

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

Baptism of the Lord

John: "I baptize you with water: but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Luke 3:16 (NRSV)

THE GATHERING

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

Prelude

Welcome

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

* Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

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

VERSE 1:

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise?

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise the Maker all your days!

VERSE 2:

Praise God for the grace and favor shown our forebears in distress; God is still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

VERSE 3:

Like a loving parent caring.

God knows well our feeble frame, gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

All within me, praise God's name!

VERSE 4:

Angels, teach us adoration; you behold God face to face. Sun and moon and all creation, dwellers all in time and space:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise with us the God of grace!

Take Me to the Water

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

VERSE 1:

Take me to the water.

Take me to the water.

Take me to the water

to be baptized.

VERSE 2:

I love Jesus.

I love Jesus.

I love Jesus,

yes, I do.

VERSE 3:

He's my Savior.

He's my Savior.

He's my Savior,

yes, he is.

VERSE 4:

Glory hallelujah.

Glory hallelujah.

Glory hallelujah

At Your Name

Hughes/Wickham

VERSE 1:

At Your name

The mountains shake and crumble

At Your name

The oceans roar and tumble

At Your name angels will bow

The earth will rejoice

Your people cry out

CHORUS 1:

Lord of all the earth we shout Your name

Shout Your name

Filling up the skies with endless praise

Endless praise

Yahweh Yahweh

We love to shout Your name oh Lord

VERSE 2:

At Your name

The morning breaks in glory

At Your name

Creation sings Your story

At Your name angels will bow

The earth will rejoice

Your people cry out

BRIDGE:

There is no one like our God

We will praise You praise You

There's no one like our God

We will sing we will sing

There is no one like our God

We will praise You praise You

There's no one like our God

We will sing

CHORUS 2:

Lord of all the earth we'll shout Your name

Shout Your name

Filling up the skies with endless praise

Endless praise

Yahweh Yahweh

We love to shout Your name oh Lord

* Opening Prayer

Holy God of all that is and is to come, you make the world and call it good. We thank you and praise you, even as we wreak havoc on everything. Make us whole, make us new, and bring your Spirit of joy and peace. Push us through the birth pangs in songs of praise and worship. Amen.

Call to Confession

Fully human and fully God, the Lord Jesus knows our weaknesses and temptations. In the reformed tradition, we confess our sins corporately. Accepting our brokenness, let's approach the throne of grace and mercy.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God of Grace, open our hearts to remember our baptisms. They are the sign and seal of the church of Jesus Christ. As we celebrate his baptism, keep us mindful of our failure to uphold our end of the covenant. Fully human and fully God, Christ is baptized into the Spirit just as we are. Help us to love others as Christ loves. John's voice rings from the wilderness; O God, let us begin again through water and Spirit...

Response You Alone Can Rescue

Redman/Myrin

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

As God's own people be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you. And above all, be loving, and thankful for all that Christ has done for you. I declare in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

restored!

Response You Alone Can Rescue

Redman/Myrin

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. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out your spirit of wisdom and understanding as the scriptures are read. Open our hearts and minds to life and holiness in your word. Amen.

Prophetic Reading Isaiah 43:1-7

(O.T.pg. 672)

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

5Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

6l will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth —

⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reading From the Early Church History

Acts 8:14-17

(N.T. pg. 126)

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

The Bell Choir Arnold Ramming

Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

Young People's Message

Gospel Reading Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

(N.T. pg. 60)

15As the people were filled with expectation, and all were

questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Sermon "Soundbar"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* I Surrender All

Van DeVenter/Weeden

VERSE 1:

All to Jesus I surrender All to Him I freely give I will ever love and trust Him In His presence daily live

CHORUS 1:

I surrender all

I surrender all

All to Thee my blessed Savior

I surrender all

VERSE 2:

All to Jesus I surrender
Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me Jesus take me now

VERSE 3:

All to Jesus I surrender

Make me Savior wholly Thine

Let me feel the Holy Spirit Truly know that Thou art mine VFRSF 4:

All to Jesus I surrender Lord I give myself to Thee Fill me with Thy love and power Let Thy blessing fall on me

VFRSF 5:

All to Jesus I surrender Now I feel the sacred flame O the iov of full salvation Glory glory to His name

Prayers of the People

Announcements

Invitation to Discipleship

Offering

Offertory I Need Thee Every Hour

* 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation To The Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

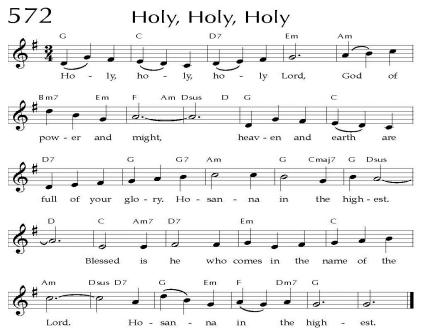
All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is right...and join their unending hymn:

All Sing:



One: Holy are you, and blessed...Great is the mystery of faith:

All Sing:

563 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen



One: Holy God, pour out your Holy Spirit...taught us to pray:

All: (The Lord's Prayer, Hymnal p. 16, traditional)

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.

Words of Institution

Communion Of The People

(The communion table is open to all. Today's communion is by intinction - come to the table as you are able via the center aisle. The servers will offer you the bread. Dip the bread into the cup and enjoy the Lord's Supper. You are invited to respond with an "Amen" and return via the outer aisles. For those with mobility concerns, servers will come to you. The bread is commercially available white bread; the round rice crackers are gluten-free.)

Communion Hymn Let Us Break Bread Together

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

VERSE 1:

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)

let us break bread together on our knees.

REFRAIN:

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

VERSE 2:

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)

let us drink wine together on our knees.

(REFRAIN)

VERSE 3:

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)

let us praise God together on our knees.

REFRAIN

Communion Prayer

GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

* Take Me to the Water (Reprise)

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

VERSE 1:

Take me to the water.

Take me to the water.

Take me to the water

to be baptized.

VERSE 2:

I love Jesus.

I love Jesus.

I love Jesus,

yes, I do.

- * Charge and Benediction (Please join hands.)
- * Passing of the Peace and Postlude

WORSHIP NOTES

Thank you to Beth Henriques for reading, and to our talented worship team of players, singers, and bell ringers!

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. All of our hymns are from the new Presbyterian hymnal *Glory to God* printed for you in the bulletin. 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 Isaiah 43:1-7

Most if not all of Isaiah is written to encourage and empower the Hebrews while they are exiles in Babylon. God always provides and Isaiah never lets up! They will return to the homeland someday.

About Acts 8:14-17

Some refer to the book of Acts as the "Gospel of the Holy Spirit." Baptism of the Lord Sunday is a celebration of the

Holy Spirit. In this time, Samaritans, are definitely the "other" people, not equal. But the word of God is for everybody, and the Holy Spirit is too! This is a radical shift as Peter and John surprise even themselves by laying hands on the Samaritans blessing them in the Holy Spirit.

About Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

John the Baptizer is a prophet in his own right. Some even think he is the long-awaited Messiah, but John is quick to correct them. The Holy Spirit is clearly at work today. Listen for God's word to you.

About the Lord's Supper

Communion on Baptism of the Lord Sunday is uniquely connectional in the Presbyterian church because baptism and communion are the only two sacraments in reformed tradition. We celebrate communion about once a month here at PCM. Our communion is all-inclusive: all are welcome, all who are blessed, all who come in the name of the Lord! The body of Christ comes with a gluten-free option, and the blood of Christ is represented by grape juice out of respect to those who struggle with alcohol. A Presbyterian understanding of The Lord's Supper is that Christ is present in Spirit at the Lord's Table, but not physically.

Questions To Go

Even Jesus gets some Holy Spirit. How cool is that? When have I felt a little push by the Holy Spirit? Does the Holy Spirit come in a whisper or a shout?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pledge Cards Due

Like a public radio station, 100% of our operating budget comes from your generosity. We are at 61% participation so far and we need about \$24k more! Let's do this! No pledge too small. What matters most is that we are all in, 100% all aboard! PCM is growing and picking up steam. Church attendance is up—lots of new families and bright happy faces. The kids love their new Sunday School. Family and church mission projects impact the streets of Madison as our family ministries grow. The Fellowship Hall Kitchen renovation is complete and community groups are back. Let's fund this!

Join the Worship Team

We make a joyful noise! Come Sing! Play! Ring bells! We want you! Contact Anna D'Achille at anna.dachille@pcmadison.org.

Serve on Sunday

All are welcome, all who come in the name of the Lord! Snacks after church— check your eNews for a link to sign up.

Teach Sunday School—It's easy, really! Contact Patrick Allred.

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.

End Hunger 3.6

Food security is an on-going humanitarian crisis that takes a life every 3.6 seconds. PCM supports the Madison Rotary End Hunger 3.6 drive and there are two ways to help—Money, and volunteer time to pack meals. This is the largest End Hunger 3.6 campaign in the country with all meals staying right here in the New Jersey area. 400k total meals—250k are packed here in Madison: Saturday, March

9th, 9am-3pm at the Simon Forum on the Drew Campus. Check your eNews for a link to give and volunteer.

Mission Co-Workers

PCM supports a number of missionaries around the world including Madison residents, Myoung Ho Yang and Ji Yeon Yoo. Both are PC(USA) commissioned mission co-workers in the field. Check your eNews for a link for more information.

Mid-week Prayers/Communion

Join us in the Parlor every Wednesday morning at 7:10am for a come-and-go round of prayers and the Lord's Supper. It's a great mid-week touchstone, and you'll be on your way in 15 minutes. No kidding! Commuters, you'll easily make the 7:32. Pastor Scott leads.

Coffee with Scott

Pastor Scott hangs out at Drip Coffee Thursday mornings at 9am ('til?). Stop by! Let's FIKA, 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 Jan. 15, 2019 @ 7pm

Like a book club, we're putting our sacred texts together—the Qur'an and the Bible—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 the traditions—Islam and Judeo/Christianity, who is God/Allah, Who is Mohammad/Jesus, and do we earn salvation? This time, we tackle the crucifixion of Jesus and what Mohammad (peace be upon them) has to say about it.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Join the Madison Beloved Community for a special worship for MLK weekend Sunday, January 20th, at 3pm, at the Holy Family Chapel on the College of St.

Elizabeth. (Turn right on Convent Road off Madison Avenue (124), cross the tracks at Convent Station, and enter the St. E's campus). Celebrating the life and times of Martin Luther King, Madison area worship and community leaders will be reflecting on Dr. King's work and writing. This is awesome worship!

Church Breakfast

Next PCM breakfast—Nautilus, Wednesday, Feb. 6th at 8am. RSVP to Cathy for the headcount. 973.377.1600. The last couple of "Men's Breakfast" events have been made a lot more fun going co-ed. Let's keep it going! Everybody welcome! Even if you just have time for a hit-and-run cup of coffee, c'mon by!

Feel the Breeze

Have you registered on Breeze? Everything PCM will soon be on Breeze (by March 1). We'll have more opportunities to learn how to use it Sundays after church starting in the new year. Here's what's coming: Want to sign up for Bottle Hill Day? Breeze. Sign up for snacks on Sunday morning? Breeze. Be a reader in church? Breeze. It's a whole new church management software package set up to help us communicate and do church better. Breeze is the hub for all things in PCM church life, event registration, giving statements—the whole nine. Check your inbox for the links to complete your sign-up. 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 January is soup, which fits perfectly with ShopRite's Can-Can Sale. Hearty, low-sodium varieties are preferred. Pick up a can or two and leave them in the basket in the narthex or in the wagon in the parish house.

Quarters for RAMP

The tube was overflowing a bit last week, so we are off to a good start in 2019! We are continuing to give this offering to RAMP, currently supporting two refugee families from Afghanistan. Please remember to save your quarters, and look for the tube in the lobby area during fellowship time each Sunday.

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619



This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.



This African American spiritual sums up the commitment of a candidate for baptism: the request for the rite, an expression of motivation, and a succinct affirmation of faith. The widening melodic lines build anticipation and give weight to the final phrase of each stanza.

Let Us Break Bread Together 525



This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshipers' experience.

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

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