

Madison Presbyterian Church
Sunday, October 29, 2023
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of Preparation

The works of our hands are gifts of your mercy, O God, and all that we have is a sign of your love. If we have strength, it is because you uplift us; when we have joy, it is on account of your grace. We praise you when you comfort us; we are afraid when you judge us in anger. With Christ as our intercessor, accept now our worship in thanksgiving for the care you show. Amen.

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Hour

Opening Voluntary *Day by Day the Shepherd Leads* arr. Ron Mallory

*Call to Worship (Psalm 1)

Happy are those whose delight is in the law of the Lord.

and on God's law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,

in all that they do, they prosper.

Therefore, sinners will not stand in the judgement;

for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous.

*Hymn 306 (vs 1-4) *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Prayer of Confession

God who loves us, we are taught to love you with all of our heart, but we confess that our devotion is too often less than complete. We are taught to love you with all of our soul, but we confess that we long to have our own way. We are taught to love you with all of our mind, but our thoughts are seldom so pure. We are taught to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we confess our preference for ourselves first and above others. God have mercy on us and forgive us when our lives do not embody your law. Strengthen our spirits in the true grace of Christ, in whose name we pray.

(We continue in silence.....)

Assurance of Pardon

This is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. I will forgive their evil deeds, and I will remember their sin no more. 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

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

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

Anthem *Abide With Me* Victor Johnson

New Testament Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

Sermon *Turning Points* Rev. Arch Baker

*Hymn 4 *Holy God We Praise Your Name*

*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 *O God Beyond All Praising* arr. Linda R. Mallory

*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 81 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Closing Voluntary *May the Road Rise Up to Meet You* Jerry Weseley Harris

*Charge and Blessing

**We raise ourselves in body or spirit*

Serving in Worship

Rev. Arch Baker, Interim Pastor

Susan McCullar, Liturgist

Karisa Seymour, Director of Music

Meghan Shafer, Organist

Handbell Choir, directed by David Boardman

Tommy Arthur, Communications Technologist

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in celebration of the ordination and installation of Courtney Brown Pittman.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 29

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

4:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsals (Room 205)

Monday, October 30

12:30 pm Prayer Ministry (Church Library)

Tuesday, October 31

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

Wednesday, November 1

7:00 am Youth Breakfast Club

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)

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 TODAY, 2:30 pm in the sanctuary. Reception to follow.

The Annual Church-wide Picnic will be held Sunday, November 5, immediately following the worship service at Garry and Lissa Phelps' barn (2230 Sandy Creek Road). To sign up contact the church office at nickipepersmpc@gmail.com or scan the QR code in this week's Weekly Word.

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.

The Brotherhood Ministry will meet Monday, November 6, 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. For more information contact Stan Ashley at 404-234-5486.

Prayer Requests for Week of October 29, 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)
- Cami Jackson (Lamb)
- George Carlson (Carlson)
- Marilyn Bremer (Steele)
- Diane Arnold (Allison)
- Tinlei Miller (Steele)
- Jeanne Hasty (Wilbanks)
- Janet Morrison (Davie)
- Pedro Che
- 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
- Sally Boardman
- Sharon Brickell

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

10/29 Kennedy Hawk
10/30 Carol Allison
Christopher Jones
Joe Sky
11/1 Anna Beth Barber
Britt Philpott
11/2 Champ Lance
11/3 Henry Dickinson
11/4 Lanier Owen

Joys and Celebrations

- Rev. Courtney Brown Pittman
- Colin and Emily Pettigrew on the birth of their daughter, Margaret.

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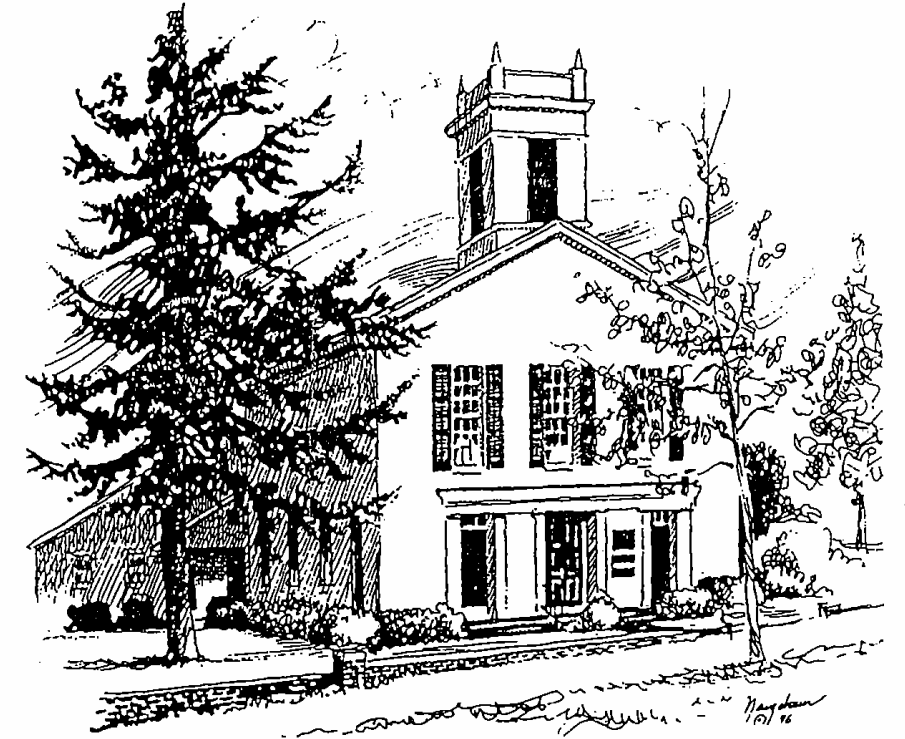
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