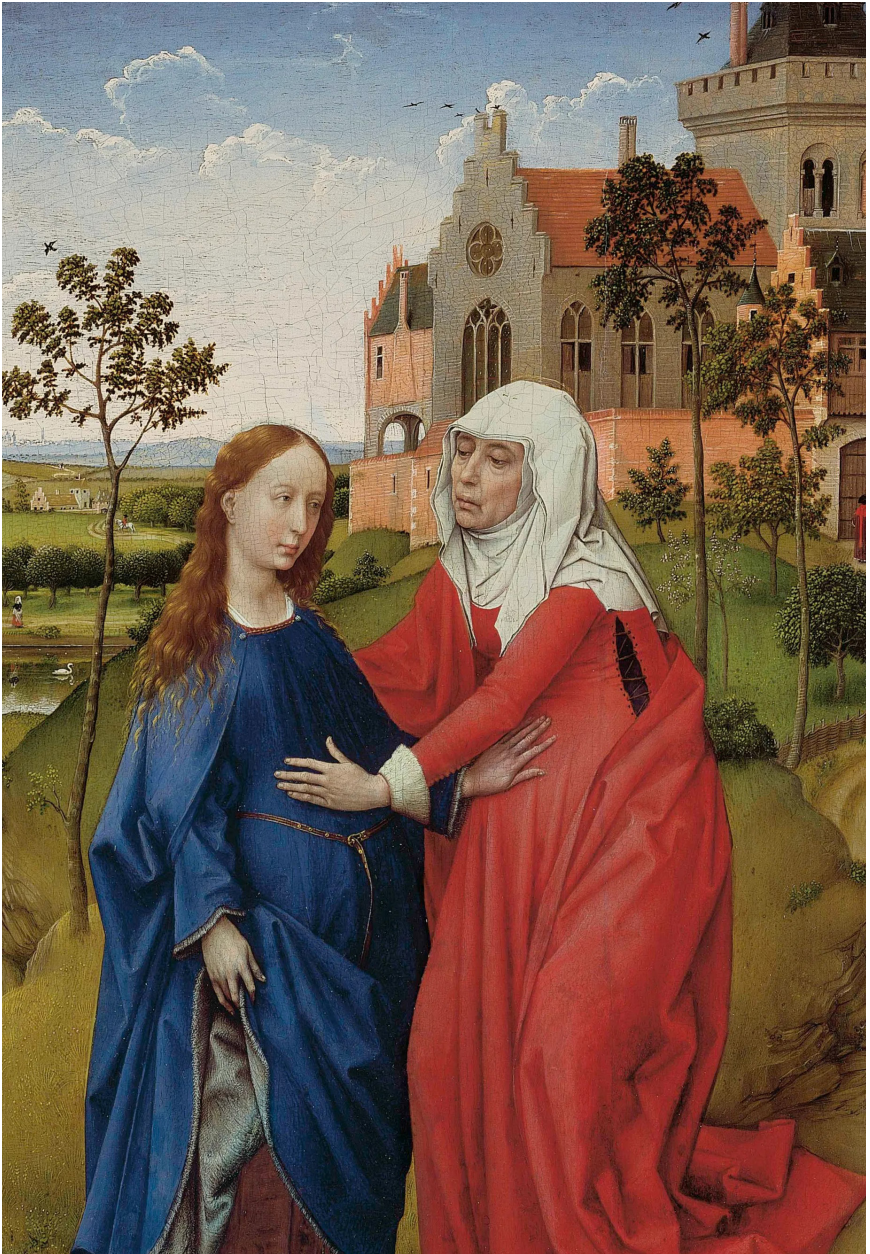




**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*of* **MADISON**



**December 8, 2024**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

# ORDER of WORSHIP

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

#### \* Lighting of the Advent Candles

**Leader:** We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. As God has promised, in the days to come, the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks.

**People:** Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

**Leader:** The wolf shall dwell with the lamb. The leopard shall lie down with the kid.

**People:** The calf and the lion and the fatling will lie down together, and a little child shall lead them.

**Leader:** Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**People:** Amen.

(The music for the hymns is in the back of the bulletin.)

#### \*Opening Hymn

*People, Look East*

*(v1, v3, v5)*

#### Prayer of Confession

**God of grace, we confess that we have not loved our neighbors as we love ourselves. We form opinions of people, before we get to know them. We have broken relationships that we do not try to mend. We waste resources on things that we do not need. We ignore the cries of the hungry. We become consumed with jealousy, resentments, and greed. Free us, O God, from our sins, so that we might live joyful lives through Jesus Christ.**

*(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**

# **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

## **Children's Message**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, and the rejoicing. Speak to us by your word in these Advent days, and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.**

### **First Scripture Reading**

**Philippians 1:3-11**

**3 I thank my God for every remembrance of you, 4 always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy 5 for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. 7 It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. 8 For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus.**

9 And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight 10 to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, 11 having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

## **Second Scripture Reading**

Luke 1:39-45

39 In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, 40 where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit 42 and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. 43 And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? 44 For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. 45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

## **Sermon**

*Hospitality*

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** from the "Brief Statement of Faith"

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

## **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**

**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**

*To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary  
(v1, v4, v6)*

**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.*

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**WORSHIP LEADER**

Beth Henriques

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MADISON EAGLE CHRISTMAS FUND AND OPERATION HOLIDAY

Just a reminder that donations and gifts are due today, 12/8, or no later than Tuesday, 12/10, in the church office. Our neighbors in Madison and the Homeless Solutions Transitional Housing Program thank you for your generosity.

## BREAKFAST AT NAUTILUS DINER - DECEMBER 11

Join us for an enjoyable morning of fun and fellowship at the Nautilus Diner, 97 Main Street in Madison, on Wednesday, December 11. The breakfast starts at 7 am for early birds or 8 am for all others. Please contact Jim Burnet at [jimburnet@gmail.com](mailto:jimburnet@gmail.com) with any questions.

## COOKIES, COCOA AND CAROLS - DECEMBER 15

Please join us at 3:30 pm for a fun afternoon of refreshments and carols in downtown Madison (in front of 62 Main Street). Invite your friends!

## WHITE OFFERING

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. Two years ago 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 recent years. 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.

Your offerings can be placed under the Christmas tree in the sanctuary or in the bin outside the office in the Parish House.

## **RAMP**

The quarter tube was overflowing last week, which means another \$80 to RAMP with the match from the mission budget. Each family aided by RAMP costs approximately \$40,000. RAMP has provided generously for 11 families, which has included 22 adults and 16 children. Plus there are now 11 naturalized citizens with two serving in the U.S. military ...all aided by RAMP volunteers and our contributions.

## **JOIN US FOR THE FOLLOWING ADVENT SERVICES:**

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19**

- 6:00 pm - Join us for Madison's interfaith 'Longest Night at the Christmas Tree' in downtown Madison.

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

- 10:15 am - Outdoor Christmas Pageant and Nativity Scene. Our children will lead the worship and retell the Christmas story complete with carols, angels, manger, goats, sheep, and a donkey!
- The service will be held outside on the front lawn so dress accordingly. Please invite friends. There will be time after the service to get your photo taken in the manger with the animals! Go tell it on the mountain! All are welcome!

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 - Christmas Eve**

- 4:30 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29**

- 10:15 am - Informal Worship of Scripture and Song

# 105

## People, Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the  
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more  
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the  
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more  
 5 An - gels, an-nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are  
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to  
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are  
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y  
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

Peo-ple, look

a - ble; trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.  
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish.  
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.  
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.  
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.



JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

east and sing to - day:



Peo-ple, look east:

Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Love, the Bird, is on the way.

Love, the Star, is on the way.

Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Peo-ple, look east:

(Love is on the way.)



# 98 To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary

Capo 3: (Em) (B7) (Em) (Am) (B) (Em)  
 Gm D7 Gm Cm D Gm

1 To a maid whose name was Mar - y, the an - gel Ga - briel came.  
 2 "For you are high - ly fa - vored by God the Lord of all,  
 3 But Mar - y was most trou - bled to hear the an - gel's word.  
 4 "Fear not, for God is with you, and you shall bear a child.  
 5 "How shall this be?" said Mar - y, "I am not yet a wife."  
 6 As Mar - y heard the an - gel, she won - dered at his words.

(Em) (B7) (Em) (G) (D) (G)  
 Gm D7 Gm B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup>

"Fear not," the an - gel told her, "I come to bring good news;  
 who e - ven now is with you. You are on earth most blest;  
 What was the an - gel say - ing? It trou - bled her to hear,  
 His name shall be called Je - sus, God's off - spring from on high.  
 The an - gel an - swered quick - ly, "The power of the Most High  
 "Be - hold, I am your hand - maid," she said un - to her God.

(Em) (Am) (B) (Em) (Am) (B) (Em)  
 Gm Cm D Gm Cm D Gm

good news I come to tell you, good news, I say, good news."  
 you are most blest, most bless - ed; God chose you, you are blest!"  
 to hear the an - gel's mes - sage, it trou - bled her to hear.  
 And he shall reign for - ev - er, for - ev - er reign on high."  
 will come up - on you short - ly, your child shall be God's child."  
 "So be it; I am read - y ac - cord - ing to your word."

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

# NOTES

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

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**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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