



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of MADISON



May 11, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter

ORDER of WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Guide us, gentle shepherd, for you have called us by name.

People: **Lead us through the darkest valleys.**

Leader: Guide us, gentle shepherd, for your rod and staff bring comfort.

People: **Lead us by the green grass and still waters.**

Leader: Guide us, gentle shepherd, for you have prepared a great table.

People: **Restore us with goodness and mercy.**

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

*Opening Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Prayer of Confession

God, forgive us for the times when we become anxious and fearful. We don't believe that you will provide us with what we need. Have mercy on us when we lose our way, strive for the wrong things, and have the wrong priorities. Help us rely on your loving care, every step of the way. Through Jesus, our good Shepherd, we pray.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

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.

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

Loving God, give us wisdom. Help us to maintain focus and clarity, so that we might hear your voice in the midst of our noisy world. Illuminate our paths so that we might know where to step, even in the midst of darkness. Through your Spirit, we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading

John 10:22-30

At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Restoring Our Souls

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

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, and v4)*

***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

Kathleen Underwood

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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MOTHER'S DAY WISHES

We wish all our mothers and grandmothers a very happy Mother's Day! May God bless you always and may your lives be filled with love, happiness and good health.

BREAKFAST AT NAUTILUS DINER - MAY 27

Join us for an enjoyable morning of fun and fellowship at the Nautilus Diner, 97 Main Street, Madison on Tuesday, May 27 at 7:15 am. Please contact Jim Burnet at jimburnet@gmail.com with any questions.

CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH SUNDAY - JUNE 8

Please join us at the 10:15 am worship service on June 8. We will be celebrating our youth and celebrating confirmation.

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." -Matthew 19:14.

Immediately following the service, we will have fun, food and games. Weather permitting, we will have our annual PCM corn hole tournament with prizes for the first and second place teams!

RAMP UPDATE

The quarter tube was overflowing last week. The Mission Team is matching each \$40 collected for a total of \$80 to RAMP. It will be almost empty on May 24 so that Charles Courtney can be honored by people in attendance at his memorial service, who are being urged to bring quarters in his memory. As stated on the RAMP website, "(Charles) was a kind and gentle man who was deeply committed to the belief that all people have the right to live in dignity. ... He also worked tirelessly in the cause of the eradication of extreme poverty. We are deeply grateful for Charles' contributions to the families of RAMP."

INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY NETWORK

Our first quarter 2025 donations to the food pantry totaled 359 pounds of food (including diapers and wipes), which is well on the way to at least one thousand pounds for the year. Our 2024 donations of \$2,200 and 1,226 pounds of food are being recognized on the IFPN Giving Tree, which is created each year on the walls inside the main entrance. Thanks to generous donations from individuals, companies and organizations like ours, every person or family seeking food and services provided by IFPN was accommodated – a total of 2.3 million pounds of food or the equivalent of 2.1 million meals.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

The following memorial services are scheduled in May:

- **Scott Wagner**

Visitation at Tuttle Funeral Home (Randolph, NJ) on Tuesday, May 13, from 3 - 7 pm. A memorial service follows visitation at 7 pm. Scott is the son of Bill Wagner. Correspondence may be sent to the family at the following address:

*Bill Wagner
105 High Street
Randolph, NJ 07869*

- **Charles Courtney**

Service in Webb Chapel on Saturday, May 24, at 2 pm; reception to follow in Fellowship Hall. Correspondence may be sent to the following family members:

*Nathan Courtney
22 La Grange Road
Delmar, NY 12054*

*Robin Hadden
1500 East Street
Huntington, VT 05462*

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.

If you have an update for 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.

- Roy, mourning his dad's passing
- 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
- Kaitlynn, for recovery from injuries after a serious car accident
- Jo-Anna, for comfort and peace after the passing of her brother Nick after a long battle with cancer
- Roy, for strength and peace, as he works through his dad living with advanced 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
- Misty for health issues
- 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
- Brian and all the victims of the California fires

265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 thron'g to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

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.

NOTES



UPCOMING EVENTS



APRIL 13

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:15AM

APRIL 15

COOKING CLASS @ 6:30PM AT PCM **

Learn new cooking tips and help us make the soup for Maundy Thursday worship!

APRIL 17

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP @ 7PM

Tableside agape meal service in the Parlor

APRIL 18

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE @ 7PM

Candles and scripture, ending in total darkness

APRIL 20

EASTER SUNDAY!

EASTER!

6:30am sunrise service @ Hillside Cemetery

10:15am service in sanctuary. Egg hunt, hot cross buns and deviled eggs!

APRIL 26

CHURCH CLEANUP DAY @ 9AM!

APRIL 29

SINGING BOWL REFLECTION @ 7PM

Sound healing and reflections in the Sactuary

MAY 6

DINNER & DISCUSSION @ 6:30PM**

casual Bible conversation and yummy food!

MAY 10

CEMETERY RESTORATION @ 9:30AM

MAY 27

BREAKFAST AT NAUTILUS @ 7:15AM

JUNE 8

CONFIRMATION & YOUTH SUNDAY!



Questions? Call the church office at 973-377-1600.

**** Reservations requested for Cooking Class and Dinner.**



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GROWING IN FAITH,
SERVING IN JOY, AND
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WORSHIP
Sunday Service 10:15 am

SESSION

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