



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of MADISON



*Welcome, we are **glad** you are here!*

April 15, 2018

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10:15 AM

WELCOME TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *of* MADISON

Relax. We're glad to have you, just as you are. We believe Jesus Christ teaches us that, so we really mean it. You're a child of God and you're safe here, no matter what.

Each one of us is in a different place on this life journey. The person next to you may be here for the first time, or they may have been born into a family in our church for generations. We're all continually learning, growing, and evolving as we connect in the Spirit with the rest of the world.

Children in church make squirmy joyful noises to the Lord! Babies cry! Relax about all that, too. If you wish, we have Sunday school classes for Pre-K through 6th grade during worship. At some point after the children's message, the teachers will lead them out to their classrooms. Safe childcare is available for children ages 4 and younger. Your greeter will be happy to show you the way.

Please stick around after church for a few minutes if you have the time. We have refreshments and fellowship time in the lobby area. It's a great way to get acquainted!

Here's how it all works. Stand in body or spirit where you see an asterisk*, everything in **bold** we say in unison, and we sing where you see *italics*. We are worshiping God and not performing, though feel free to clap hands as a response of praise to God in appreciation of something that moves you.

We're all different, together, and God isn't finished with us. Come and see!

Scott Foster, Pastor

ORDER of WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Easter

"You are witnesses of these things."

-- Luke 24:48 (NRSV)

THE GATHERING

Praise Music (A time of centering and preparation for worship.
Please silence all electronic devices.)

Prelude *Trumpet Tune*

L. Mozart

Welcome and Announcements

One: Alleluia! The Lord is Risen!

All: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

"Let us prepare our hearts to worship God..."

Introit

* Call to Worship (from Psalm 4)

One: Answer us when we call, O God!

Be gracious to us, and hear our prayers.

All: The LORD hears when I call.

One: When you are disturbed, do not sin;

Put your trust in the LORD.

All: Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!

One: Alleluia! The Lord is Risen!

All: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

* Opening Hymn

No. 122: *Thine Is the Glory*

Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

God of wonders, we humble ourselves in worship. Every day, our pressures and stressors take over. We are determined to "fix it" on our own. How quickly we forget! You are the Creator; without you, we can do nothing. Breathe into us the breath of life. Lead us through the risen Christ. O Lord, hear our prayers...

Response *Kyrie: Lord, Have Mercy*

(The tune for the *Kyrie* is at the back of this booklet.)

Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

(Silence is kept for our personal prayers of confession.)

One: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed and restored!

*** Response** No. 579: *Glory Be to the Father*

(The tune for *Glory Be to the Father* is at the back of this booklet.)

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.***

* Passing of the Peace

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another with the sign of Christ's peace.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Anthem *Soon Ah Will Be Done* William L. Dawson

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from Church History

Acts 3:12-19

(N.T. p.120)

¹²When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out..."

Epistle Reading 1 John 3:1-7

(N.T. p.240)

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Young People's Message

Gospel Reading Luke 24:36b-48

(N.T. p.91)

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

Sermon "See Me, Feel Me"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* **Hymn of Faith** No. 76: *My Song Is Love Unknown*

* **Affirmation of Faith** Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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.

(*lower case catholic means "universal.")

Prayers of the People/*The Lord's Prayer* *(sung together)*

*(The tune for *The Lord's Prayer* is at the back of this booklet.)*

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.

Invitation to Discipleship

Offering

Offertory *Dank Sei Dir, Herr*

S. Ochs

*** Doxology**

(The tune for the Doxology is at the back of this booklet.)

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**

Amazing God of all, bless our time, talent, and resources to see lives transformed, families strengthened, and our community renewed through intentional relationship with Jesus Christ. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*** Closing Hymn**

No. 376: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*** Charge and Benediction** (Please join hands.)

One: Alleluia! The Lord is Risen!

All: **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Postlude *Improvisation in G*

WORSHIP NOTES

Thanks to Bill Wagner for reading and leading at 10:15 today! You can lead, too. Yes, you can. It's easy and it's all mapped out, even those hard-to-pronounce Bible places and names! Call Cathy in the church office to sign up at 973.377.1600.

What gifts do you bring? Share with us! Joyful worship comes from the soul of our collective Spirit. Come find your voice or vision here! If you have a gift of the arts such as music, drama, dance, poetry, prose, painting, or sculpting for example, please give some thought to sharing it in worship. What a great blessing!

About the Christ Candle

We continue to burn the Christ Candle from Christmas through Pentecost (except Good Friday) to recognize the light of Christ in the world connecting Christmas to Pentecost. After Pentecost, the Christ Candle will return as part of the Advent wreath.

About Today's Readings

We print the scripture readings in the bulletin so you can follow along more easily. We also include the page numbers if you want to read from your pew Bible. Most of the time our readings are from The New Revised Standard Version translation, the same as your pew Bible. Exceptions are noted.

Acts 3:12-19

Today's reading from church history quotes a sermon from the Apostle Peter delivered from "Solomon's Portico" on the east side of the "new" old temple. From this vantage point, Peter would easily have the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane in his sightline, just over the eastern wall of what is now the "old city"—the scene of Jesus' arrest, where he was present. It's hard to imagine the scene not flashing through his mind as he preaches about Jesus' connection to the Patriarchs of Judaism and Moses.

1 John 3:1-7

The authorship of the three letters of John in the New Testament is often attributed to the “John” of the Gospels, though there’s little proof to actually connect them. Even so, these letters share the “Johannine” spirit.

Luke 24:36b-48

During the Lectionary Year “B” which focuses on Mark’s Gospel, we have to lean on the other Gospels for post-Easter Jesus stories. Mark’s Gospel technically ends at the empty tomb. So, what follows Mark 16:8, “The Longer Ending of Mark,” is considered a redaction added later by scholars or translators. Today’s Gospel story is one of the resurrection appearance stories.

About the Affirmation of Faith

The later disproved legend was that the Apostles, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, wrote this creed on the tenth day after the Ascension. It originated in Rome ca. 100 and became the common creed of Western Christendom when it took its present form ca. 700. Often used at baptism, the three articles were put to the candidate in the form of a question: “Do you believe?” After each affirmative answer, the candidate was immersed. Note that this bare-bones creed does not mention the ministry or teachings of Jesus. It’s just the “facts.” (Research by Charles Courtney)

Questions To Go

What should be “wiped out”?

What is it about the stuff I don’t believe in?

Am I a “seeing is believing” person?



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Flowers

The flowers are purchased with your donations. The cost is \$45. The dedication sign up sheet is on a clipboard located in the Narthex. Sign up for your special dates to give flowers in memory or in honor of someone or for a special occasion.

Today's flowers are given by Laura Hunt and John Schanck to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert A Hunt.

Hearing Amplifiers

If you have problems hearing everything in worship due to the acoustics of the room, there are hearing amplifiers available. Just ask one of the greeters and they will assist you.

Coming Dates

St. Baldrick's – Apr. 29th

Madison May Day – May 5th

Stamp Out Hunger - May 12th

Family Promise Week of 4/22

First Baptist Church on Cook Avenue invites you to join their hosting week for Family Promise the week of April 22nd-28th. Overnight help is needed as well as meal prep and other hosting functions. If you have a night or even a few minutes to help, everyone is welcome. Family Promise is a "traveling shelter" that hosts families in housing transition in Morris County churches year-round and you can serve on the team at First Baptist. Register at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ea5a82faaf85-april>.

Team Eric St. Baldrick's April 29th

The 6th Annual Madison St. Baldrick's is Sunday, April 29th. Registration begins at 2 PM—at The Bottle Hill Tavern (form. Poor Herbie's) on Waverly and get your head shaved at Downtown Salon! This year, it's the head shaving, live music, great food and beverages, plus the annual 12-week Madison

Area YMCA Spinathon (<https://www.madisonareaymca.org/docs/default-source/campaign-event-information/cycle-for-a-cause-st-baldrick's-spinathon.pdf?sfvrsn=8>) with half proceeds to the Y and half to St. Baldrick's! Register and donate at <https://www.stbaldricks.org/teams/mypage/118151/2018!> Go Team Eric!

Madison May Day May 5th

Presbyterian Church OF Madison. That's our name. Of Madison. Community Renewed. It's a part of our vision. The Borough of Madison sets aside the first Saturday in May to spruce up the town for Spring and Summer! Get ready to lend a hand with clean up and planting on the church property and cemetery on Saturday morning, May 5th, 8 AM-12 PM. We'll have plenty to do in both locations and lots that kids can do, too! This is a great family project whether you've got 15 minutes or you can stay all morning! Register on paper in the lobby of the Sanctuary or call Cathy in the church office at 973.377.1600.

Stamp Out Hunger May 12th

26th Annual Stamp Out Hunger with the National Association of Letter Carriers. All in Madison fill a bag with non-perishable food and leave it by their mailbox on Saturday, May 12th. PCM is again the collection point for all Madison letter carriers. You can help deliver the food from the church to the Interfaith Food Pantry after the letter carriers complete their rounds. This is another short-term family project that takes about an hour between 2 and 6 PM on May 12th. Please see Becky Moody/Louise Kacerek or sign up on the sheet in the Sanctuary lobby.

Summer Worship 10:15 AM

Please note that our Sunday worship will shift to one worship service in Webb Chapel starting with Youth Sunday, June 10th (Church Picnic day!) Summer worship begins at 10:15 AM and there will be no Sunday School for Summer. Please note two significant changes: worship time does not change. And there will be no 5 PM worship during Summer.



Day Camp Set!

Pre-K thru 5th...

Our Day Camp rocks! Mark your calendars for the week of June 25th-29th. It's a full day program for Pre-K through 5th, Monday-Friday, 9 AM to 3 PM. The suggested donation is \$150/child, \$300/family max. Money is no object—no child will miss camp. This is an amazing deal for summer activities! Stay tuned for registration details.

2018 Per Capita

Each year congregations in our Presbytery pay a per member fee that provides support for Newton Presbytery (Morris, Sussex, Warren and portions of Hunterdon and Passaic counties), the Synod of the Northeast (New Jersey, New York and all of New England), and the General Assembly.

We ask all those who are able to consider covering your 2018 per capita fee of \$35 per member. This includes youth who have been confirmed. For example, for a couple the per capita amount is \$70. For a family with one youth who is also a member, the per capita is \$105.

Paying your per capita allows us to allocate all of your pledges and offerings to the operations and missions of this church. When paying your fee please note "per capita" on your check or envelope.

New Worship Experience

Two worship times every Sunday! Sunday mornings at 10:15 AM and now Sundays at 5 PM in Webb Chapel. When Sunday mornings are hard to schedule, we've got you! Come Sundays at 5 PM in Webb Chapel. Think "unplugged" church—very casual. Acoustic guitar in a mix of praise and familiar music, prayers, and messages that touch your soul. Director of Family Ministries Patrick Allred and Pastor Scott are leading. Let's go to Romanelli's to eat and hang out after!

Interfaith Food Pantry

PCM supports the IFP year-round with hundreds of pounds of food to serve eligible Morris County residents. Aging

people on fixed incomes, low-income working families—the need is great! Doris's Care Wagon will be inside the back door of the parish house. Named for long-time member and IFP advocate Doris Weber, the wagon has served our food collection for years!

The food of the month for April is canned meats and meals – ravioli, spaghetti and meatballs, hash, stew, canned chicken, etc.

RAMP

PCM Mission is now partnering with Refugee Assistance Morris Partners (RAMP). RAMP provides transitional assistance, housing, and other needs for vetted Middle Eastern and other refugee families to transition to productive lives of dignity, safety and hope in the Morris County area of New Jersey. RAMP has long been a part of the Madison Area #BelovedCommunity conversations and our church joins other inter-faith communities and civic groups as full partners in this effort! The PCM 2018 "Quarters" mission campaign will directly benefit RAMP. For more information, and ways to get more involved, visit the RAMP website at www.rampnj.org.

Shoes!

We collected 48 pairs of shoes of all kinds, which were delivered to the church in Franklin this week. If you missed the opportunity here, the Suburban Shop in town is also collecting shoes to benefit our friends at the First Baptist Church on Cook Avenue. Thanks to all who donated.



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Lord, Have Mercy

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Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (D) F (G) B \flat (A) C (D) F

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have

(A) C (D/F \sharp) F/A (F \sharp m) Am (G) B \flat (A) C (Bm) Dm

mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;

(G) B \flat (D) F (A) C (Bm) Dm (Em7) Gm7 (A) C (Dsus) Fsus (D) F

Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Glory Be to the Father

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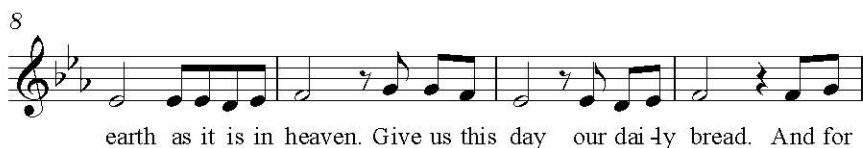
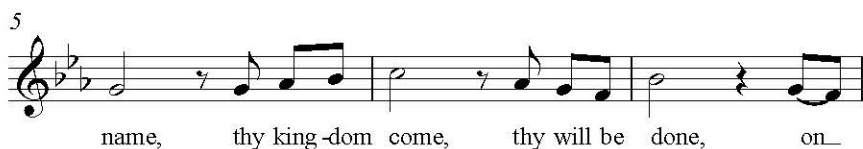
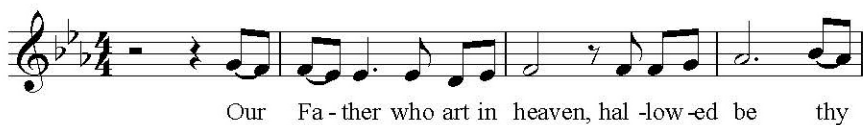
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The Lord's Prayer

David Thomson



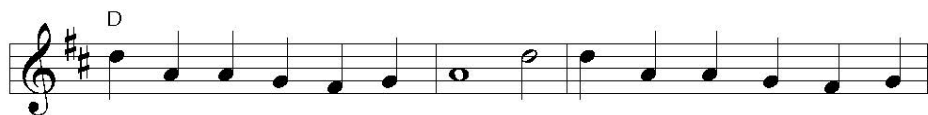
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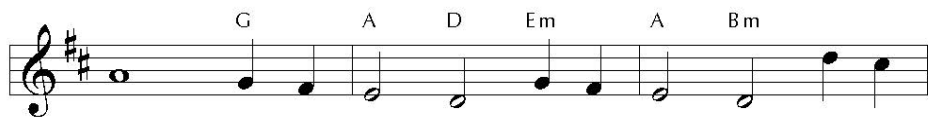
Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise Christ, all creat ures



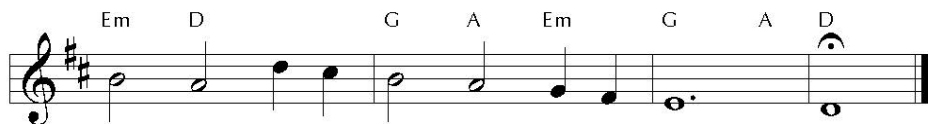
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Holy Spirit ever more: Praise Tri- une God whom we a-



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lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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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Worship

10:15AM Sunday Service

5:00PM Sunday Service - Webb Chapel

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