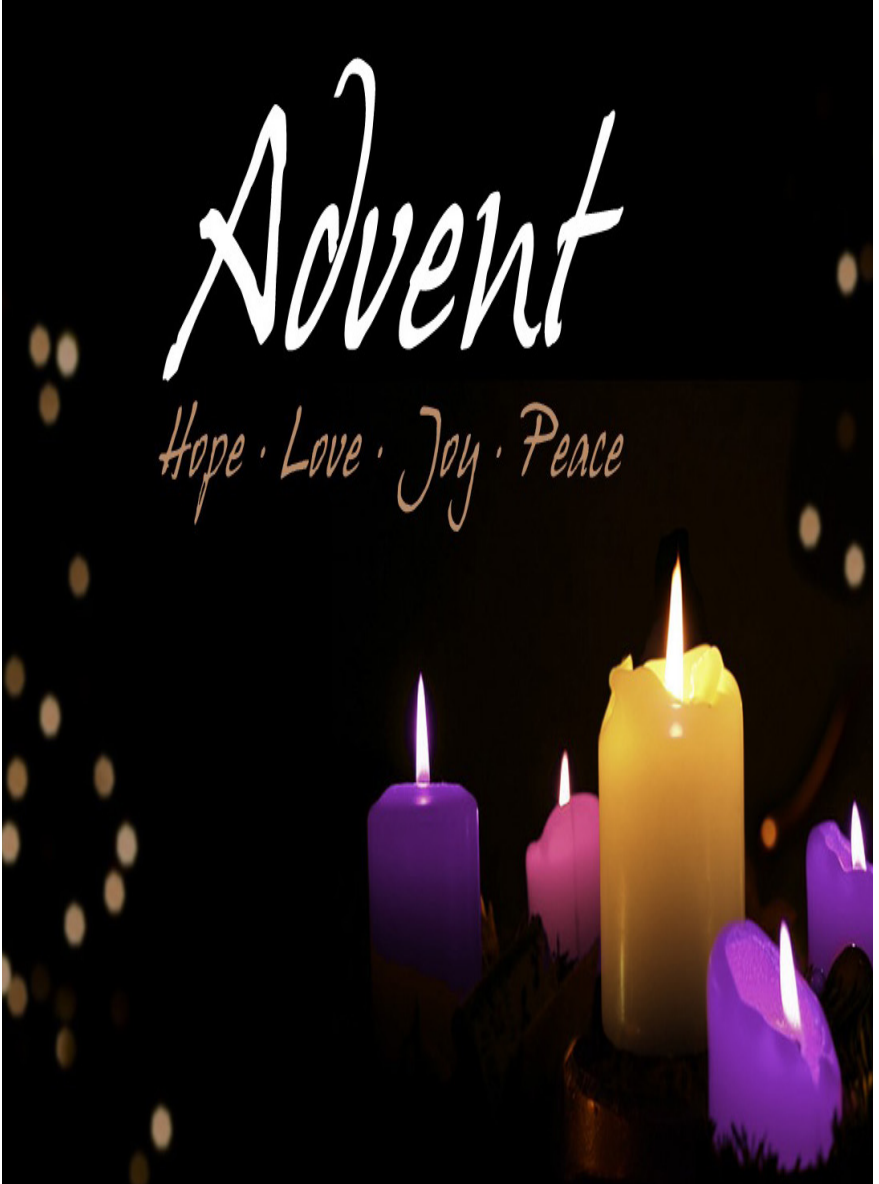




PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of MADISON

Advent

Hope · Love · Joy · Peace



December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent/Christmas Pageant

ORDER of WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 11 to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

Praise Music

Welcome/Announcements

* *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

(vs 1, 6)

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.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S BLESSING

The Gifts of Our Tithes and Offering

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.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

CAROL *O Little of Town of Bethlehem*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

CAROL *Away in a Manger*

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay

CAROL *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"
Peace on earth and mercy mild; God and sinner reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise; join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem"
Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

CAROL *Go Tell it on the Mountain*

Chorus

Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born

Verse

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by
night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light

(Repeat Chorus)

CAROL *We Three Kings*

We three kings of orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder
star.

Refrain

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect
light!

CAROL *Joy to the World*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let Earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing

GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

* Charge and 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.*

Advent means “coming”. During the season of Advent, we watch and wait for Christ’s coming among us again. The four weeks of Advent give the opportunity for discernment – communal and individual – as the church prepares to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and look with hope for Christ’s return.

Thank you to the Bolton family, the Boyar family, the Callahan family, the Currie family, the Haedrich family, and the Vlamis family for taking part in the pageant/living nativity.

Thank you to Anna D’Achille for always helping with the music.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR THE FOLLOWING ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 - 6:00 pm

- Join us for Madison's Interfaith Winter Solstice-Longest Night-at the Christmas Tree.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 - Christmas Eve

- 10:15 am - Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship Service
- 4:30 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 - 10:15 am

- Informal Worship of Carols, Scripture, and Prayer

YEAR END GIVING

If you are planning to make a contribution to the church before the end of the year, please be aware that there are several ways to do that.

- Online via the pcmadison.org website
- Cash or check made payable to Presbyterian Church of Madison. If you make a cash donation, please provide your name so that we can acknowledge it for your tax records.
- Appreciated securities may be transferred to our Merrill Lynch account - contact Alexandra in the church office for the details necessary to accomplish this. Merrill Lynch will sell the securities and the cash will be transferred to the church checking account.
- If you are 70½ or older, you may make a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA, and if you are subject to Required Minimum Distributions, the amount of the QCD will count toward the RMD.

Since the latter two options require some time for processing, please be sure to contact your broker or IRA custodian early in the month so that they can be completed by December 31.

DIAPER COLLECTION THROUGH DECEMBER 24-CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

A long standing PCM mission project has been the collection of diapers for babies and children at Christmas time, to be donated to the Interfaith Food Pantry. Last year we also started collecting and donating adult incontinence products.

Why Donate Diapers for Babies & Young Children

According to the National Diaper Bank Network's June 2023 report, diaper need has increased sharply in 2023. In their recent study approximately 47% of families reported a need. In the first diaper need investigation in 2010 and in several subsequent studies, approximately 33% of families reported diaper need.

Families who experience food insecurity are also usually unable to purchase diapers, and if they don't have diapers to provide to day care centers they miss work days. Diapers are an essential need for the health and hygiene of babies and toddlers. An inadequate supply of diapers increases a child's risk for diaper rash and other infections.

Why Donate Adult Incontinence Products

Products such as Depends are medically necessary for those managing bladder and bowel incontinence. Many seniors are living on fixed incomes. With the rate of inflation being high it is difficult for older adults to afford these products that are necessary for them to lead a full and active life. These items are also not funded by public assistance programs.

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

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Michael Callahan
Student Ministries & Outreach

Anna D'Achille
Director of Musical Arts

Worship

Sunday Service 10:15 am

Session

Becky Moody, Clerk

Jim Burnet

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