



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of MADISON



December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent/
Christmas Pageant

ORDER of WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

“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: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

* *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

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

***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.

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.*

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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 following families for taking part in the pageant/living nativity - the Callahan family, the Currie family, the Haedrich family, the Boyar/ Kakalettris family, and the Vlamis family.

Thank you to Anna D’Achille for always helping with the music. Thank you to Michael Callahan for his direction and good cheer!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Through the Christmas Joy Offering, one of the four Special Offerings of the PC(USA), we reflect God's perfect gift to us, with generous support of church leaders among us - past, present, and future - who point us to God. 50% of our gifts are used to honor and celebrate leaders like retired pastors, church workers and their families who have faithfully guided and led us but who now find themselves in critical financial need. The remaining 50% are used to honor and celebrate emerging leaders like students in schools and colleges equipping communities of color, who develop leadership skills as they pursue their education and prepare to bring their gifts in service to the world God loves so much.

Envelopes will be available on December 22 and December 24. You may also give online at pcusa.org/give/Christmasjoy or by texting CHRISTMASJOY to 91999.

RAMP

The quarter tube was overflowing recently, 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:

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

ADVENT FLOWER DEDICATIONS

- To the lives and dedication of Bev and Gren Sebold as requested by Jessie & Bill Wilt
- In memory of our parents Barbara Parker and William Pugh as requested by Jim & Sara Burnet
- In memory of loved ones: Jack, Kathryn, Gordon and Berenice as requested by Tom & Pat Harris
- In celebration of the birth of Christ as requested by the Vlamis family
- In memory of Doris Weber and Fran Wagner as requested by Bill Wagner
- In memory of Andy Moody as requested by Becky Moody
- In celebration of the birth of Christ as requested by the Boyar family

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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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WORSHIP

Sunday Service 10:15 am

SESSION

**Jim Burnet
Becky Moody, Clerk**

**Stephanie Haedrich
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