

Madison Presbyterian Church
Sunday, October 15, 2023
20th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of Preparation

God of all creation, in your majesty you created all that is, and planted life within us. In your love you redeemed us in Christ as your new creation. We come to you in trust and in hope, to hear again your promise of life everlasting for those who believe in you and follow the way of Christ. Let our prayers be our pledge of service in your kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Hour

Opening Voluntary

*Call to Worship (Psalm 23, unison)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,

he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

*Hymn 415 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

Prayer of Confession

God of all compassion, we confess that though we affirm with our lips the value of all people, in our hearts and minds we are full of prejudice and reservations about others. We say we recognize all your children, but we find it difficult to accept some people as brothers and sisters in Christ. Forgive us the prejudice that makes us play favorites and judge others as less than we are ourselves. Grant us oneness in Christ through the mercy of your love.

(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 has judged us and does not condemn us for our sin, but as far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our sin from us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

*Response *Gloria Patri*

***Glory 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

Christie Jones

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Zephaniah 1:14-18

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:1-14

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

Anthem *O Breath of God* K. Getty & P. Maderia/arr. Shackley

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 4:1-9

Sermon *Rejoice Anyway* Rev. Arch Baker

*Hymn 801 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

*Affirmation of Faith (The Apostle's Creed)

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.

Prayers of the People (Choral Amen)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*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.***

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Closing Voluntary

*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

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in celebration of Jack Marbutt's birthday by Ryan and Casey Marbutt.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 15

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

4:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsals (Room 205)

Monday, October 16

12:30 pm Prayer Ministry (Church Library)

Tuesday, October 17

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

Wednesday, October 18

7:00 am Youth Breakfast Club (Chick-fil-a)

10:30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study (Library)

5:15 pm JAM (Children's Ministry Program) (Fellowship Hall)

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

7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Please join us as we say farewell to Pastor Arch Baker. A luncheon will be held in the fellowship hall immediately following the worship service on Sunday, October 22. All are welcome!!

The congregation and friends of Madison Presbyterian Church are invited to attend a Service of Ordination and Installation for Courtney Brown Pittman as Senior Pastor on Sunday, October 29, 2:30 pm in the sanctuary. Reception to follow.

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 meet each Wednesday 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!

Lessons and Carols Adult Choir Rehearsals each Wednesday, 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.

Ministry Bags for October: The focus for our Ministry Bags in October will be Habitat for Humanity. Homeownership for so many is a dream that many wonder will ever happen. Habitat for Humanity can make that happen through volunteers and the future homeowner working together! It is hard work that is sweaty and tiring but the reward is super special! Saturday mornings make it happen! Fill your Ministry Bag with some of these items that will make their job easier! Items include: drinking cups, drinks, drink mixes (like Gatorade powder), snacks (like granola bars, cheese crackers, etc.), cotton work gloves found by the box at Harbor Freight, rubber gloves, and cleaning supplies (such as liquid soap, Fantastic, Windex, etc.). Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Prayer Requests for Week of October 15, 2023

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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)
- Sydney Ozburn (Merritt)
- 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)
- Susan Doves (Vaughan)
- Pat Leming (Wilbanks)

Health Concerns/Church Members

- Tim Lamb
- WH Ashburn
- John Moore
- Rose Mary Hughes
- Marshall Bailey
- Marvin Kennedy
- 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 Boulter
- 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

Christopher Jones
Allen Orr
Ashley Hawk
Becky Thompson
Dan Jones
John Moore
Larkin Kelly
Linda Sky
Matthew Smith

Birthdays and Anniversaries

10/15 Ansley Cochran
10/17 Ella Stamps
10/19 Holly Phitides

Joys and Celebrations

Courtney Brown Pittman

STAFF

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