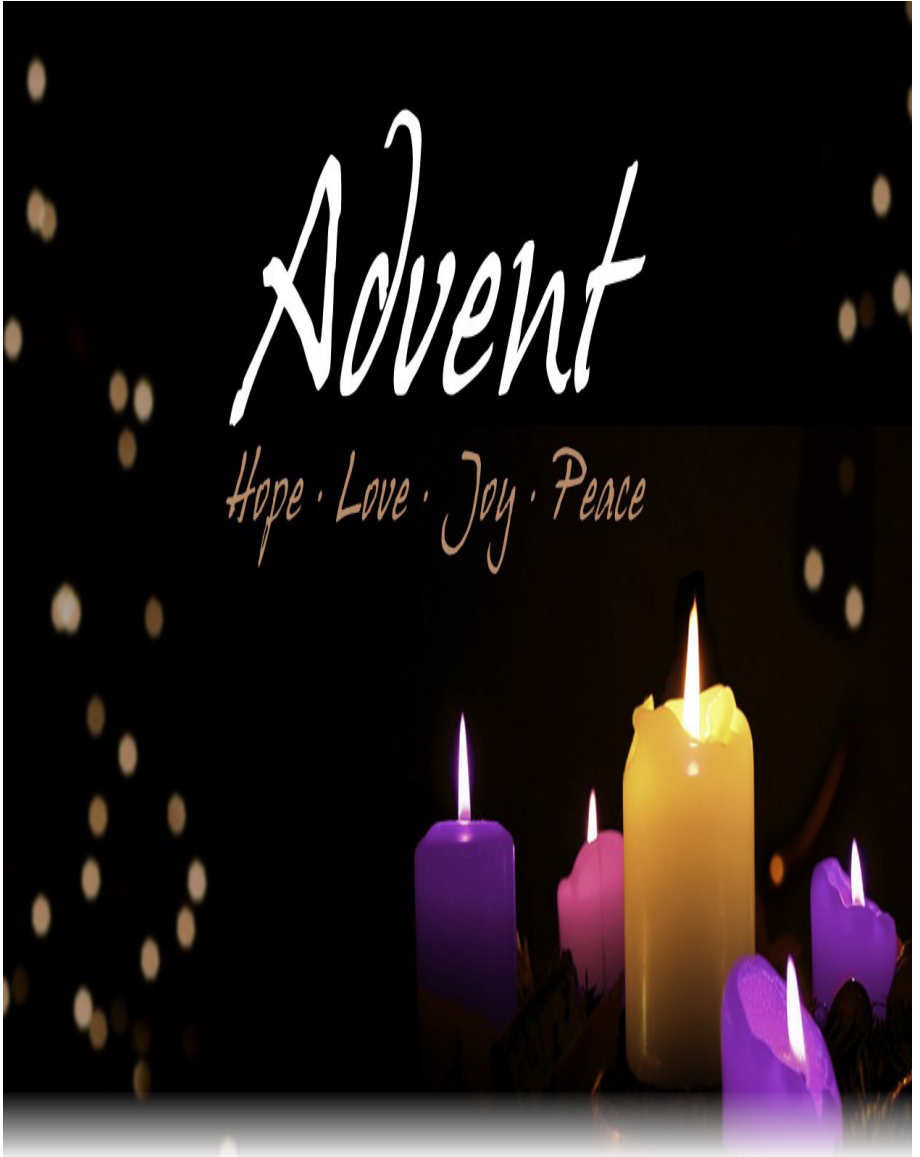




PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of MADISON

Advent

Hope · Love · Joy · Peace



November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent

ORDER of WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

*** Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Michael, Nigel, and Peter Callahan

L: Prepare your hearts to receive the hope of the world.

P: Our hearts are open, waiting to welcome.

L: We light this candle as a sign of the light of Christ. As the Lord has promised, in days to come the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

P: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

L: We light this candle in Hope;

P: O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

(The music for the hymns is in the back of the bulletin.)

*** Opening Hymn**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Prayer of Confession

It is never easy for us to confess to you, O God. There are those things we have done that we would not like to remember; there are those people that we have found so difficult to love; there are those we have found all too easy to ignore and hurt. Forgive us, God. Teach us your ways when we have lost ours. Lead us in humility to the streets of your kingdom, and teach us your trust, so we might be the ones who keep your words.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

God does not remember our sins but does remember the promises which have been made. God does not shame us but lifts us to new life. O God, teach us your ways.

*** Congregational Response "Now Thank We All Our God"**

*All praise and thanks to God,
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.*

Passing of the Peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
The peace of Christ be with you.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Moment

Michael Callahan

Prayer for Illumination

Lord God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us. Open our eyes to see it, our ears to hear it, our hearts to hold it, our hands to serve it. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Luke 21: 25-33

"It will seem like all hell has broken loose—sun, moon, stars, earth, sea, in an uproar and everyone all over the world in a panic, the wind knocked out of them by the threat of doom, the powers-that-be quaking." "And then—then!—they'll see the Son of Man welcomed in grand style—a glorious welcome! When all this starts to happen, up on your feet. Stand tall with your heads high.

Help is on the way!” He told them a story. “Look at a fig tree. Any tree for that matter. When the leaves begin to show, one look tells you that summer is right around the corner. The same here—when you see these things happen, you know God’s kingdom is about here. Don’t brush this off: I’m not just saying this for some future generation, but for this one, too—these things will happen. Sky and earth will wear out; my words won’t wear out.”

Sermon

“With a Jerk and a Click”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith**

from a Declaration of Faith

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.

The Gifts of Our Tithes and Offering

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all people here below;
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!*

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

* Closing Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

* Benediction

Postlude

*As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins.
We are the church, sent out in Jesus' name,
to be Christ's body in the world.*

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Liturgist

Mary-Anna Holden

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome Rev. David Lawrence as our guest pastor today. He is a graduate of the College of Wooster, Princeton Theological Seminary, Drew Theological School, and the Blanton-Peale Graduate Institute in NYC where he received his training as a pastoral psychotherapist and marriage and family therapist. He was also an instructor in the Doctor of Ministry Program at Drew for many years. He has served churches in Lafayette, NY, East Hanover, Denville, Port Murray, and Morristown, NJ. David was the Parish Associate for Pastoral Psychotherapy at Morristown. We are grateful for his help in leading us in worship today.

OPERATION HOLIDAY - WRAPPED GIFTS COLLECTION

Our adopted family has three children and is currently living at the Homeless Solutions shelter. There are a few ornaments left on the tree in the narthex, so please take your pick and leave your name and phone number on the sheet next to the tree. Gifts should be wrapped with the ornament attached; we will take care of the label with the case number and child's name. All gifts are due back to the church (either the office or the narthex) by Sunday, December 4. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Moody at rmood9856@gmail.com.

MADISON EAGLE CHRISTMAS FUND

The Madison Eagle Christmas Fund (MECF) is celebrating its 50th year of gift-giving to our Madison neighbors in financial need and is grateful for the continued support of the Presbyterian Church of Madison. The MECF's unique approach to gift-giving allows us to address food insecurity and inflation by providing every family and senior with grocery gift cards and then gives them the dignity of selecting additional cards from a list of Madison shops and restaurants that they would most enjoy for their own gifts. In this way, we are helping our neighbors in need while also supporting the business of the town we love. The MECF would be most grateful for your donation this year. Checks can be made out to The Presbyterian Church of Madison with MECF in the memo line. Please visit <https://www.madisoneaglechristmasfund.org> if you have a Matching Gift Program at work and would like to donate directly to the MECF. Look for ornaments on our Christmas tree in the narthex if you would like to purchase a gift for the fund, too.

ANNUAL WHITE DRIVE

A long standing PCM mission tradition has been the donation of diapers for babies and children at Christmas time. We are continuing this project again this year and collecting adult incontinence products such as Depends, too.

Diapers and other non-food baby essentials can make lasting dents in the finances of low-income families as they are not federally funded by public assistance programs. On average, babies require 12 diapers a day, and when diapers are purchased individually, that can add up to over \$100 a month for a family.

Adult incontinence products such as Depends are medically necessary for those managing bladder and bowel incontinence. Many seniors live on fixed incomes. With the rate of inflation being high, it is difficult for older adults to afford these products that are necessary for them to lead a full and active life.

You may place your donations in the white plastic bin located outside of the church office during the next month.

IFP LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR 1,300 CHALLENGE

During the first nine months of 2022, IFP distributed more than a million pounds of food to 19,000 households either to one of their pantries or through their partner network. To date, we have donated over 880 pounds of food and we're getting closer to our goal of 1,300 pounds by the end of this year. We can do this ... just think about the World Series grand slam homer or NFL playoff Hail Mary pass that cinches the game!

PRAYER LIST

- The rescue efforts and humanitarian relief efforts for the victims of the earthquake and subsequent landslides in Indonesia
- Families and friends of those killed in the mass shooting in Colorado
- Johnny, a 12-year old boy on Brody Fleming's football team, and his family as the cancer continues to spread, leaving him too tired to attend school; he will remain at home now, with his family, as they take things day by day and give thanks for their time together
- Katie Zurich at home recovering from the flu
- Sue Lincoln recovering at home from pericarditis
- Ernest Brandt, father of Sue Mennella, hospitalized in Massachusetts with a severe stomach infection and serious foot wound
- Roger and his family, colleague of Kathleen Underwood, who lost their home and car in hurricane Ian
- Women having difficulty in their pregnancies
- Isabella and her family, friend of Kathleen Underwood, as she receives treatment for recurrence of cancer
- Everett, son of Stephanie and Jesse Haedrich, as he continues his recovery from a bone marrow transplant
- Glenn, neighbor of Melissa Dewhurst, as he undergoes intensive treatment for recurrence of stomach cancer; and for his wife and ten-year-old son
- Jill Wussow, friend of Mary-Anna Holden, living with the long term effects of Lyme disease
- Tom Weck having mobility problems
- All those continuing to deal with COVID
- All those dealing with a cancer diagnosis and treatments
- Eric, neighbor of Melissa Dewhurst, for healing of body, mind, and spirit in his continuing recovery
- The people of Ukraine in this ongoing time of war
- Peace for the sake of all people of the world

Thanksgiving For:

- The many blessings in our lives
- A good and continuing recovery for Beverly Spagnola from her recent hip surgery

NOTES

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1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
 our spirits by thine advent here;
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadows put to flight.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 all peoples in one heart and mind;
 bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
 fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82



1 Come, thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
 2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.



With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

VISION

To see lives transformed, families strengthened, and our community renewed through intentional relationship with Jesus Christ.

OUR VALUES

*Renewed Lives | Community Positive | Intergenerational Family
Joyful Service | Presbyterian Roots*

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