



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of MADISON

Lives Transformed

Welcome, we are glad you are here!

December 8, 2019

DECEMBER 8, 2019

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

Second Sunday of Advent

“The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.” May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. — Romans 15:12-13

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...”

* *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (v.1,3,4)

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

VERSE 1:

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

VERSE 3:

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

VERSE 4:

O come, thou Root of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;

from depths of hell thy people save
and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

Jesus Shall Reign

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VERSE 1:

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till sun shall rise and set no more

VERSE 2:

Blessings abound where'er He reigns
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains
The weary find eternal rest
And all the sons of want are blessed

CHORUS:

To our King be highest praise
Rising through eternal days
Just and faithful He shall reign
Jesus shall reign

VERSE 3:

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name

VERSE 4:

Let every creature rise and bring
Blessing and honor to our King
Angels descend with songs again
And earth repeat the loud amen

Opening Prayer

Prince of Peace, stir up your power within us as we wait with abundant expectation. The promise of creation comes when you live and reign among us, Maker, Savior, and Giver of Life, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins together, God is faithful and just. The Lord will forgive us and wash away our unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession

Dear God, Christ and Holy Spirit, bring us joy in this Advent season. Help us to feel peace in the coming of baby Jesus—Emmanuel, God among us. Silence the clutter of the world. Help us to hear your call to justice, loving-kindness and mercy. Challenge us to bring warmth to all your people. Present us with right choices and the courage to make them. 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! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

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.

Commissioning of the Soup Kitchen Meal Team

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, open our hearts and minds to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own. We have come to be filled with new insight into your word. Enlighten us. Open our minds, hearts, and eyes to new vision. Release our spirits with renewal in the Word. Amen.

Prophetic Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

(O.T. pg. 640)

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Sermon “Spirit and Fire”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*** *Soon and Very Soon***

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

VERSE 1:

**Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we’re going to see the King!**

VERSE 2:

**No more crying there: we are going to see the King.
No more crying there: we are going to see the King.
No more crying there: we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we’re going to see the King!**

VERSE 3:

**No more dying there: we are going to see the King.
No more dying there: we are going to see the King.**

No more dying there: we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!

VERSE 4:

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!

* 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.
(*catholic in lower case means "universal.")

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

* *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (Reprise)

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

VERSE 1:

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

* Charge and Benediction (Please join hands.)

* Passing of the Peace and Postlude

WORSHIP NOTES

Thank you to Elder Barbara Schuszler for reading today. And special thanks to Laura Hunt Schank and John for our beautiful Advent Sanctuary decorations. Thank you!

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 traditional hymns and pieces. All of our hymns are from the new Presbyterian hymnal *Glory to God* printed for you in the bulletin. We have singers. We have organ music. The bell choir rings. We hear our students. We hear soloists. We hear the band. It's a mix, and we don't have everything in the same day—unless you want to skip lunch. We hope it touches you.

About Advent

Advent marks the beginning of the Christmas season in the Christian tradition. It is the time of waiting, anticipating the coming of the Nativity of Jesus. Advent is a translation of the Latin word for *coming*.

The etymology works like this: Latin *adventus* is the translation of the Greek word *parousia*, commonly used to refer to the Second Coming of Christ. So, some of us approach Advent in two ways. We share in the ancient longing for the coming of the long-awaited Messiah and we stay alert for his Second Coming.

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 Sundays, our readings are from that same New Revised Standard Version translation. Exceptions are noted.

About Isaiah 2:1-5

Today's reading from Isaiah gives us a prophetic glimpse of a radically new world. This kingdom is not defined by the traditional sense of kingdoms won by war and conquest. Instead, the new kingdom is built on peace and the promise of the coming Messiah.

About Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist appears on the scene preparing the way of the Lord. Listen carefully. Here's the good news: Jesus is coming. Here's the challenge: Jesus is coming. There is peace in the coming of the Christ. And there is tension.

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

Who are my rock stars?

What is creating the most tension for me right now?

How am I dealing with the tension?



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Events

- Sponsor Poinsettias now – Contact Cathy at 973.377.1600
- O. Henry Christmas – Today at 4pm, in Sanctuary (\$15/ ticket)
- Christmas Pageant/Brunch – Dec. 15th 10:15am
- Christmas Caroling Dec. 22nd – Evening
- Candlelight Christmas Eve Dec. 24th at 4:30pm

O Henry Christmas

An O. Henry Christmas is a charming, heartwarming play that weaves together a number of short stories written by O. Henry. A group of outcasts form their own family in an 1800's railroad yard—the joy of giving and the heartbreak of sacrifice bring the message of Christmas to life. Proceeds benefit Peace Works and the Masaya, Nicaragua Women's Shelter. 4pm this afternoon—Tickets are \$15 at the door in the Sanctuary. Check the eNews to download the flyer.

Madison Eagle Christmas Fund

PCM supports a local family with Christmas presents and this year's family of four young children hope for a bright magical holiday! Choose an ornament from the tree in the lobby of the sanctuary and purchase the requested item—or make a monetary donation and let us do the shopping for you! It's that easy! Wrapped presents are due at the church by Tues, Dec. 10th. Please contact Sara Burnet with any questions: 973-769-2712, saraburnet@hotmail.com.

Christmas Joy Special Offering, Sunday, Dec. 15th

The Christmas Joy Offering reflects that God is with us. Through generous gifts we support church leaders among us, retired, present and future, who have pointed us to God. 50% of our gift assists current and retired church workers and their families in financial need. 50% of our gift make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith

at Presbyterian related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Christmas Pageant, Dec. 15th

You don't wanna miss our annual Christmas Pageant program Sunday morning, Dec. 15th at 10:15! Then, join us in Fellowship Hall after church for brunch celebrating the kids in the Christmas Pageant! We're looking for volunteers who can make a few breakfast casseroles (5-6 in total), fruit salads (2-3 in total), and donate a few bottles of orange juice. Email Michael Callahan at michael.callahan@pcmadison.org if you can help out.

Family Christmas Caroling

Sunday, Dec. 15th, 5:00pm. Join us at the Baisches' House, 24 Hillside Ave., for libations, good food, and good times. Then, we'll cruise the area up the hill from church spreading good cheer and singing loud for all to hear! Stroller-friendly route—bring the kids! This is amazing Christmas fun!

Community Soup Kitchen

Join the team! PCM is forming teams to serve at the CSK in Morristown—Sundays from 11:15am to 1:30pm: Jan 5th, and Feb 9th with more dates to come. We need between 2-5 volunteers. Must be 12 or older and all must wear hats (provided). Carpooling will leave PCM at 10:45 to be at CSK—36 South St. by 11:15. Parking is on the street or at the DeHart Street garage. And, Friday—Jan 10 from 12:45-2:30 is their free Farmers Market—come join this team of 3 to help sort and distribute the market goods. Even if you can't serve, but you want a PCM hat—we can get you one for \$20. Email kathleenunderwood@verizon.net to sign up or order a hat.

Stewardship Thank You

Thank you for supporting our church! We are off to a strong start with total dollars pacing well ahead of last year. Pledge cards are due now in this PCM season of intentional transformation guided by our vision - to see lives transformed, families strengthened, and our community

renewed through intentional relationship with Jesus Christ. Evidence of that transformation is everywhere. Spaces, staff, programming and our presence in the community have created growth and a strong foundation. Our future is exciting and compelling, but it takes all of us to get there. Your pledge—your engagement ensures we live into the vision.

PCM Wants You!

Come join the worship team! Make a joyful noise with us. Oh yes, you can! No experience necessary—we'll teach you everything. Whether you like to sing, play an instrument, or want to learn how to ring bells, we want you! Come let your music flag fly and join our worship team. Everybody's welcome—no judging allowed! Contact Anna D'Achille or Michael Callahan for more details!

RAMP Refugee Help

RAMP welcomes a new refugee from Afghanistan relocating to Morris County! PCM supports families moving to escape unrest in their home countries through Refugee Assistance Morris Partners (RAMP). There are a variety of ways to volunteer to help them in the relocation process. Contact Gerry Gannon at mgannon@webtv.net for more information.

Coffee with Scott

Pastor Scott hangs out at Drip Coffee every Thursday starting at 9am! Come get a shot of caffeine. Let's FIKA, solve world problems, see if you can melt an entire biscotti in a cup of tea—we actually get around to talking about Jesus. Crazy, right?

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.

Serve on Sunday

All are welcome, all who come in the name of the Lord! Snacks after church—an email has gone out giving everyone the opportunity to sign up through Breeze! Or you can call the church office if you prefer.

Teach Sunday School—It's easy, really! Contact Michael Callahan.

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!

Our focus in December is the “white offering” of diapers and formula, in honor of the baby Jesus. The latest list from the Pantry indicates that size 6 diapers and baby wipes are most needed, but all sizes of diapers and Pull-Ups are welcome, as is Enfamil infant formula

Quarters for RAMP

The tube was overflowing recently, so it has been emptied and we are working on filling it up again. Please continue to save your quarters and look for the tube in the refreshment area each Sunday. RAMP plans to continue to work with the International Rescue Committee to sponsor additional families in 2020.







88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heavenly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
 our spirits by thine advent here;
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadows put to flight.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 all peoples in one heart and mind;
 bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
 fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)

Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)

Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)

Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)

Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)

Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)

Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)

384 Soon and Very Soon

1 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
2 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
3 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
4 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

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No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

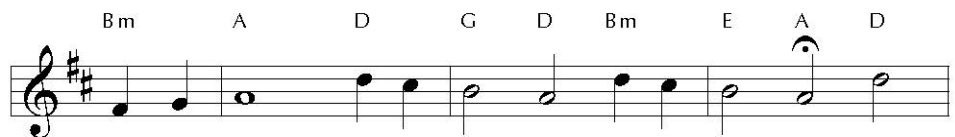
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're going to see the King!

This spirited African American gospel hymn draws on John's vision of the new heaven and the new earth in Revelation 21:3-4, with its wonderful promise that God will wipe away the tears from all eyes, that death will be no longer, and that there will be no more mourning or pain.

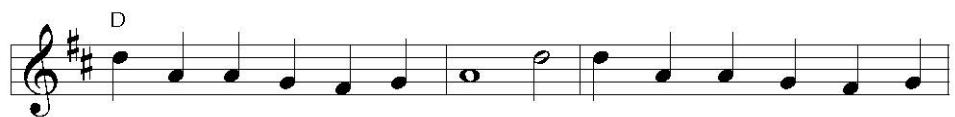
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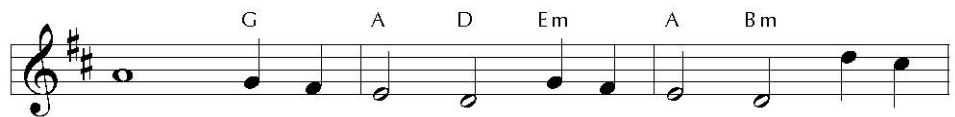
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all creatures



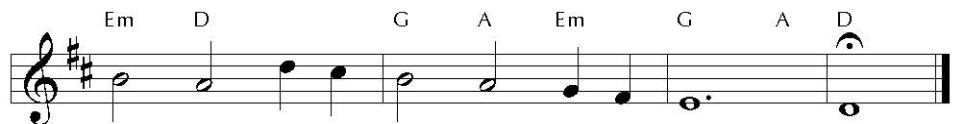
here below. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise



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!



ADVENT 2019

The beautiful Christmas decorations in our sanctuary, including the poinsettias that will arrive in mid-December, are a wonderful way to remember a loved one or to honor someone special.

Please complete this donation form before December 20th and include with your donation of \$30.00 or more, so your gift can be acknowledged in our bulletin.

GIVEN BY: _____

PHONE:

Dedication(s) to read:

Checks should be made payable to the Presbyterian Church of Madison with a note that it is for Christmas decorations. If no specific dedication is given, the donation will be listed in the bulletin as "In celebration of the birth of Christ."

Please indicate if you wish to pick up a poinsettia following the Christmas Eve service.

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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10:15AM Sunday Service

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