



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
*of* MADISON

# Families Strengthened

Welcome, we are glad you are here!

*August 25, 2019*

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WELCOME TO THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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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.

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# ORDER of WORSHIP

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. — Luke 13:12-13

## 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...”

**\* *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty***

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

**VERSE 1:**

**Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of  
creation!**

**O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and  
salvation!**

**All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
join me in glad adoration!**

**VERSE 2:**

**Praise ye the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously  
reigneth,**

**shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently  
sustaineth!**

**Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**VERSE 3:**

**Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!**

**All that hath life and breath, come now with praises  
before him!**

Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly for aye we adore him.

*Down to the River to Pray*

Traditional

VERSE 1:

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good old way  
And who shall wear the starry crown  
Good Lord, show me the way!

VERSE 2:

O sisters, let's go down,  
Let's go down, come on down  
O sisters, let's go down  
Down in the river to pray

VERSE 3:

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good old way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown  
Good Lord, show me the way!

VERSE 4:


O brothers, let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
Come on, brothers, let's go down  
Down in the river to pray

VERSE 5:

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good old way  
And who shall wear the starry crown  
Good Lord, show me the way!

VERSE 6:

O fathers, let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
O fathers, let's go down  
Down in the river to pray



## **ENDING:**

**As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about...**

### **Opening Prayer**

**Holy One, we come to worship you with all our might. Thank you for our blessings! Open our hearts and resources to those in need. Help us renew our community and strengthen our families in life transformation. In Jesus Christ, Amen.**

### **Call to Confession**

**Let us draw near to God with sincere hearts and full assurance of faith, our guilty hearts sprinkled clean, our bodies washed with pure water. Let us confess our sins before God and one another...**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Righteous God of all, your steadfast love endures forever while our love is fleeting. We try so hard to be self-sufficient, but without you we lose our bearings. We lead each other into the pits again and again. As we wander, fill us with hope and grace. Guide us in pillars of fire by night and clouds by day. Holy Spirit bless us, hold us, and carry us...**

**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! This is sure and worthy of full acceptance. 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. I declare to you in the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed and restored!**

**Response** *You Alone Can Rescue*

Redman/Myrin

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.

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

### Prophetic Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

(O.T. pg. 656)

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, <sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” <sup>6</sup>Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.” <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Young People's Message

**Gospel Reading**    Luke 13:10-17      (N.T. pg. 71)

<sup>10</sup>Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup>But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup>When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

**Sermon**      "Never Again"

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\* *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (v. 1,2)

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

### **VERSE 1:**

**A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing.  
Our helper he, amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe**

doth seek to work us woe.  
His craft and power are great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

**VERSE 2:**

Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side,  
the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be?

Christ Jesus, it is he.

Lord Sabaoth his name,  
from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

**\* Affirmation of Faith** (from the Confession of Belhar)

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.

We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ.

We believe that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force and this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered.

We believe that this unity of the people of God must be active in our love for one another and in giving ourselves willingly and joyfully for the benefit of each other.

Amen.

**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**

### \* *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* (Reprise)

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

#### **VERSE 1:**

**Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!**

**O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!**

**All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
join me in glad adoration!**

\* **Charge and Benediction** (Please join hands.)

\* **Passing of the Peace and Postlude**



## WORSHIP NOTES

Katie Zurich, thank you for reading today! We're grateful to you for sharing your gifts. And thanks to our talented worship leadership team of players, singers, and bell ringers!

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 our traditional hymns and pieces. All of our hymns are from the new Presbyterian hymnal *Glory to God* printed for you in the bulletin. The choir sings. 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 Summer Worship

We move into our historic Webb Chapel in the summer for a more intimate setting and the air conditioning! Webb was built in 1888 exclusively to be a Sunday school space. In those days, the Sanctuary for the Presbyterian Church was across from our cemetery on Main Street (next to the Junior School) in what is now the Masonic Temple. Every Sunday for more than 40 years in all seasons of weather, the "Presbyterian parade" would flow out of worship in the sanctuary and down Main Street to Green Avenue to Webb Chapel for Sunday School. The Parish House was built in 1929 and Webb Chapel became our worship space until the "new" Sanctuary was completed in 1953.

### 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 Jeremiah 1:4-10**

The call of the prophet Jeremiah is a favorite Old Testament passage from the major prophets. It's generally thought that Jeremiah lived across the turn of the 7th and 6th centuries BCE. Later in Jeremiah's prophecies, we hear encouragement and empowerment of the people held in exile after Judah is conquered and Jerusalem is sacked, and the Temple destroyed around 587-586 at the hands of the armies of King Nebuchadrezzar II of Babylon. Today's scripture is God's call to Jeremiah.

### **About Luke 13:10-17**

A confrontation between Jesus and synagogue authorities? What else is new? Jesus stays on point. Everyone deserves God's love and restoration. The conflicts usually happen when doctrine, law, and belief systems get in the way of what God is doing in the world. How does this continue to happen today and what are we doing about it?

### **About the Affirmation of Faith**

Belhar from South Africa speaks from a situation known to all of us: the apartheid system run for decades by the government and supported by the Dutch Reformed Church. Belhar, written during apartheid in 1982 by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church, was a ringing call for unity. Post-apartheid, it has been adopted by the Dutch Reformed Church as well as many other Christian bodies, including our own in 2016.

Rather than making general statements about humanity and history, it speaks from and as the church. Today's excerpt gives three examples. (1) The church consists of those called from the entire human family. (2) Faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for church membership. (3) The church's task is to continue Christ's work of reconciliation, work to be done in freedom and love. (Research by Charles Courtney)

## Questions To Go

How do we honor the commandment to “keep the Sabbath holy”?

When do laws, policy, and “right belief” get in the way of what’s right?

What is God calling me to do that I keep ignoring?



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Save the Dates

Rally Day Picnic, Sunday, Sept. 8th

Bottle Hill Day and Blessing of the Animals, Saturday, Oct. 5th

Stewardship Sunday, Nov. 3rd

## Church Breakfast Sept. 4th

We're back at it after a summer break! The PCM Church Breakfast is on first Wednesdays at 8am at Nautilus Diner, 97 Main Street. Everybody welcome! Even if you just have time for a hit-and-run cup of coffee, come by! Please RSVP to Cathy for the headcount. 973.377.1600.

## RAMP Refugee Family Help

The refugee family is here! PCM supports families moving to Morris County to escape unrest in their home countries through Refugee Assistance Morris Partners (RAMP). This new refugee family comes to the area from Afghanistan. There are a variety of ways to volunteer to help them in the relocation process. Contact Gerry Gannon at [mgannon@webtv.net](mailto: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

Non-stop through the summer! 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.

## **quorus - Men's Vocal Ensemble**

A very special concert - quorus Baltimore & D.C.'s premier Men's Vocal Ensemble performing in New Jersey one day only! Sunday, September 8th, 3:00pm at St. Vincent Martyr Church in Madison and at 7:30pm at Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity in Westfield. Free admission! An event not to be missed.

## **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 Patrick Allred.

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!

The food of the month for August is peanut butter and jelly. Crunchy peanut butter is preferred, and any kind of jelly or jam is appreciated. Pick up a jar or two the next time you go shopping and leave them in the basket in the refreshment area or in the wagon in the parish house.

## **Quarters for RAMP**

The tube was full 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 has recently decided to work with the International Rescue Committee and apply with them to receive a family from a war-torn country.









## 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly  
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear; for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

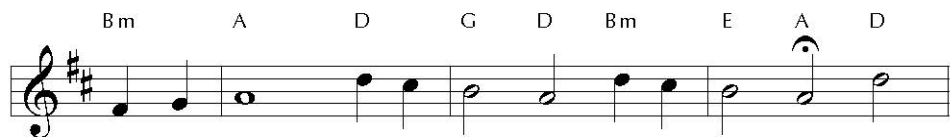
The image shows a musical score for a vocal piece. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual. age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle. lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him. truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er." The bass staff contains a bass line. The music is in a key with one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written in a simple, sans-serif font, with hyphens used to indicate syllables across lines.



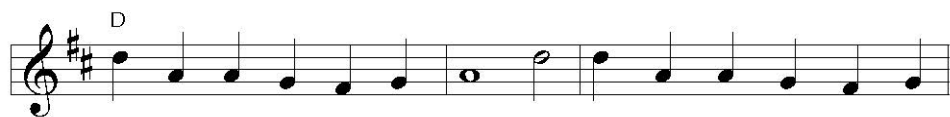
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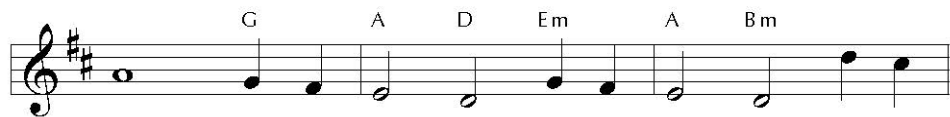
Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise Christ, all creat ures



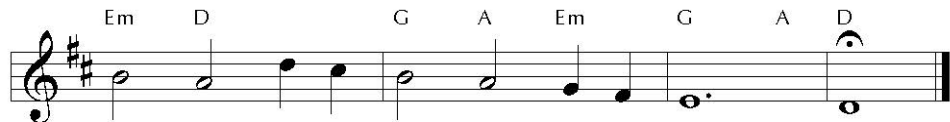
here be- low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise



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!

# VISION

*To see lives transformed, families strengthened, and our community renewed through intentional relationship with Jesus Christ.*

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## OUR VALUES

*Renewed Lives | Community Positive | Intergenerational Family  
Joyful Service | Presbyterian Roots*

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### Worship

10:15AM Sunday Service

### Session

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