

# Madison Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)



November 2, 2008      31st Sunday in Ordinary Time      8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

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## Serving Today

### Ushers

8:45—Bill and Dottie Borst  
11:00—Rusty and Will Bullard

### Acolytes

8:45—Sarah Jones  
11:00—Hannah Hartney

### Nursery Volunteers

8:30—Camilla Moss  
9:45—Brad Evans  
10:45—Brandon and Monica Jolley

### Elders

#### Class of 2008

Melissa Broach  
Jason Connolly  
Hoyt Jackson  
Richard Howard  
Linda Sky  
Connie Booth

#### Class of 2009

Chris Barber  
Sonny Biscoglia  
Johnnie Sue Moore  
Mary Pickles  
Harris Warbington

#### Class of 2010

Bob Hogan  
Christie Jones  
Lorene Malanowski  
Garry Phelps  
Robert Trulock

## Our Mission Statement

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, guided by Scripture, and faithful to the Reformed tradition, the mission of Madison Presbyterian Church is to share God's transforming love by continuing the reconciling ministry of Jesus Christ.

### Madison Presbyterian Church

382 South Main Street  
Madison, GA 30650

Phone: 706-342-2813      Fax: 706-342-4350

8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

(Nursery provided for all services and Sunday School)

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

After hours pastoral emergency, please contact one of the pastors at home.

Rev. Estes 404-405-5692; Rev. Carson 706-342-9454;

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## Prayer Requests for Week of November 2, 2008

### Health Concerns

- Kim Murray (Alfred Murray's daughter)
- Paul Cotton (Paula Vaughan's father)
- Evelyn Hunter
- Mary Carter (Dan Vaughn's mother)
- Heather Landmesser (friend of Babs Johnston)
- Jonathan Tisdale (friend of Brandon & Monica Jolley)
- Hayes Avery (friend of Karen Strelecki)
- Chris Mohler (Dick Mohler's son)
- Mazelle Phelps (mother of Garry Phelps)
- Holly Johnston (Babs & Hiram Johnston's daughter-in-law)
- Gloria Belcher
- Keely Jenkins (Marie Harris' great-granddaughter)
- Steve Barrett
- Bill Parks (Larry Parks' father)
- Barbara Moorhead
- Jay Lamb (Tim Lamb's father)
- Marie Ponder (Deb Smoak's mother)
- Trent Funk (Sherri Brady's brother)
- Debra Bernes (treatment for cancer)
- Richard Pippin (Jim and Elinor Pippin's son)
- Helen Woodson
- John Abbott (Bill Abbott's brother)
- Kathryn Foskey

### Recently Hospitalized

- Wes Busby (son of Bob and Norma Busby) - at home and recovering well
- Helen Wadford
- Frederick Lockman (grandson of Dollie Pettis)
- Edna Johnson (Fred Johnson's mother) - broken hip

### Serving Our Country

- Rodney Hardeman (Bob Phillips' cousin)
- Sean Bryan Hudson (son of Mary Alice Hudson)
- Ben Tisdale (Ken & Betty Morris' grandson)
- SPC William Jacob Henderson (Bob & Norma Busby's grandson) & SPC Amber Ramsey-Henderson, Texas
- Denny Gerber (Jim & Lorene Malanowski's nephew)
- Michael Crosby Launius (son of George & Nancy Launius)
- Bobby Hughes (son of Bob & Rose Mary Hughes)
- Daniel Whitlock Fort Rucker, AL
- WO1 Arthur Hugh Dye II (son of Greg & Karen Strelecki) Fort Rucker, AL
- Parker Jackson—Travis AFB
- Kristopher Pruitt (Sue Crowley's grandson) - Shepard AFB, Texas

### Madison House

- Doris Atkinson
- Marie Moorhead
- Helen Hossler
- Inez Jones

### Birthdays

- 11/4 Lela Anne Laseter, Elaine Sutherland
- 11/5 Nick Smith
- 11/7 Rena Holt, Lady Kuperberg, Sara Shepherd, FritzWilliams

Welcome and Announcements  
(Please turn off cell phones and pagers at this time.)

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

Prelude

**Deep River**

Held

Call To Worship

One: We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

**Many: Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.**

One: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

**Many: Let us look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

One: Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

**Canticle for All the Saints**

Wagner

\*Hymn of Praise No. 526 **For All the Saints**

\*Call to Confession

**Sanctuary**

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

\*Prayer of Confession— (unison)

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have sinned. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors; we have refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the homeless. In your great mercy, forgive us. Give us the courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, we may inherit your kingdom. In your Son's name we pray .....(the prayer continues in silence). Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Friends, hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**Many: 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, it now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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\*Please stand if you are able.

\*\*B" refers to regular print Bibles with a blue border. "W" refers to those Bibles with a white border.

Offertory **Sun of My Soul** Whitworth

\*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above the heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication (concluding with 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 glory, forever. Amen.**

Anthem (11:00) **Deep River** Held

Time for Young Disciples  
(Children 3-5 yrs old are excused to go to Children's Church.)

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading **Hebrews 11:29-12:2** B:226;W:212

Sermon **A Great Cloud of Witnesses** Rev. Estes

\*Hymn of Service No. 345 **Dear Lord and Father of Mankind**  
*During the hymn, the congregation is invited to bring pledges of time, talent, and financial resources forward and drop them in the basket near the Communion table.*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer

\*Affirmation of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Hymn No. 366 **Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me**

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response **Surely It Is God Who Saves Me**  
**Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.**

\*Postlude **For All the Saints** Held

### **This Week's Events**

#### **Sunday, November 2**

8:45 a.m. Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (w/adult choir)  
1:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. Youth Group

#### **Monday, November 3**

10:00 a.m. Prayer Group (church library)  
10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women Morning Circle (room 205)  
11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (church library)  
7:00 p.m. Worship Ministry (church library)

#### **Tuesday, November 4**

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast and Bible Study (fellowship hall)  
10:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women Coffee Circle (Perk Avenue)  
11:45 a.m. New Members and Evangelism Ministry (fellowship hall)  
12:00 p.m. Bible Study (church library)  
7:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Evening Circle (fellowship hall)

#### **Wednesday, November 5**

7:00 a.m. Sr. High Breakfast (Ye Old Colonial)  
10:30 a.m. Boys and Girls Club meeting (fellowship hall)  
3:30 p.m. Jr. High Snack Attack (Wendy's)  
4:45 p.m. Program Staff meets (pastor's study)  
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner and activities (fellowship hall)  
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

#### **Friday, November 6**

8:30 a.m. Disciple II Bible Study (church library)  
4:00 p.m. Middle School Retreat Departs

### **Welcome**

We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today and hope you feel warmly welcomed by our members. We have a nursery available for children under three years of age, and listening devices for the hearing impaired. Children three to five years old go to Children's Church following the children's message. Our ushers will be happy to assist you with any or all of these ministries. If you live in the Madison area and do not have a church home, we invite you to become a member

### **Sunday School—10:00 a.m.**

#### **Adults**

**St. Andrews Class**, primarily for those sixty and older, meets in room 205. **The Friends of J.C.** meets in the fellowship hall and is for adults of all ages. **The Homebuilders Class**, which meets in the library, is especially for younger adults. This Fall, their study is "Parenting With Love and Logic." Visit and find the class that's right for you.

#### **Youth**

Senior Highs meet upstairs in the senior high room and Middle Schoolers meet off the fellowship hall.

#### **Children**

The 3 and 4 year olds meet in room 102. K through 2nd grade meets in room 206 and 3rd through 5th grade meets in room 202.

### **Flowers**

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary this morning to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Graham by Mary Wilcox.

### **All Saints' Sunday**

Today is All Saints' Sunday, a day in which we remember all the saints in every time and place who have gone before us. We especially give thanks for those members of our church who have died during the last year and have entered the church triumphant. We thank God for the lives of Anne Lawton, Pamela Harris Myers, Bob Phillips, Taylor Pritchard, Annie Lee Small, Vic Steele, and Jim Unger.

### **New Wednesday Night Study—November 5 and 12**

Many of us are already beginning to ask: "Who will be our next Senior Pastor?" We will also be asking God to guide the Pastor Nominating Committee in their search for "the person of God's own choosing." For the first two Wednesday nights in November, I would like for us to ask two questions of ourselves: "Who are we?" and "Whose are we?" If we prayerfully ask these questions of ourselves, we can become better prepared to welcome and work with the new Senior Pastor, whoever that person may be. I hope many of you will join with me in this endeavor. We will meet in the St. Andrews Class room (room 205) following the Wednesday night supper on November 5 and November 12. I look forward to being with you. —Harry Beverly

### **Inquirer's Class—November 5 and 12**

Visitors to Madison Presbyterian Church are invited to join and make MPC your church home. During November, Rev. Estes will lead an Inquirer's Class on Wednesday evenings, November 5 and 12, 6:30—7:30 p.m. The classes will meet in her office and will consider what it means to be a Presbyterian and what it means to be a member of Madison Presbyterian Church. Please call Rev. Estes for more information (404.405.5692).

### **Community Thanksgiving Service—November 23**

Our congregation is invited to the Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 23, 7:00 p.m. at St. James Catholic Church (562 Vine Street). An offering will be received for the Community Benevolent Fund and canned goods will be accepted for The Caring Place.

### **Please Make Sure All Doors Are Locked!!**

Several people have recently found a door in the education building open or unlocked early in the morning. If you are the last to leave our building, please remember to lock the door and check to make sure it is closed tightly.

### **Offering Hope, Changing Lives With Our Thornwell Offering**

Thornwell Home for Children is a Presbyterian Outreach that houses more than 100 youth who have no other place to live for a short or long period of time due to various family situations. The care of Thornwell's residents is based on sound Christian principles and a warm, loving cottage atmosphere staffed by Family Teachers dedicated to providing the finest in Christian development. They make it a priority to help these children achieve academic success. Your support provides books, tutors, computers and other technology to help Thornwell's children succeed academically. Give generously from your heart this Thanksgiving season. Envelopes can be found in the pews each Sunday in November. Thank you for your support and caring of others.