



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of MADISON



August 24, 2025
Season Of Pentecost

ORDER of WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship from Psalm 103

Leader: Bless the Lord, with all of our souls, we remember what God has done.

People: **The Lord forgives our corruption and heals our diseases.**

Leader: The Holy One saves us from the pit, and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

People: **God satisfies us with good things, so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Leader: The Lord gives pardons and justice to all those who are oppressed.

People: **God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us worship God!**

(Music for the hymns is in the back of the bulletin.)

*Opening Hymn *Praise, My Soul, The God of Heaven* (v1, v3, v4)

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, as we prepare for the fall, the children begin school, and our work takes on a different pace, forgive us for all of the times when we refuse to stop working. Have mercy on us, when we think that if we work harder then we will prove our worth. Be with us when we try to get validation from people who can never be pleased. Give us grace when we become motivated by greed. Remind us that we have limits. Our bodies, souls, and earth need to refrain from producing constantly. And assure us that our worth and value come from being loved, as your children. Through your Spirit, we pray. Amen.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Congregational Response**

*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.*

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(You may pass the peace to one another.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

God of grace, help us to rest. In this time, reorient our lives toward your rhythm, priorities, and love. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 58:9-14

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the Sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;
then you shall take delight in the Lord,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 13:10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 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. 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. 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." 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 to water?

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?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Keep It Holy

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith**

from the Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

The Gifts of Our Tithes and Offering

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

***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
Joys and Concerns

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** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*
(v1, v2, v3)

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins.
We are the church, sent out in Jesus’ name,
to be Christ’s body in the world.

WORSHIP LEADER

Melissa Dewhurst

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MADISON!

We'd love for you to join us in our activities, so please fill in the Welcome Card, which can be found in your pew, to give us contact information.

WHILE YOU WORSHIP WITH US:

- **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** - Please write your request for prayers to be included in the service in the book on the podium found at the center entrance of the sanctuary. You'll also have a chance to share them during the service.
- **THE LORD'S SUPPER** is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.
- **FOR YOUNG ONES** - Although children are always welcome in worship, nursery care for children from six months through three years of age is provided in our playroom in the Parish House. Please ask an usher to direct you.
- **JOINING OUR CONGREGATION** - Classes are offered for those who would like to become members of our congregation. Please call the church office or speak with Pastor Carol for additional information.
- **GET OUR ENEWS** - Keep current with our news and activities through email. If you are not currently getting it, you can sign up by contacting the church office.

LEARN MORE ABOUT US by visiting our website at www.pcmadison.org and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ThePresbyterianChurchofMadison.

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SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

Worship services will be held in Webb Chapel through August 31.

SOUND HEALING - AUGUST 26

Give yourself the best gift - a whole hour of peace and rest just for you. Join us in the parlor on August 26 (Tuesday) from 7-8 pm as Nichole Maldonado-Gorsak leads us through gentle stretching suitable for all levels and then a soothing, restful sound bath. Bring a non-perishable food donation for the Interfaith Food Pantry. For more information, write Kathleen Underwood at kathleenunderwood@verizon.net.

RALLY DAY - SEPTEMBER 7

Rally Day is Sunday, September 7! Worship will be in the sanctuary, followed by lunch on the lawn. Please join us as we celebrate the start of a new program year.

RALLY DAY MISSION PROJECT

We will be assembling Breakfast Bags to be distributed to guests of nourish.NJ. We are asking for donations of the following: single-serving boxes of Cheerios, 8-ounce boxes of shelf-stable milk, 8-ounce bottles of water, granola or protein bars, and clementines. If you can provide any of these items, either bring them to worship on August 31 or email Becky Moody (rmooddy9856@gmail.com) by September 1. Plan to stay after worship on Rally Day for food, fun, and fellowship.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

We will be having a new member dinner and class coming up in the fall. If you're interested, please let Pastor Carol know (carolhoward@pcmadison.org).

PRAYER LIST

During the week, each one of us can make it a part of our daily spiritual practice to pray. You are invited to participate, as you are able, offering prayer in light of God's healing love.

If you have an update for the prayer list, please email Rev. Carol Howard at carolhoward@pcmadison.org or call the church office at 973-377-1600. Thank you for helping us maintain a more current prayer list.

- Thomas Weck, as he recovers following hospitalization
- Celeste, in hospice care
- Mosese, on the list for a kidney transplant
- Debby & Graham who lost their home in the Texas flash flood
- Immigrants
- Kathleen, caregiver for her parents
- Joe and his family for comfort and support during a very stressful time
- Bob for daily strength and fast healing following knee replacement surgery
- Cristin for strength, rest, and peace as her father's caregiver
- Walter, who had his leg amputated below the knee, and Tami, his wife, as they deal with his rehabilitation
- Susan, sister of Bob Landrigan, as she battles Parkinson's disease
- Jeanne, to regain strength after a stroke, and for Mari, her caregiver
- Marques and his family, feeling stress and loss as they care for his dad living with dementia
- John, who is in a clinical study for treatment of a rare disease, that he received the treatment (not the placebo), and his wife and caregiver, Cathy
- Friends and family of Misty, grieving her passing

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)



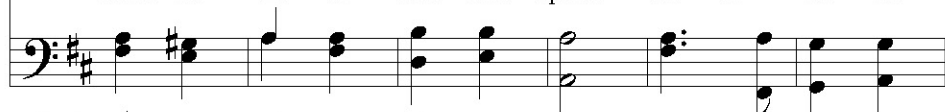
1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God



car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,



who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!



802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(Psalm 23)

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow my ran-somed
 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear

fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for-ev-er.
 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
 thy unction grace bestoweth;
 and O what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
 thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

HEBREW

CREATION

**FLOOD
TOWER OF
BABEL**

**FAMILY
HISTORY**

ADAM & EVE

**CAIN & ABEL
NOAH**

**ABRAHAM &
SARAH
ISAAC &
REBEKAH
JACOB, LEAH &
RACHEL
12 SONS**

BIBLE

EXODUS
PROMISED
LAND

KINGS
TEMPLE

ASSYRIA

NORTH: ISRAEL

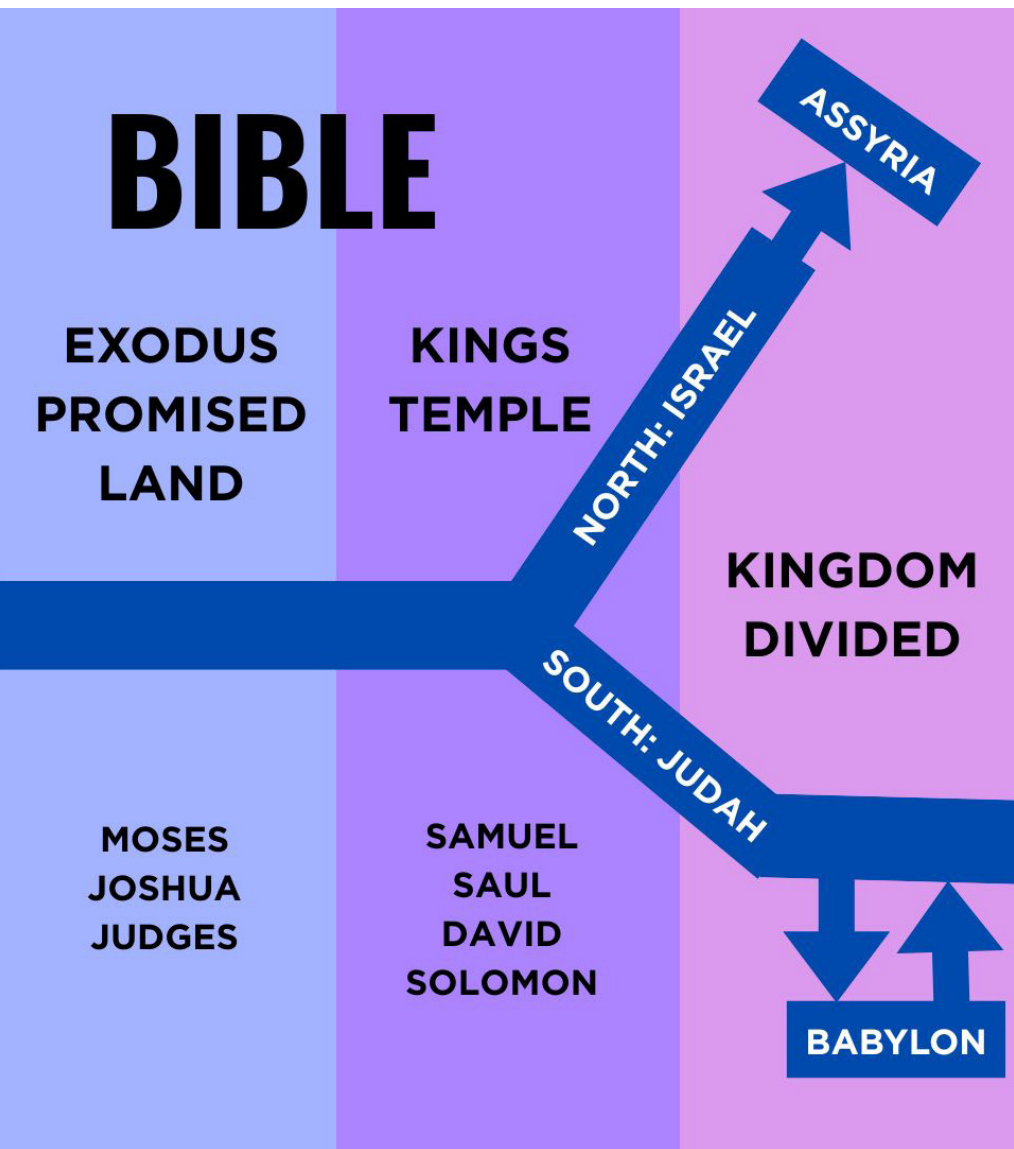
KINGDOM
DIVIDED

MOSES
JOSHUA
JUDGES

SAMUEL
SAUL
DAVID
SOLOMON

SOUTH: JUDAH

BABYLON





UPCOMING EVENTS

**TUES
JUNE 24**

DINNER AND DISCUSSION!

Casual bible discussion and yummy pizza.
\$6 suggested donation to cover dinner costs.

**SUN
JULY 13
@ 1:05PM**

SOMERSET PATRIOTS BASEBALL @ 1PM

Nichole's husband Ethan is umpiring the game.
Come help us cheer on the Patriots and support
Ethan's dream to be a major league umpire!

**WEDS
JULY 23**

BREAKFAST AT NAUTILUS @ 7:15AM

July 23 is national Vanilla Ice Cream day! Why
not have a milk shake for breakfast?!

**TUES
JULY 29**

SINGING BOWL REFLECTION @ 7PM

Sound healing and reflections in the Sanctuary
Please bring a non-perishable food donation.

**WEDS
AUG 13**

DINNER AND DISCUSSION!

Casual bible discussion and pot luck. Please
reach out to Jim B so we don't all bring salad!

**TUES
AUG 26**

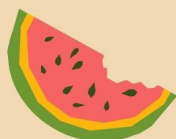
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**SUN
SEPT 7**

RALLY DAY!

Support our youth as we start off the new
Sunday School year!



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WELCOMING ALL
AS A LOVING COMMUNITY
CENTERED IN CHRIST,
GROWING IN FAITH,
SERVING IN JOY, AND
LIVING IN GRATITUDE

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Bookkeeper

Eileen Koppi
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Michael Callahan
Student Ministries & Outreach

Anna D'Achille
Director of Music

WORSHIP
Sunday Service 10:15 am

SESSION

Jim Burnet
Becky Moody, Clerk

Stephanie Haedrich
Giorgios Vlamis

Mary-Anna Holden

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