



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of MADISON



*Welcome, we are **glad** you are here!*

November 29, 2020

ORDER of WORSHIP

First Sunday of Advent

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

*** Call to Worship/Advent Candle Lighting**

One: Come, let us proclaim the Good News!

All: Christ is coming and the world shall change.

One: Come, let us prepare a way for the Lord.

All: The night is long, but the day is near.

One: We light this candle to remember that the light is coming; even when the path is uncertain, the light shows us the way.

All: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.

*** Opening Hymn: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (v.1)**

VERSE 1:

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God who comes to us, in the wilderness you sent a messenger to prepare human hearts for the coming of Christ. We rejoice that through the centuries that message of hope has brought confidence and joy to your people. Forgive us when we fail to discern your presence with us, or think that we are deserted and alone. Illumine this

season with the light of Christ's resurrection, the assurance that you are with us, and the faith that enables us to live joyfully and expectantly.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

Assurance of Pardon

* Response *Glory to God*

Gloria, gloria,
in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria,
alleluia, alleluia!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Mark 13:24-37

²⁴ “But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸ “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will

come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵ Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Children’s Message

Sermon “Road Signs”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* **Affirmation of Faith** (Apostles’ 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.

The Gifts of Our Tithes and Offerings

* **Doxology**

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 and Thanksgiving**



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.

GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

* Closing Hymn *Soon and Very Soon* (v.1,2,4)

VERSE 1:

*Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!*

VERSE 2:

*No more crying there: we are going to see the King.
No more crying there: we are going to see the King.
No more crying there: we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!*

VERSE 4:

*Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!*

* Benediction

Postlude



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*As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of
service begins.*

We are the church whether we are gathered or scattered.

*We are the church, sent out in Jesus' name,
to be Christ's body in the world.*

*Stand in body or spirit.
Bold - Everything is said in unison.



ADVENT 2020

The lovely poinsettias that we use to decorate our Sanctuary are a wonderful way to remember a loved one or to honor someone special.

If you would like to contribute toward the poinsettias, send your donation of \$30.00 to the church office at 19 Green Avenue, Madison, NJ 07940 before December 15th and include your dedication that will be included in the Sunday bulletin. Mark your check for poinsettias.

If you would like to pick up your poinsettia it will be available the week after Christmas. If you would like us to donate your poinsettia to someone in need of a little holiday cheer, please let us know.



PRAYERS FOR:

The family and friends of Andy Moody, who died recently; especially his wife, Becky, and their children, Peter and Sarah in this time of loss and grief.

The family, friends, colleagues, and students of Dave Rosa, Madison High's Assistant track and cross country coach and teacher at Rahway High School, who died suddenly on Monday.

Will as he continues his recovery from surgery last week and begins rehab.

Brian P. as he continues his recovery from neck surgery.

Josh as he continues recovery from hand injury.

Kathleen as she continues recovery with physical therapy after hand surgery.

Brian as he waits for surgery on December 3rd.

Barbara Farmer, mother of Suzanne Flynn in assisted living.

John Flynn, father-in-law of Suzanne Flynn, moving to a retirement home end of month.

Graeme, as he continues his recovery at home following a serious car accident.

Evelyn, in the hospital for treatment of non-Hodgkinson's lymphoma.

Jay Greenburg, continuing recovery at Kessler from effects of West Nile virus.

Vincent Chirico's ongoing recovery in rehab after 7 month struggle with effects of COVID-19.

All those for whom this holiday season brings reminders of loss and sadness.

Concern for all those dealing with mental health issues, especially during the pandemic.

Continued guidance for the New Jersey presbyteries as they reorganize from seven to four.

Safe travel for all those on the roads, rails, seas, and air during this holiday week.

Peace for our nation as the transition of power unfolds.

Those affected by the impact of continuing natural disasters.

All those in this country and around the world as the

pandemic continues and new cases arise.
For a beloved family pet, Ike, who is seriously ill.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

Thanks from Becky Moody for all the support from family,
friends, and fellow church members.

Unanimous vote of all 7 Presbyteries in NJ for transitioning
into new communities.



VISION

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

OUR VALUES

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

Staff

Jacqui Van Vliet
Pastor

Cathy Baillie
Church Administrator

Mike Callahan
Student Ministries & Outreach

Anna D'Achille
Director of Musical Arts

Worship

10:15AM Sunday Service

Session

Bob Baisch
Melissa Dewhurst
Kathleen Underwood

Jim Burnet
Suzanne Flynn
Becky Moody, Clerk

Sara Burnet
Brian Peterson

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