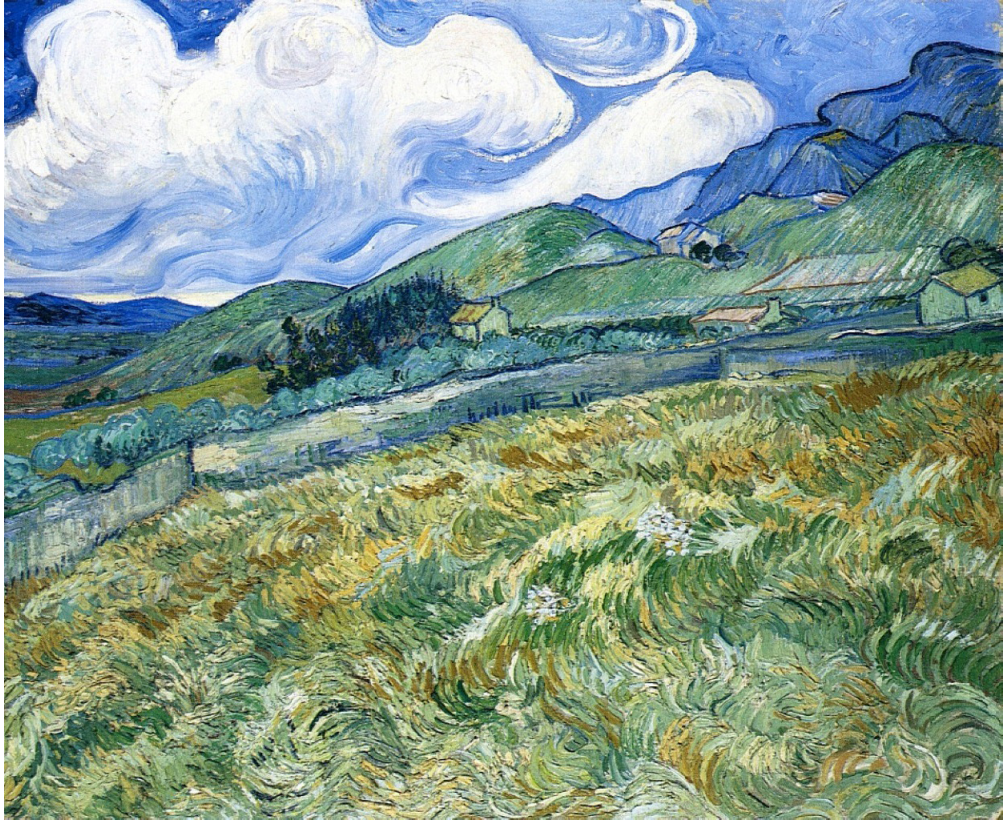




PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of MADISON



November 16, 2025
Season Of Pentecost

ORDER of WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** from Psalm 98

Leader: I am about to create a new heaven and a new earth!
Be glad and rejoice in what I am creating.

People: **O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done
marvelous things. God has remembered his
steadfast love and faithfulness.**

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

***Opening Hymn** *My Lord! What A Morning*

Prayer of Confession

Creator of all things, you call us to love ourselves, but too often we forget that we are made in your image. We become filled with self-doubt and fears of failure. You call us to love our neighbors, but we become wrapped up in our own concerns and we neglect those in need. Help us to know your love so fully, that we are able to share it with those around us. Relieve the burden of our regrets by the power of your patient love. Through Jesus Christ, we pray.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

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.

***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 all.

People: And also with you.

(You may pass the peace to one another.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Faithful God, show yourself to us in these troubled times. Grant us wisdom to hear words of peace and comfort in places where we are broken and hurt. Through these words, help us to imagine a new heaven and a new earth. By your Spirit, we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating,
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy
and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat,
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.”

Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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Sermon

What Would a New Earth Look Like?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith**

from the Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. 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.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

The Gifts of Our Tithes and Offering

Minute for Stewardship

Lexi Currie

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**

Go to the World!

***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

Melissa Dewhurst

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.

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 ENEWS** - 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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WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY DONATING YOUR SPARE CHANGE TO HELP FIGHT FOOD INSECURITY?

The Mission Team has created an easy way for you to put those extra pennies, nickels, and dimes to good use. Every Sunday, you'll find a container where you can drop off your coins. Quarters designated for RAMP should continue to go in the tube and will be matched by an amount from the mission budget. All coins collected (except quarters) will be counted at the CoinStar machine at Stop and Shop, and every cent will go directly to Feeding America, which is a nationwide network of 200 food banks and 60,000 food pantries and programs, providing food and support to people facing hunger. According to their website, every dollar donated helps provide at least 10 meals. Families can get involved by having children sort coins into two piles—quarters for RAMP and all other change for Feeding America.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS PROJECTS

Just as we prepared for Thanksgiving in October, we begin to prepare for Christmas gifts in November. We are again planning to participate in Operation Holiday (gifts for children in the Homeless Solutions network), the Madison Eagle Christmas Fund (cash donations used to provide gift cards from Madison businesses to Madison residents - a win-win for the town), and the White Offering of diapers and adult incontinence products for clients of the Interfaith Food Pantry. Look for the Christmas tree in the Narthex and choose your favorite way to participate.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING - DECEMBER 20

Please join us for a fun afternoon of refreshments and carols in downtown Madison on Saturday, December 20. Time and exact meeting location to be announced soon.

OUTDOOR SERVICE AND NATIVITY STORY- DECEMBER 21

There will be a Nativity story with live animals on Sunday, December 21 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!

INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING DRIVE

Thanks to members and friends of the congregation we collected the following to help make Thanksgiving meals for our neighbors in need: 35 cans of vegetables, 21 packages of stuffing, 13 cans of turkey gravy, 11 packages of instant mashed potatoes, 10 cans of cranberry sauce, 8 boxes of cornbread mix, and 6 cans of sweet potatoes. In addition, we gave \$1,500 from the mission budget to help the pantry purchase needed items.

PRAYER LIST

During the week, each one of us can make it a part of our daily spiritual practice to pray. 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 Rev. Carol Howard at carolhoward@pcmadison.org or call the church office at 973-377-1600. Thank you for helping us maintain a more current prayer list.

- Mike for healing and return to good health
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- Doug, a friend of the Burnet family, who was recently diagnosed with a serious illness
- Unity and peace in our country
- Anonymous
- Phil and Nancy as they manage her very serious health issues
- Thomas, as he recovers following hospitalization
- Mosese, on the list for a kidney transplant
- Debby & Graham who lost their home in the Texas flash flood
- Immigrants
- Kathleen, caregiver for her parents
- Joe and his family for comfort and support during a very stressful time
- Cristin for strength, rest, and peace as her father's caregiver
- Susan, sister of Bob Landrigan, as she battles Parkinson's disease
- Jeanne, to regain strength after a stroke, and for Mari, her caregiver
- Marques and his family, grieving his father's passing
- 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

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Refrain

My Lord! what a morn-ing; my Lord! what a morn-ing;

O my Lord! what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to

Fine

1 You will hear the trum-pet
 2 You will hear the sin-ner
 3 You will hear the Chris-tian

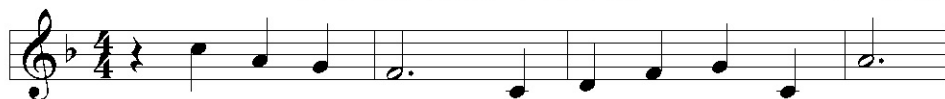
sound
cry,
shout, to wake the na-tions un-der ground,

to Refrain

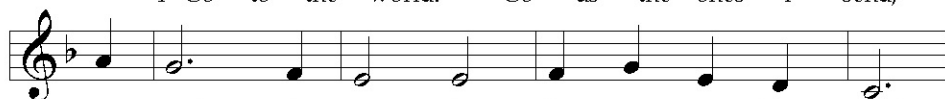
look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Go to the World!

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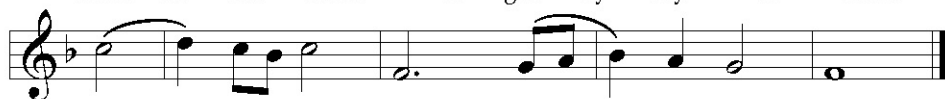
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

NOTES



FALL EVENTS



**SAT
NOV 1**

DEAD OF NIGHT CEMETERY TOUR @ 6 PM

Ghosts from our cemetery rise to tell their stories. Tour guides & welcome staff needed.

**WED
NOV 5**

NAUTILUS DINER BREAKFAST @ 7:15 AM

**SUN
NOV 9**

FALL PICNIC @ 3 PM

Join us at Lewis Park for a picnic. Please feel free to bring food. Gather around the campfire, and there will be s'mores!

**TUES
NOV 11**

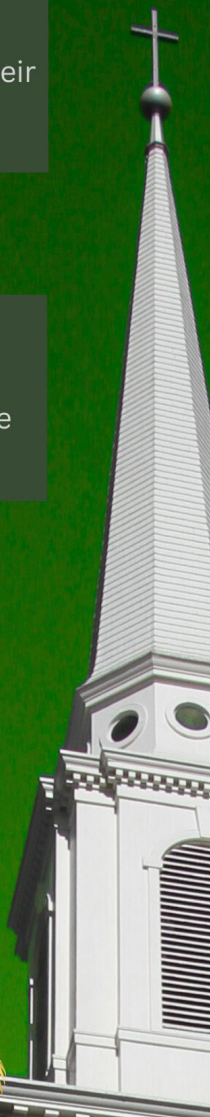
SINGING BOWL REFLECTION @ 7 PM

Sound healing and reflections in the sanctuary. Please bring a non-perishable food donation.

SAVE THE DATES!

SAT DEC 20 Downtown Christmas Caroling

**SUN DEC 21 Christmas Pageant with live
animals!**



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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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Anna D'Achille
Director of Music

WORSHIP
Sunday Service 10:15 am

SESSION

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Becky Moody, Clerk

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