

Madison Presbyterian Church
Sunday, October 8, 2023
19th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of Preparation

Whatever is pure, whatever is just, whatever is gracious, O God, is yours. We gather to praise your name and declare your glory in the midst of our neighbors. Bring to us this day an understanding through your word, and the sure knowledge that you are among us to guide us. In Christ we are knit together and as one we worship your holy name. Amen.

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Hour

Opening Voluntary

*Call to Worship (Psalm 80)

Restore us, O God of hosts;

turn your face to us that we may be saved.

Turn again, O God of hosts;

look down from heaven and have regard for us.

Break down the walls that separate us,

that all who see us may know you, Lord.

*Hymn 846

Fight the Good Fight

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you have taught us to value most the life that is lived for you, but our desires are strong, and we find the world's measure of success more attractive. We pursue our own goals and forget yours; we live for ourselves, forgetting the cost to others. Forgive our short sightedness, O God, and transform our hearts by the power of your Spirit that we may love what you have commanded, and live within that hope which you have made in Jesus Christ our Lord.

(We continue in silence.....)

Assurance of Pardon

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. 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: Isaiah 5:1-7

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14

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

Anthem

Built on A Rock

Joel Raney

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon

A Tense Faith

Rev. Arch Baker

*Hymn 450

Be Thou My Vision

*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

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 515

I Come With Joy

Closing Voluntary

*Charge and Blessing

**We raise ourselves in body or spirit*

Serving in Worship

Rev. Arch Baker, Interim Pastor

Lorene Malanowski, Liturgist

Karisa Seymour, Director of Music

Meghan Shafer, Organist

Nick Baddour, Cajon

Tommy Arthur, Communications Technologist

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 8

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

4:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsals (Room 205)

Monday, October 9

12:30 pm Prayer Ministry (Church Library)

6:00 pm Session Meeting (Church Library)

Tuesday, October 10

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

Wednesday, October 11

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)

Thursday, October 12

11:30 pm Young at Heart (meet at Cracker Barrel)

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God by Gene and Karen Massey and in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

The congregation and friends of Madison Presbyterian Church are invited to attend a Service or 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 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!

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. Home ownership 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 8, 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)
- 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

- 10/8 Ed Latham
Robert & Anne Trulock
- 10/9 Melissa Broach
Jack Marbutt
- 10/10 Barbara Ashburn
- 10/11 Debbie Lamb
- 10/12 Ward Dickinson
- 10/13 Sara Lindsey

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

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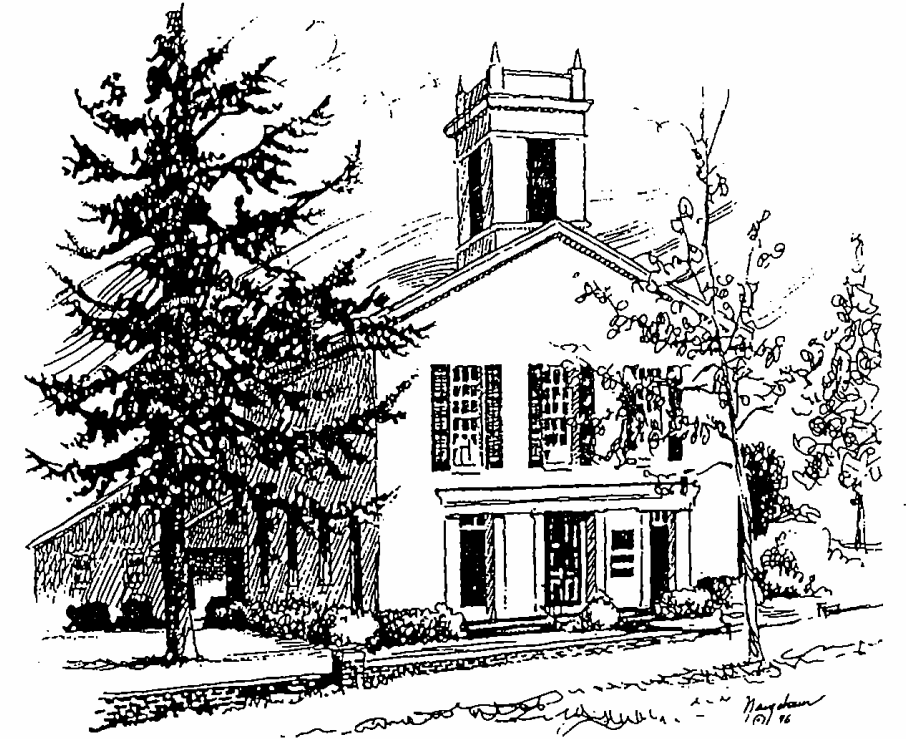
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