

Madison Presbyterian Church
Sunday, October 1, 2023
18th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of Preparation

Eternal God, in every age you have chosen your own, followers who answer your call, children in whom your grace is known and seen. Encounter us today in hearing your word, in gathering around your table, in claiming your promises for ourselves and our children. Let your Spirit be known among us and your word be our strength.

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Hour

Opening Voluntary *How Great Thou Art* arr. Mary McDonald

*Call to Worship (Psalm 25)

To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

Make us to know your ways, O Lord.

Lead us in your truth, and teach us,

for you are the God of our salvation.

Be mindful of your mercy, Lord, and of your steadfast love.

Good and upright are you O Lord.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,

for those who keep God's covenants and decrees.

*Hymn 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Prayer of Confession

God of all mercy, you alone know the paths we have trod; you alone know the ways we have wandered away from you. We have wanted what is good, but we confess that we have failed to achieve it for ourselves and others. We nod our heads, assenting to faith, but we fail to stand up when it comes time to obey. We substitute our desires for your commands, and hide from the struggle of following your son. Forgive our weakness and our fear, and mold us in the image of our Lord, whose presence is our strength now and always.

(We continue in silence.....)

Assurance of Pardon

Our God is a God of justice, waiting to be gracious to us, yearning to have pity on us. God does not repay us according to our sins, but forgives us when we stray and restores us in grace to the promise of life eternal. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Response *Gloria Patri*

***Glorify be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.***

Time for Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:23-32

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Shine on Us* M.W. Smith/D.D. Smith/Harlan
Rae Merritt, Matthew Smith, Julia Butler-Mayes

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13

Sermon Plowing the Field Rev. Arch Baker

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Reverie Melodique* Ira Wilson

*Doxology

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

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Music for Communion *One Bread, One Body* Foley/arr. Hayes

Prayer After Communion

*Hymn 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Closing Voluntary *Hymn of Thanksgiving* E.L. Ashford

*Charge and Blessing

**We raise ourselves in body or spirit*

Serving in Worship

Rev. Arch Baker, Interim Pastor

Lori Hume, Liturgist

Karisa Seymour, Director of Music

Meghan Shafer, Organist

Tommy Arthur, Communications Technologist

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 1

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

4:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsals (Room 205)

Monday, October 2

12:30 pm Prayer Ministry (Church Library)

7:00 pm Brotherhood Ministry (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, October 3

7:30 am Men's Breakfast/Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 pm Pastor Nominating Committee (Library)

Wednesday, October 4

10:30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study (Library)

6:00 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study Group (Library)

7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God by Ashley and Brad Hawk and in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Youth Breakfast Club: For the month of October, middle and high school youth and their friends are invited to gather at Chick-fil-a for breakfast club! We will not meet on Wednesday, October 4 due to Fall Break—we will resume on Wednesday, October 11 at 7:15 am. Please reach out to Ansley Cochran if you are interested in volunteering to lead a devotional at breakfast club one week—this is a wonderful opportunity to engage in fellowship with our amazing MPC youth!

Save the Date!!! The Churchwide Fall Picnic will be held Sunday, November 5 immediately following the worship service at Garry and Lissa Phelps' Barn. Be sure to watch bulletins for more information.

Lessons and Carols Adult Choir Rehearsals will begin Wednesday, October 11, 7:00—7:45 pm in the choir room. If you are interested in participating please contact Karisa Seymour at kseymourmpc@gmail.com.

The Pastor Nominating Committee in an effort to make the next months easier for both our new Pastor and all of us in the congregation has formed a Transition Team. Those on the Team are Robert Trulock, Sydney McWhirter, Jan Wilbanks, and Susan McCullar. We all want to get to know her and she wants to get to know all of us. There will be many opportunities in the next weeks. She will be meeting in small groups with the Elders, Bible Study groups, Sunday School classes, Circle group, etc. Look for opportunities soon to sign up for informal meet and greet and question meetings in members' homes and at the church. An email address has been set up for anyone who has questions or comments. The Team may be reached at mpctransition@gmail.com.

Prayer Requests for Week of October 1, 2023

Health Concerns/Friends

- Clarice Woods (Hayes)
- Dillon Lewis (Phelps)
- Nell Roach (Moore)
- Bonnie Hicky (Connolly)
- Daniel Laughlin (Hume)
- Will Howell (Massey)
- Tommy Buttermore (Buttermore)
- Howard Schwartz (Joy Mattocks' father)
- Dr. Ralph Jensen (Karl Jensen)
- Richard Stroud (Mitchell)
- Mike Rigdon (Allison)
- The Nagel Family (Berry)
- Windy Johnston (Johnston)
- Jane Holland (Kennedy)
- Gaynell Thomas (Evans)
- Madeline Andrews (Chapin)
- Bill Gourley (Hughes)
- Sydney Ozburn (Merritt)
- Ann Hackett (Vaughan)
- Michael Callicutt Family (Orr)
- Sharon Brickell
- Cami Jackson (Lamb)
- George Carlson (Carlson)
- Marilyn Bremer (Steele)
- Diane Arnold (Allison)
- Tinlei Miller (Steele)
- Jeanne Hasty (Wilbanks)
- Janet Morrison (Davie)
- Pedro Che
- Joe DiLetto (Latham)

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 10/1 Beth Fears
10/2 Zoe Hamilton
Lee Warbington
10/3 Duncan Hume
Dorothy Newton
10/4 Martha Kelly
Nancy Launius
10/6 Gene & Karen Massey

Joys and Celebrations

Courtney Brown Pittman

Health Concerns/Church Members

- Tim Lamb
- WH Ashburn
- John Moore
- Rose Mary Hughes
- Marshall Bailey
- Marvin Kennedy
- Jim Malanowski
- Lee Warbington
- Flo Sharp

Senior Care/Assisted Living

- Mary Grace Boyd (Jeff Dobski's mother)
- Betty Casaday
- Betty Morris
- Bill and HuEllen Connolly (Connolly)
- Eva Boulder
- Judy Lawton

Serving Our Country

- Parker Jackson—Anderson Air Force Base, Guam (son of Hoyt and Brillo Jackson)
- Major Michael Launius (son of George and Nancy Launius)
- Cpt. Ben Burnum (husband of Megan Hume Burnum) CMR 415 Box 5669, APO AE 09114-0057
- SR Richards, Ian (grandson of Ed and Pam Latham) Ft. Belvoir Community Hospital, Box 471, 9300 Dewitt Loop, Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060

With Special Thanks to the Pastor

Nominating Committee

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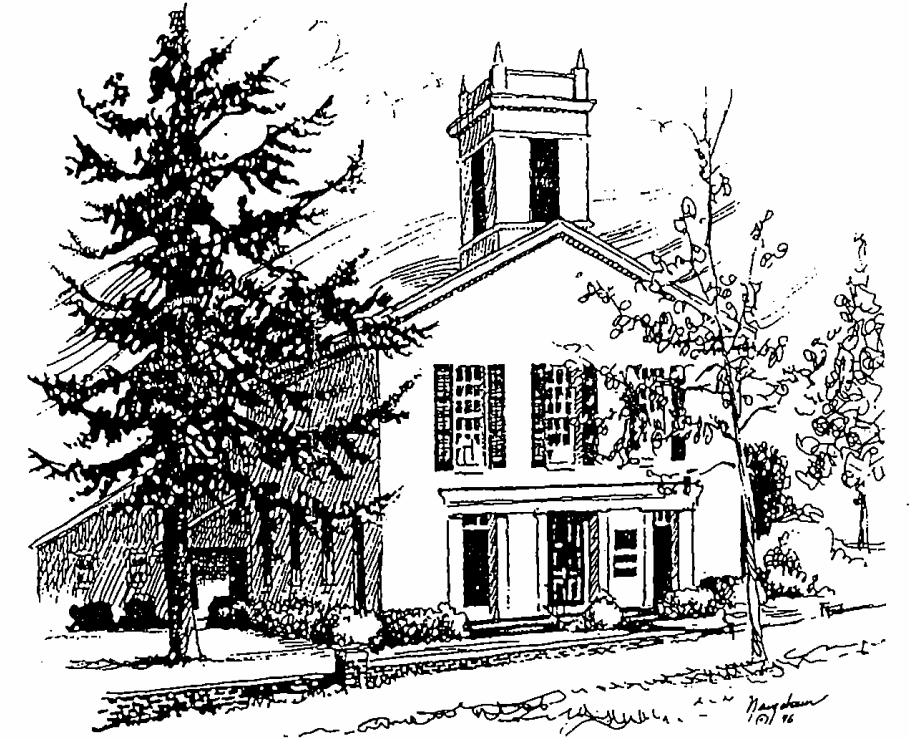
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