

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Families Strengthened

Welcome, we are glad you are here!

September 23, 2018

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.

ORDER of WORSHIP Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Webb Chapel

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 VFRSF 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.) VFRSF 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 Davs. VERSE 3: Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this alad 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! VFRSF 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!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Reading Mark 9:30-37 (N.T. pg. 42) 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 tothem, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Homily "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.

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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

Offering

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: (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

Praise Music

WORSHIP NOTES

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 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.

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! Contact Patrick here. 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, lifeapplication 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. THE TRIUNE GOD



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.

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE



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.

LAFFERTY Irregular

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)

TEXT: Stanza 1, Karen Lafferty, 1971, alt.; stanzas 2–3, anon.; Spanish trans. anon.; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE



SPANISH

 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 구하-면 이모든것 네게 더하시리라 알렐-루 알렐루야



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.

Doxology



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 5:00рм Sunday Service (Webb Chapel)

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