have had plenty of warning and that we could be called to account at any time. Hear our plea for forgiveness. We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, our Savior. 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.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE** Gloria Patri 581

HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:1-13 (see text following)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE Will You Be Ready?

ANTHEM Fairest Lord Jesus

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***THE APOSTLES' CREED** 35

***DOXOLOGY** 606

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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

***HYMN** Blessed Assurance (see text following)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Lord God, Holy Ghost Bach

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.

You are invited, but not obligated, to gather for fellowship after the service in Fellowship Hall. Please remain socially distant, and keep on your mask, except as you enjoy your coffee. Both the kitchen and Fellowship Hall have been equipped with an air purification system that will reduce the risk of COVID-19 infection.

The Session has called a congregational meeting to follow the worship service on Sunday, November 15, to elect officers to the class of 2023.

LITURGIST — Amanda Corbin

USHERS — Jim Bartlett and Gregg Mayberry

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.

We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way.
Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.

Matthew 25:1-13

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. (Refrain)

(Refrain)

This is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)

PRAYER LIST

Congregation: Mark Andreasen, Sharon Auxier, Dennis and Karen Bessenecker, 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, 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, the family of Amanda McCurry (Cathy Owsley's niece), Yolanda Modley, 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 November 8

Brian and Amanda Busching

Porter, Tucker and Isabella

Paul Torres

John Paul

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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>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Don Wiest Christian Education	Natalie Willis Buildings and Grounds	Rick laCour Fellowship
Dianna Terry Fellowship	Mike Dorsey Personnel	Jim Bartlett Membership
Shari Vaughn Worship	Connie Huntington Finance	Heather Owsley-Smith Mission

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Carole Hanson	Gregg Mayberry	Dan Smith

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