



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **MADISON**



November 24, 2024
Reign of Christ Sunday

ORDER of WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather together in the name of the one who reigns with justice, compassion, and love.

People: Jesus pours out his power for the powerless.

Leader: Christ shepherds the lost and the least.

People: Jesus embraces the children.

Leader: Let us worship Jesus Christ our just, compassionate, and loving king!

*Opening Hymn

Yours (Glory And Praise)

Verse 1

*It all revolves
Around your throne
Who can know your glory
So high above
Yet slain for us
You alone are worthy*

Chorus

*And the praise is yours
And the praise is yours
You're the One we bow before
Reigning over us
As we lift you up
You will reign forevermore*

Verse 2

*The One who was
And is to come
God of every moment
Forever crowned
Exalted now
You alone are holy*

Bridge

*Glory and praise
Power and strength
Worthy is the Lamb of God
Hallelujah
(REPEAT)*

Hallelujah

*Worthy is the Lamb of God
Hallelujah*

Ending

*It all revolves
Around your throne
Who can know your glory*

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we cling to the powers of this world. We long for status, we strive for wealth, and we grasp for greatness, even at the expense of those things that last. Forgive us and help us to live with the example of Jesus. Guide us to remember the more important things. Give us humility as we survey your vast creation. Grant us love as we rely on deep community. And help us to enjoy the abundance of your love. Through Jesus Christ, we pray.

(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

Sovereign God, let your words guide our hearts and your Spirit direct our lives. May we see your realm of justice and peace, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 18:33-37

33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"
34 Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" **35** Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" **36** Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." **37** Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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

You Reign

Verse 1

*King of ev'rything
Seated on the throne
All authority
Belongs to You alone*

Pre-Chorus

*All power is Yours
All glory is Yours
Ev'ry kingdom will bow to Yours*

Chorus

*You reign, You reign, You reign
Over it all, over it all
So I won't be afraid
'Cause You're in control You're in control
(O Jesus, You reign)*

Verse 2

*You're the Prince of Peace
Sov'reign through it all
When I cannot see
I'll trust in You alone*

Bridge
*Clothed in majesty
Crowned in victory
Jesus, Jesus
Ev'ry eye will see
The glory of our King
Jesus, Jesus*

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

MADISON EAGLE CHRISTMAS FUND BRIGHTENS THE HOLIDAYS FOR HUNDREDS

As in decades past, PCM is lending its support to the Madison Eagle Christmas Fund (MECF). The MECF has served Madison families and seniors in financial need for over 50 years. In 2023, the charity provided assistance to close to 500 of our Madison neighbors, including 200 children. The Fund provides gift cards for essentials such as groceries, gas, and warm clothing, but then gives the recipients the unique ability to select gift cards from a list of over 30 Madison shops and food establishments. The Fund's unique approach gives parents the joy and dignity of shopping for gifts they know their children will most enjoy, and gives seniors the independence to choose a place for a special meal or a gift for themselves.

Look for the small Christmas tree in the narthex with paper ornaments displaying various suggested dollar donations for MECF.

You can support this outreach by selecting an ornament and submitting a check for the chosen amount by Sunday, December 8.

Make the check out to the Presbyterian Church of Madison with MECF noted in the memo area, and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office.

OPERATION HOLIDAY - GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

This year we have chosen to provide gifts for four children currently in one of the programs of Homeless Solutions - a 6-year-old girl and her 4-year-old brother and an 8-year-old girl and her 2-year-old brother. The tree in the narthex also has ornaments with the items from their wish lists. Please take one or more and sign up on the sheet so we can follow up, if necessary. The wrapped gifts, with the ornament attached, should be returned to the narthex by December 8 or the church office by December 10.

OUTDOOR SERVICE AND NATIVITY STORY - DECEMBER 22

There will be a Nativity story with live animals on Sunday, December 22 at 10:15 am. 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!

RAMP

The quarter tube has been full three times this year, which means \$240 to RAMP (with the matching amount from discretionary mission funds). Can we make it to \$320 by the end of the year? Please continue to save your quarters and drop them in the tube each Sunday.

PRAYER LIST

- Former member Carol Sylverstein, recovering from a serious fall
- Steve, grieving the death of his son
- Tammy, undergoing cancer treatment for full and complete healing
- Aida for good outcomes on her current journey
- Loretta for a successful surgery, pain relief, and faith throughout her journey
- Mari's mom, recovering from a stroke and Mari, her caregiver
- Linda who is undergoing cancer surgery
- Evelyn Dowling who is recovering slowly from surgery for tears in her retina

NOTES

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

STAFF

**Reverend Carol Howard
Pastor**

**Christine Antico
Bookkeeper**

**Eileen Koppi
Administrative Assistant**

**Michael Callahan
Student Ministries & Outreach**

**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

The Presbyterian Church of Madison is part of the PC(USA) Denomination
pcusa.org



ThePresbyterianChurchofMadison

| info@pcmadison.org

| 973- 377-1600