



Welcome, we are glad you are here!

# 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

# Second Sunday in Lent

Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD! — Psalm 27:14 (NRSV)

#### THE GATHERING

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

Introit

#### Welcome

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

\* Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain (v.1,3,5)

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

#### VERSE 1:

Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John, we are dazzled by your glory, light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.

#### VERSE 3:

What do you want us to hear there, that your dear disciples heard?
Once again the voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word,
"Listen, listen, everyone:
this is my beloved Son."

VERSE 5:

We who have beheld your glory, risen and ascended Lord,

cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard; say with Peter, James, and John: "You are God's beloved Son!"

#### The God of Abraham Praise

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

#### VERSE 1:

The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above,
the Ancient of Eternal Days,
the God of love!
The Lord, the great I am,
by earth and heaven confessed,
we bow before your holy name,
forever blest.

#### VERSE 2:

Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will. In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still. Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand, deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.

#### VERSE 3:

Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest, a land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound, and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

#### VERSE 4:

You have eternal life implanted in the soul; your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
We praise you, living God!
We praise your holy name: the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!

# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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

#### VERSE 1:

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

#### VERSE 2:

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might: thy justice, like mountains high soaring above; thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

#### VERSE 3:

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all. We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

# VERSE 4:

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight. All praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

# \* Opening Prayer

Loving God,

you save all who seek refuge in you. Grant us salvation to always be in your light, take courage in your faithfulness, and rejoice in your astounding goodness to us. In the power of Holy Spirit, through Christ we pray. Amen.

#### 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 mercy, even the season of Lent tempts us with our own desires. We yearn for so many things. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. We want what we want. Lent is hard. Have mercy, O God, and forgive the blindness of our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through our Savior, Jesus Christ. O Lord, hear our prayers...

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**

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!

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**

Amazing God, open the farthest and darkest corners of our hearts and minds with the light of your Word. Let the word of your Holy Scripture penetrate our souls—Come Holy Spirit, enlighten us! Amen.

#### Reading from the Psalter Psalm 27

(O.T. pg. 503)

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sub>2</sub>When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh — my adversaries and foes — they shall stumble and fall.

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup>One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

<sub>5</sub>For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

<sup>6</sup>Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

8"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.

<sub>9</sub>Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant

away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

<sub>10</sub>If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up.

Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

<sup>12</sup>Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

13 believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

<sup>14</sup>Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

# **Epistle Reading** Philippians 3:17-4:1

(N.T. pg. 198)

<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Special Music** Your Grace Is Enough

Matt Maher

Young People's Message

Gospel Reading Luke 13:31-35

(N.T. pg. 77)

31At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." 32He said

to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' 34Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

**Sermon** "No Fear"

# **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\* In the Cross of Christ I Glory (v.1-3)

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

#### **VERSE 1:**

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

# VERSE 2:

When the woes of life o'er-take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

# VERSE 3:

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way, from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

\* Affirmation of Faith Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! 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** (Old Hundredth - sung together) (The tune for the *Doxology* is at the back of this booklet.)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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

\* Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain (Reprise)

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

Jesus, take us to the mountain,
where, with Peter, James, and John,
we are dazzled by your glory,
light as blinding as the sun.

There prepare us for the night
by the vision of that sight.

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

#### **WORSHIP NOTES**

Thank you to Elder Barbara Schuszler for reading today, 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 examples, 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 the Season of Lent

Today is the second Sunday in the season of Lent which is "back-timed" based on the shifting calendar date for Easter. In the Western Church, Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox. The Lenten tradition calls for fasting for 40 days to honor the 40 days of temptation and fasting that Jesus faced in the desert (see the canonical synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke). Or, you could try a new spiritual discipline instead of focusing just on fasting, which is only one of them. But, why are there 46 days in Lent instead of 40? Sundays don't count! Each Sunday is a tribute to the resurrection, or a "mini-Easter," and a day to feast.

The sermon series for Lent is focused on the spiritual disciplines. Our conversation partner is the book *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth* by Richard J.

Foster. He takes us through living into a number of good Christian practices including: *Meditation, Prayer, Fasting, Study, Simplicity, Solitude, Submission, Service, Confession, Worship, Guidance,* or *Celebration*. You can buy the book at any retailer or for any format of eReader. Pastor Scott will lead us through the book touching a number of disciplines in the sermons. Please join us for a deeper dive and conversation—Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the church parlor (except April 7). Childcare provided!

#### About the Christ Candle

We continue to burn the Christ Candle from Christmas and through Lent until Good Friday to recognize the light of Christ in the world connecting Christmas to Holy Week.

# **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 27

This week's Old Testament reading is from the book of Psalms. According to tradition, Psalm 27 is written by King David, "a man after God's own heart"—some say the greatest king ever to serve Israel. But on the creative side, he is also a very prolific songwriter. Psalm 27 is about trust in God and this writer has absolutely no fear.

# About Philippians 3:17-4:1

The Epistle Lesson from Philippians crosses over between Chapters 3 and 4. The Apostle Paul writes from prison to the church at Philippi, which is the western-most of Paul's church-planting. While he plans to go to Spain, he never makes it. Today, Paul writes from prison possibly near the end of his life, and there's a sense of urgency as if this may be his last.

#### About Luke 13:31-35

As Jesus goes about his work, the number of followers is constantly growing. Word is getting out about this prophet, teacher, and leader, and people are processing. He challenges the status quo both in the Jewish tradition and among the civil authorities as well. He speaks truth to power from this "kingdom of God that has come near." King Herod (a Hellenistic Jew) is especially concerned since the Roman Empire has charged him as governor to keep order among "his people." What then to do with this Jesus?

#### About the Affirmation of Faith

We don't just confess our sins in the Presbyterian church. We have an entire scripturally inspired Book of Confessions as a part of our constitution. These confessions and creeds historically chart our points of view, what we believe, and how our reformed theology has morphed and grown over the centuries. Google "PC(USA) Book of Confessions" if you want to learn more. Sometimes, we don't need to look any further than raw scripture itself for a solid confession of faith and today is one of those days.

#### **Questions To Go**

Lent is a season of inward examination and personal exposure. How does my heart feel about that today?

What do I do with the tension?

Where do I get my energy?

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Lent - Celebration of Discipline

Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth is the classic spiritual formation book by Richard J. Foster. This will be our conversation partner through the season of Lent, Sermon series, and weekly deep-dives into the book. It's awesome! It's not so much about what's "right" but about what's good Christian practice through a variety of spiritual disciplines such as: Meditation, Prayer, Fasting, Study, Simplicity, Solitude, Submission, Service, Confession, Worship, Guidance, or Celebration. Let's do this! Pastor Scott will walk us through the book most Sundays in Lent at 9am in the parlor. Childcare provided!

# St. Baldrick's, Mar. 24th, 1pm

Take a good look in the mirror and say goodbye to that hair! \$350k raised and 235 heads shaved so far—Team Eric is back Sunday, March 24! Plan to ante up and shave your head in solidarity with all kids fighting cancer! Downtown Salon will again be doing the cutting, and Bottle Hill Tavern will be hosting with 10% of all proceeds to the cause. Register at 1pm at BHT. Head-shaving starts at 1:30. Check your eNews for sign up links.

#### Concerts

# Rising Stars in Madison Mar. 24th 3pm

The Center for Music Excellence Presents the Rising Stars in Madison concert series! Come hear the wonder of rising star Matthew Cohen on viola in this intimate and wonderful concert at 3pm, Sunday, March 24th in the PCM Sanctuary. Free Admission.

# Bach's St. Matthew Passion

A Harmonium Presentation, Sunday, April 7th, 1:30pm, St. Mary's Abbey at Delbarton, 230 Mendham Rd, Morristown.

# iMarraige (Couples, plug in!)

Expectations. Every marriage has 'em. The "iMarriage" study walks you through it—little 'i', BIG 'MARRIAGE.' We

get married thinking "I hope...I wish...I want...I expect..." and soon discover unmet expectations can collide in the middle and lead to unexpected fireworks! 6 Sessions in the iMarriage group study take you through Andy Stanley's three key teachings to help you transform your expectations and examine the "I's" of marriage: "Keeping My 'I' On You," "Putting Your 'I' Out," and "It Takes Three." There will be activities for the kids. Sundays from 5-6:15pm in the Parlor: 3/31, 4/14, 4/28, 5/5, 5/19 and 6/2. Buy your Study Guide in the Sanctuary Lobby or the church office.

# Day Camp 2019

Our Day Camp starts Monday, June 24th to Friday, June 28th, 9 AM - 3 PM. PreK - 5th Grade. Kids will be dropped off in Webb Chapel (Our older Chapel on the corner of Green and Wilmer) each day for registration and picked up in the same location. Each child will need a packed lunch. Snacks and drinks will be provided by the church. The cost of Day Camp is \$200 per child with a maximum cost of \$500 per family. You can register through our website at pcmadison.org, through the link in your eNews, or contact Patrick Allred.

# Per Capita 2019

Each year PCM is assessed a per member fee to support the missions of the mid-level governing bodies (Presbytery and Synod) and the General Assembly of the PC(USA). Please consider covering this fee with a separate gift. It reduces the PCM budget line item by thousands if we all pitch in. The fee is \$37 per member, including youth who have been confirmed. For example: Per couple, \$74. Families with one youth, \$111 and so on. Covering the per capita frees up your pledges and offerings to the operations and missions of our church. Please note "per capita" on your check or envelope. Thank you!

# Mid-week Prayers/Communion

Here's something you could start for Lent: Join us in the Parlor every Wednesday morning at 7:10am for a comeand-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, solve world problems, see if you can melt an entire biscotti in a cup of tea—we might even talk about God. Crazy, right?

#### Feel the Breeze

This the way to connect in PCM. Have you registered on Breeze? Breeze is the new church communication hub for everything PCM. We are fully implementing Breeze now. It's an easy interface—come learn how to use it Sundays after church in the lobby. Everything comes back to Breeze: 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 all Breeze: event registration, giving statements—the whole nine. Check your inbox for the links to complete your signup. It's really is a breeze!

# 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.

# **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 March is canned beans - any variety. Please leave your donation in the basket in the narthex or in the wagon in the parish house.

#### Quarters for RAMP

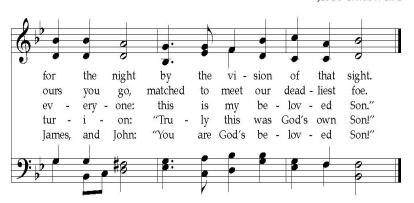
The tube has been filled for the first time this year, so it's time to start again. Please continue to save your quarters and look for the tube in the lobby area during refreshment time each Sunday. After working with Church World Service for the first three refugee families, RAMP is currently exploring other potential partners. Watch this space for updates.



# 193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain



Some version of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1–9/Mark 9:2–9/Luke 9:28–36) is always read on the last Sunday after the Epiphany. In this text that foretaste of Christ's glorification helps to prepare Peter, James, and John for their roles as proclaimers of "God's beloved Son."





Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the Yigdal, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12



The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

# In the Cross of Christ I Glory 213



Like Isaac Watts's "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (nos. 223, 224), this hymn is a reflection on Galatians 6:14, but this text is more abstract and devotes no attention to the person hanging on the cross. The tune is named for a soloist in the composer's Connecticut choir.

# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



# NOTES:



# **EASTER 2019**

If you would like to contribute to the church's Easter decorations, make your check payable to the Presbyterian Church of Madison and return it (marked "Easter decorations") with this completed form to the office or put it in the offering plate. Deadline is April 15th.

Please accept my \$25 contribution towards the purchase of Easter plants or decorations.

Please print your name and the name of the person you would like to honor or memorialize; if no name is given, the donation will be listed in the bulletin as "In celebration of the risen Christ."

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# 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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