



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **MADISON**



February 16, 2025
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

ORDER of WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Let us worship God!

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

People: for they shall be satisfied.

Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers,

People: for they shall be called the people of God.

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

*Opening Hymn

I Danced in the Morning

An asterisk(*) indicates that those who are able are invited to stand. Bold letters denote that we say the words in unison. Italic fonts direct us to sing.

Prayer of Confession

You alone, Lord, know how often we have sinned. We have lived as people without faith and direction. We have wasted our time, our gifts, and our talents. We have spent our time doing foolish things and haven't done many important things.

Forgive us, Lord. Strengthen us by the knowledge of your love and spirit, and by the support of the Christian community. And in everything we do, help us to love you and serve others.

In Christ's name we pray this prayer, and these our silent prayers....

(A moment of silence is observed.)

Assurance of Pardon

**Leader: Friends, believe the good news! God loves us,
God cares for us, and God works with us!
And yes---we can be forgiven!**

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace of Christ Among One Another**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you,

People: And also with you!

(You may stand and pass the peace to one another.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Message

First Scripture Reading

Mark 12:28-31

28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" 29 Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 30 you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Second Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-8, 13

13 If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; 6 it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. 7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. 13 And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

Sermon

Lumpers and Splitters
Rev. Bruce E. Schundler

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 Him all creatures here below!

Praise Him above ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

*** Hymn**

Here I Am, Lord

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**

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
(V1 and V2)*

***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

Susan Mennella

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. Please stay after the service today for fellowship time and refreshments in the Narthex. It's a great way to get to know one another!

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 NEWSLETTER** - Keep current with our news and activities through email. If you are not currently getting it, you can sign up by putting your email on the Welcome Card, or you can contact 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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ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Madison will be held on Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 11:20 a.m. to:

- Elect officers
- Receive the budget for 2025
- Receive annual reports of the committees of session
- Take actions on other constitutionally appropriate matters brought before the meeting.

The clerk should be notified in advance of any items that are intended to be introduced or any nominations that are desired to be made from the floor.

Rebecca Moody, Clerk of Session and Secretary to the Board of Trustees

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The Souper Bowl of Caring has been uniting communities to tackle hunger for 35 years. All contributions of goods or cash are donated to local organizations that feed the hungry.

Keep the Souper Bowl fun going all month and donate cans of soup so we can deliver some warmth and goodness to our local families. Please bring your cans to church and help fill Doris's Food Wagon this month. If you prefer, you may make a cash donation, just earmark it for our Souper drive and leave it in the collection plate on the table as you enter the church (checks accepted, make payable to the Presbyterian Church of Madison).



NIGHT OF PINOT AND POTTERY AT MADISON MUD

We are looking to have a night of “Pinot and Pottery” at the Madison Mud one Thursday evening. Interested? The cost is \$95 per person for 2+ hours of instruction, time on the wheel and your chance to make a piece of pottery! Once your piece is complete, choose your glaze and then come back 5 weeks later to pickup your finished piece. Nibbles and drinks will be provided. Please let Jim Burnet know if you are interested at jimburnet@gmail.com.

RAMP UPDATE

The quarter tube was overflowing recently, so we are starting the year well. The Mission Team is matching each \$40 collected for a total of \$80 to RAMP. Last year we filled the tube four times - can we match or beat that in 2025? Also, RAMP is currently collecting household items for their 13th family. If you are interested in helping, visit rampnj.org and click on the bar at the top of the page.

INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Doris’s Wagon in the Parish House and the bin in the narthex are our collection points for donations of non-perishable food for the Interfaith Food Pantry. We have a team of three who deliver the food to the pantry in Morris Plains each week, but we welcome new volunteers to join us. Deliveries can be made Monday through Thursday of each week, between 9:30 AM and 4:30 PM; it generally takes about an hour. If interested, contact Becky Moody at rmoody9856@gmail.com and she will be happy to show you the ropes. If you are able to donate food, the latest needs can be found at <https://www.mcifp.org/donate/donate-food/>. The pantry distributed a total of 2.3 million pounds of food to our neighbors in need in 2024.

PRAYER LIST

One of the spiritual practices that our community embodies in our life together is holding one another's concerns, joys, sorrows, and thanksgivings before God in prayer. As a people of God, we offer prayers for those of the church, the community, and the world.

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

We would like to update the prayer list. Please email Reverend Carol Howard at carolhoward@pcmadison.org or call the church office at 973-377-1600 if you would like to add anyone to the prayer list. Thank you for helping us maintain a more current prayer list.

- 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
- Misty for health issues
- Jim for comfort and peace after his father's passing
- Brian, who lost his home in the California fire
- Jordan recovering from surgery and facing one more, and Cathy, his wife and caregiver
- Vicky and all other women dealing with difficult pregnancies
- Pam Gillespie
- Victims of the California fires

157 I Danced in the Morning

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)
 F Dm Am Dm

1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
 2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but
 3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The
 4 I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black. It's
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. †

(Em) (A)
 Gm C

danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They
 I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll

(D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)
 F Dm Am Dm

came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
 live in you if you'll live in me, †

(Em) (A7) (G) (D)
 Gm C7 Bb F

Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
 came with me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die.
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Refrain

(F#m) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (D) (Bm)
 Am Dm Am Dm F Dm

Dance, then, wher-ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

(Em) (A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A7) (D)
 Gm C F Dm F C7 F

Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher-ev - er you may be,

(Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
 Gm C7 F Bb F

and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G Leader or All Am D G C G D

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,
 In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

NOTES

Resume of Rev. Bruce Schundler:

Bruce E. Schundler is a graduate of Princeton University and Yale Divinity School. He was a full-time minister for six years serving at the Congregational Church in New Canaan, CT, the Congregational Church in Winnetka, IL, and the Presbyterian Church in Swarthmore, PA.....but then had to return to a family business where he became the President/CEO of The Schundler Company in Edison, New Jersey for 27 years. After retiring in 2005, he and his wife, Sara, worked for six summers as seasonal Park Rangers for the National Park Service, and for eight years leading tours for college alumni associations--- usually to national parks out west and in Alaska, and on river cruises in Europe. Since leaving the full-time ministry, Bruce has always worked as a Parish Associate in his local church and currently serves at the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church.

**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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Mary-Anna Holden

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