



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of MADISON

Families Strengthened

Welcome, we are glad you are here!

September 23, 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, safe childcare is available for 4 and under. 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!

Check out the box below for how it all works. We're all different, together, and God isn't finished with us. Come and see!

Scott Foster, Pastor

*Stand in body or spirit.

Bold - Everything is said in unison.

Italics - We all sing.

After children's message, K-5 escape to Sunday School.
Please share your info with us using the card in the pew.
Write prayer requests in the book at the back of the church.

Visit PCMADISON.ORG for more information

ORDER of WORSHIP

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus: "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." -- Mark 9:35 (NRSV)

THE GATHERING

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

Welcome

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

* *Your Grace Is Enough*

Matt Maher

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vpYtYYaTFGQ>

VERSE 1:

Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

PRE-CHORUS:

(So) remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

CHORUS 1:

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

VERSE 2:

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

PRE-CHORUS:

(So) remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

CHORUS 1:

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

CHORUS 2:

Yeah Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing Your grace is enough
I'm covered by Your love
Your grace is enough for me for me

* *Come, Thou Almighty King* (v.1,3,4)

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

VERSE 1:

Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise:
Father, all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

VERSE 3:

Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

VERSE 4:

To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be,
hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.

*** *Seek Ye First***

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

VERSE 1:

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

VERSE 2:

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

VERSE 3:

You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia!

*** Opening Prayer**

Call to Confession

Let us draw near to God with sincere hearts and full assurance of faith, our guilty hearts sprinkled clean, our bodies washed with pure water. Let us confess our sins before God and one another...

Prayer of Confession

God of all times and places, you've known us from the womb. You see us exactly as we are. We take selfies and Photoshop the blemishes. Forgive us our flaws and help us to accept ourselves, each other, as you accept us. Open our hearts to self-awareness. Bring your Spirit to follow Jesus without hesitation. O Lord, hear our prayers...

Response *You Alone Can Rescue*

Redman/Myrin

VERSE 1:

Who O Lord could save themselves

Their own soul could heal

Our shame was deeper than the sea

Your grace is deeper still

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

One: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! This is sure and worthy of full acceptance. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

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

Response *You Alone Can Rescue*

Redman/Myrin

CHORUS:

You alone can rescue

You alone can save

You alone can lift us from the grave

You came down to find us led us out of death

To You alone belongs the highest praise

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Reading from the Psalter Psalm 1 (O.T.pg. 489)

¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

²but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

One: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music *Nothing More by The Alternate Routes*

Young People's Message

Gospel Reading Mark 9:30-37 (N.T. pg. 45)

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Sermon

“The Greatest”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*** *Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet***

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

REFRAIN:

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.**

VERSE:

**When I feel afraid,
and I think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me.**

**Nothing will I fear
as long as you are near.**

Please be near me to the end.

REFRAIN:

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.**

* Affirmation of Faith

from *The Theological Declaration of Barmen*, 1934

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so, in the same way and with the same seriousness he is also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance. The Church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and sacrament. Amen.

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.

Announcements

Invitation to Discipleship

Offering

Offertory

* 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

* *Your Grace Is Enough* (Reprise)

Matt Maher

VERSE 1:

Great is Your faithfulness O God

You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart

You lead us by still waters into mercy

And nothing can keep us apart

PRE-CHORUS:

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Remember Your promise O God

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Your grace is enough for me

* Charge and Benediction (Please join hands.)

* Passing of the Peace

WORSHIP NOTES

Thanks to Kathleen Underwood for reading today and to the PCM Worship Team of planners, players, leaders, servers, and singers!

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! Come play, sing, ring bells, read, lead, serve communion. 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 Today's Worship

We are developing a more blended style of worship with new contemporary worship songs and music as well as our traditional hymns and pieces. We will sing hymns (mostly from the new Presbyterian hymnal, *Glory to God*). The choir will sing. The bell choir will play. We will hear our students. We will hear soloists. We will hear the band. It's a mix, and we may not have everything in the same day—unless you want to skip lunch. We hope it touches you.

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. Except where noted, all of our readings are usually from the New Revised Standard Version translation.

About Psalm 1

The first entry in the Psalter is a kind of introduction to the body of the Psalms. Most of the Psalms date back prior to the exilic period around 600BCE. Psalm 1 carries weight as wisdom writing in the Bible contrasting the “way of the wicked” with the “way of the righteous”. Reading through the book of Psalms, it's evident that this theme returns again and again.

About Mark 9:30-37

While it's separated by a number of verses, today's scripture actually picks up on the theme of last week's reading from chapter 8. This is known as the "second announcement" of who Jesus really is. And like last week, there is misunderstanding and debate surrounding it. In the culture of the Gospel time-frame, children are the lowest status people of the household. Like all people in the margins, children are also "children of God" and are welcome kin to God on earth.

About the Affirmation of Faith

The Theological Declaration of Barmen is a direct Christian reaction to the culture and politics of the time and place (much like the Confession of 1967 in the USA). It's a section of part one of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) known as the Book of Confessions. In the mid-1930's as the Nazi Party was rising to power, the "German Christians" had no theological issues to contradict Hitler's vision for Germany. A group of dedicated Christian leaders led in part by theologian Karl Barth met in 1934 to develop a statement of faith for the Evangelical churches of Germany to stand firm against the German Christian accommodation to National Socialism. Today's affirmation of faith is the result of those meetings. (research by Charles Courtney)

Questions To Go

How often do I have trouble understanding Jesus?

What questions do I have about Jesus?

About God?



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Flowers

The flowers are purchased with your donations. The cost is \$45. Call Cathy in the office to 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 the Groller family and are dedicated to the glory of God and to all those affected by the flooding from Hurricane Florence.

5 PM Worship Returns

Tonight 5 o'clock worship in Webb Chapel returns. When your schedule interferes with Sunday morning, this is for you! Think "unplugged" church—it's 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!

Serve on Sunday

All are welcome, all who come in the name of the Lord! We need teachers for our fabulous Sunday School. Everything is all laid out—it's easy, really! Talk to Patrick after worship. And, if you'd like to serve on our worship team on Sundays as a reader, communion server, singer, musician, bell-ringer, or greeter please do! Contact the church office for more information and we'll plug you in—973.377.1600.

Name Tags!

Do you need a name tag? If so, please contact the office at 973-377-1600 or email info@pcmadison.org and a name tag will be created for you.

Coffee with Scott

What's on your mind? Solve the problems of the world? Well, we can try...Pastor Scott will be at Drip Coffee every Thursday morning at 9am. Stop by and FIKA (Google it), cuss and discuss, see if you can melt an entire biscotti in a cup of tea—we might even talk about God. Crazy, right?

Qur'an/Bible Study, Oct. 2nd@7pm

This is an amazing study! We're putting our sacred texts, the Qur'an and the Bible, together in real, transformative, life-application ways! Come share with our Muslim friends and see what we mean—you will be touched by the similarities. So far, we've covered the common Abrahamic origin of both traditions—Islam and Judeo/Christianity, and who is God/Allah? This time, the topic is Who is Jesus/Mohammad (peace be upon them)? Please note the new, later time. Don't miss it!

Bottle Hill Day, Oct. 6th

PCM is THE place to be on BHD—and we need to get our ducks in a row! This is an “all-hands-on-deck” call for PCM! Bottle Hill Day is our full-day outreach to the community with a petting zoo and pony rides on the church lawn! Plus, this year we're adding the “Blessing of the Animals” at 12n. What better day? What better time? We have several ways to help! Set-up, tear-down, volunteer at the booth on Waverly just off Main Street, or you can volunteer here at the church. There's plenty for everyone and every schedule for the day.

Host a Student

The Afghan Girls Financial Assistance Fund (AGFAF) helps Afghani young women get an education here in the US. Would you be willing to host a 25-year-old female Drew student during holiday breaks? (Thanksgiving, Christmas/New Year, and Spring Break) Sound interesting? Email Corinne Bowen at cmbowen149@gmail.com for 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.

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.

Worship Bulletins Online

Be sure to check out each week’s worship bulletin! We’ve been publishing them online for a while at the church’s website. Watch for us to start putting links online so you can go see YouTube versions of the songs we sing!

PCM Social Media

We’re making more and more use of social media communication in our church. Follow the links in the eNews to Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter!

Breeze is Blowing

Watch your email inbox—We’re installing new church management software called “Breeze”. You’ll have a chance to set up your family’s account—first thing to do is change the password! Breeze will be the communication hub for all things in PCM church life, event registration, giving statements—the whole nine. It’s a breeze...

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 September is Side Dishes. Rice and pasta mixes like Rice-A-Roni and Pasta-Roni are most needed, as are “add protein” products like Hamburger Helper and Tuna Helper. Pick up a package or two the next time you do your grocery shopping, and leave them in the basket in the Narthex or Doris’s Care Wagon. The IFP clients thank you.

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.

Flu Shots Available

Madison and Chatham Township residents are encouraged to attend one of the following flu clinics free of charge. The flu clinic is provided by the Madison Health Department.

- Wednesday, Oct. 17th, 9-11am, Madison Civic Center
- Wednesday, Oct. 24th, 9-11am, Madison Civic Center
- Wednesday, Oct. 24th, 1:30-3pm, Chatham Township Senior Center

Questions? Call 973-593-3079.

*Medicare eligible residents please bring your new card!

Peace and Global Witness Offering – October 7th

“Now may the Lord of peace ... give you peace at all times in all ways.” – 2 Thessalonians 3:16.

Sometimes it feels the world is coming at us so quickly that we don't know which way to turn, where to look, what to do next. In a chaotic world, we find strength in knowing that God is always near. Today we are joining in Paul's prayer that God grant us “peace at all times, in all ways.” Peace. For our world, our family, our community, our church and ourselves – peace at all times, in all ways.

The Peace and Global Witness Offering of the PC(USA) provides the tools and resources for all Presbyterians as we join together as active peacemakers. Our Mission Team has already agreed that our 25% share of this offering will

help to support the work of Maria Eugenia Delgadillo in Nicaragua. 25% will be used to support peacemaking work in our region, and the remaining 50% supports the active work for peace being done by Presbyterians everywhere. Envelopes will be available on October 7th, or you may text PEACE to 20222 to give \$10.



2 Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing; help us to praise:
 might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
 prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!

Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;
 Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
 Thy sov - er - eign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

The author of this Trinitarian text is unknown, but this hymn has proved popular since the middle of the 18th century, partly because of its effective use of biblical metaphors, but also because of the strength of this tune, which was composed especially for these words.

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Seek Ye First

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
 3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and seek, its and righ - teous - ness,
 but by you shall find;
 every word

The author and composer wrote the first stanza and folk-style tune after attending a Bible study on Matthew 6:33. The later stanzas, based respectively on Matthew 7:7 and Matthew 4:4 emerged anonymously. Such meditative singing of scripture is an important form of sung prayer.

TEXT: Stanza 1, Karen Lafferty, 1971, alt.; stanzas 2-3, anon.; Spanish trans. anon.;
 Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee
 MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1971
 Text and Music © 1972, Universal Music - Brentwood Publishing/Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa dba CCCM Music
 (admin. Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing)

al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

al - le - lu - ia!

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

SPANISH

- 1 *Busca primero el reino de Dios
 y su perfecta justicia,
 que lo demás lo añadirá el Señor.
 Alelu, aleluya.*

KOREAN

- 1 너희는 먼저 주의 나라와
 그의를 구하면
 이모든것 네게 더하시리라
 알렐-루 알렐루야

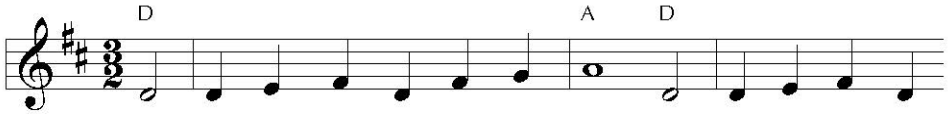
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Refrain

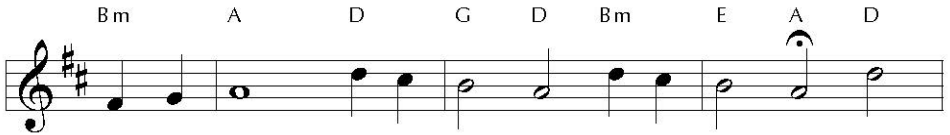
Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path. Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path. When I feel a-fraid, and I think I've lost my way, still you're there right be-side me. Noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

The refrain of this 20th-century song is a quotation of Psalm 119:105 in the King James Version. That longest of all psalms celebrates the gift of God's law by accumulating many synonyms for it. In Christian practice, this verse has been used to give thanks for all Scripture.

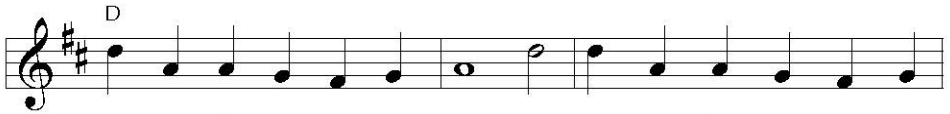
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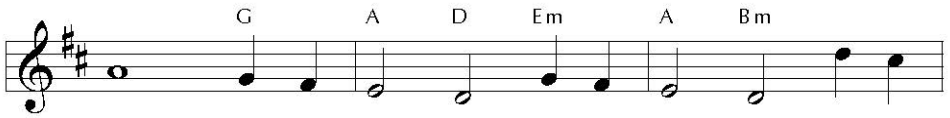
Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise Christ, all creat ures



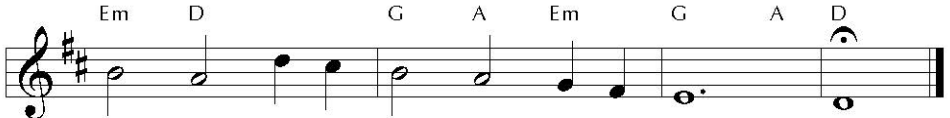
here be- low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise



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



dore. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



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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