

Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 3, 2018 • 10:30am



Welcome to Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member . . .

Whether you are new to or uncertain about this whole idea of church . . .

Whether you grew up Presbyterian or Baptist or Jewish or agnostic . . .

Whether you came with a friend or just wandered in accidentally . . .

Whether you are in search of comfort or wanting to be challenged . . .

Whatever reason brought you to worship today, you are welcome here and you have made us better by being present with us. In the midst of a big and busy city, we are a church that takes seriously Jesus' instructions to love God, love one another, and love our neighbors. Our worship style is traditional and true to our Reformed heritage. At the same time, we seek to bring our faith into conversation with the world around us and the events of our lives.

After worship, we gather in our Church House for fellowship, coffee, and cookies. Please join us. We think you'll find us to be a friendly and approachable group of people trying our best to live like Jesus teaches. But if you're looking for a perfect church, we're not it. We don't always get it right. Rather, we're a group of imperfect people who understand how much we all need grace in our lives. And we believe that God's love, which never gives up and never lets go, is for everyone. Including you.

There is a place for you here. We're delighted you've joined us today.

Rev. Jenny McDevitt
Senior Pastor

Children Are Always Welcome

Your children are always welcome here at MAPC, and they are welcome to stay with you in worship. Little ones can't help but make a bit of noise from time to time. If it is your preference, however, children three and under may be taken to the Nursery on the 4th floor. The Narthex and the Children's Library are also available. Speakers provide audio of the service.

Membership and More Information

For those interested in exploring the possibility of membership or learning more about who we are and what we do, we periodically host a "Tell Me More About MAPC" conversation. The next gathering will be held June 16 at 9:30 am in the Phillips Lounge. RSVPs are helpful to Lissette Perez-Eraza at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

*“Wherever God has put you, that is your vocation.
It is not what we do but how much love we put into it.”
— Mother Teresa*

*Speak to us, O God, in a voice clear enough that we recognize you, mysterious enough
that we remain in awe of you, and ambitious enough that we dream with you.*

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude From *Suite Gothique*, Op. 25 *Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)*
Introduction — Choral; Menuet Gothique; Prière à Notre Dame

Call to Worship Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

It is a brand new day.

When the sun rises, it brings a clean slate and a second chance.

It is a brand new day.

When the birds sing, creation catches its breath and chaos recedes.

It is a brand new day.

When God speaks, our hearts leap and our demons slither away.

It is a brand new day.

When we worship, love is practiced and we are welcomed home.

*Hymn 474 O Splendor of God's Glory Bright *Puer nobis nascitur*

Prayer of Confession Christina A. Cosby

Gracious God, forgive us.

When we are filled with despair,

we forget how you said, “Let there be light.”

When we feel lost and alone,

we forget how you said, “I am the way and the truth and the life.”

When we worry there is no hope left for us,

we forget how you said, “I am doing a new thing, even now.”

Send your Spirit to awaken our hearts and encourage our living.

Fulfill in us the truth you spoke long ago

and still promise us today. (Silent prayer)

Lord, Have Mercy

James MacMillan

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy,
 Christ — have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

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Assurance of God's Grace

... Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri

John Weaver

(Organ) Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the
 Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it: as it was in the be - gin - ning, is —
 now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Summary of God's Law

*Passing the Peace

————— Proclaiming God's Word —————

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1-11
OT page 236

*Psalm 139 (Hymn 248)

Sursum Corda

Lesson with the Youth and Children

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

*Children's Worship: Preschool through 3rd grades gather in Phillips Lounge.
They will return during the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.*

Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:5-15
NT page 170

Gospel Lesson

Mark 2:23—3:6
NT page 34

Sermon

Nevertheless, God Persisted

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 419

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Repton

*Affirmation of Faith

from A 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.**

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!"**

Installation of Officers

Deacons, Class of 2021

Susan Anderson, John Carr, Karen Jolis, Pat Jones, Joyce Kadzakumanja, Patricia O'Connell, Caesar Rochez, and Alicia Sheen

Elders, Class of 2021

Curtis Field, Edmund Herrold, Kathy Hoffman, Barbara Iverson, and Dorothy Kleinert

Constitutional Questions

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church Universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

(Deacons) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

(Elders) Will you be a faithful Elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Prayer of Installation

Declaration of Installation

Prayers of the People

...*Lord in your mercy*, **hear our prayer.**

Our Life Together

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Offertory Anthem

Prayer from Psalm 139

Weaver

How precious are your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
If I should try to count them they are more in number than the sands.
When I awake I am still with you. Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts, see if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.
— Psalm 139:17-18, 23-24

*Doxology

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures
here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

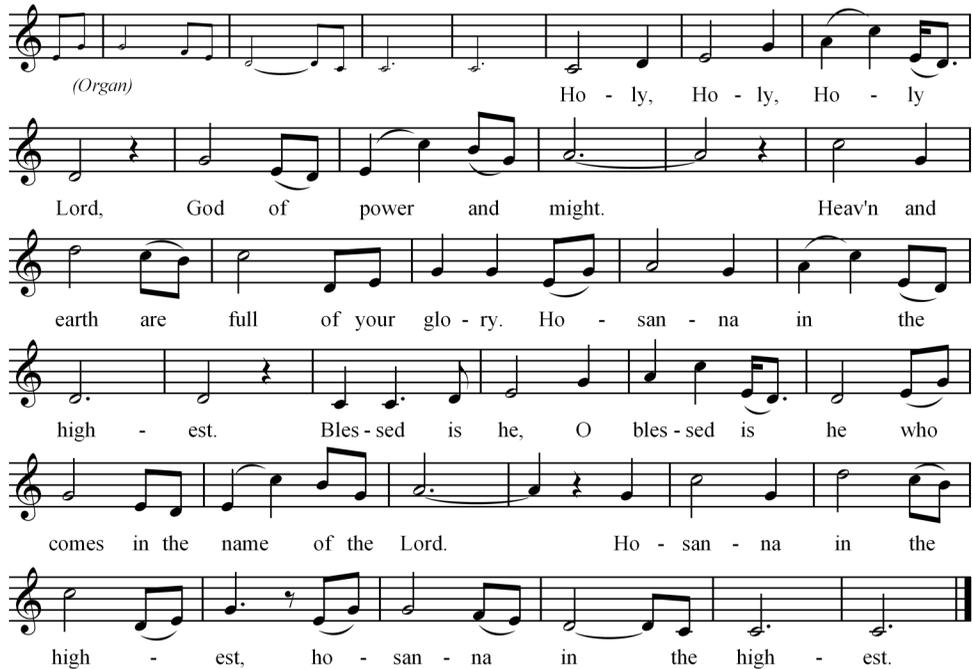
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray . . .

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your holy name:

Sanctus

MacMillan



(Organ) Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly
Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bles - sed is he, O bles - sed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Acclamation

. . . we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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 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, now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Let us keep the feast.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayers for Healing and Wholeness

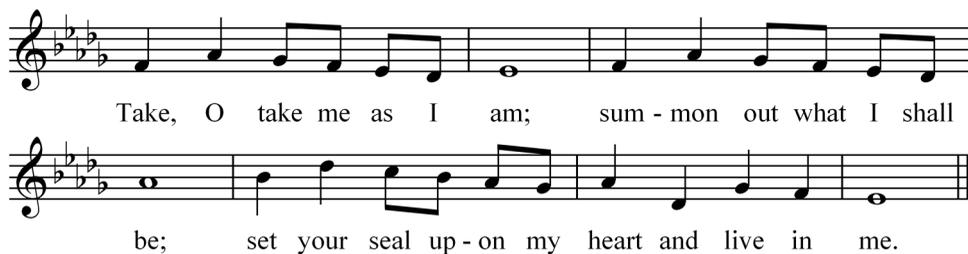
Communion Anthem

The Best of Rooms

Gerald Near

Christ, he requires still, wheresoever he comes,
To feed or lodge, to have the best of rooms;
Give him the choice; grant him the nobler part
Of all the house; the best of all's the heart.
— Robert Herrick (1591-1675)

Congregational Song



Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

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Closing Prayer

*Hymn 507

I Come With Joy

Dove of Peace

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Weaver



(Organ) A - men, A - men, A - men.

*Postlude

Toccata (from *Suite Gothique*)

Boëllmann

About the Cover Art

Hannah and Samuel, by Cody Miller

Young Samuel's head is turned away from his mother, Hannah, even at this tender age because he is already aware of a voice calling to him. While he will not understand to whom the voice belongs until later in life, his awareness of that voice is from the beginning. Image used with permission.

Information and Announcements

Summer Choir

You're invited to sing during the summer! Our Summer Choir provides an opportunity for members and friends to sing some beautiful choral music together as leaders of worship. Continuing through Sunday, July 29, the Summer Choir will meet Sundays at 9:30 am to rehearse for our 10:30 am service. Come as you can. Please contact Andrew Henderson at ah@mapc.com.

Farewell Luncheon for Richard Frey

Our Business Manager, Richard Frey, is retiring after almost 25 years at MAPC! Please come say thank you and farewell today in the Parish Hall immediately following worship. A scholarship fund has been established at Richard's high school, Lancaster Mennonite School. To contribute to the fund, place your gifts in the offering plate or mail them to the church, or make a gift online.

Shelter Open House

Today at 1pm in the shelter space, come learn more about this vital ministry of the church and consider signing up to volunteer. Each night, there are two shifts that offer direct contact with shelter guests: an early shift from 6:30-8:30 pm, and an overnight shift from 8:30 pm - 7 am.

Sunday Lift, A Christian Education Summer Opportunity

Lift is an intergenerational experience focusing on faith formation and cultivating community through bible study, games, and sharing a meal. Join us on the 8th Floor at 9:15 am all Sundays in June.

Church Family Night

Join us June 8 from 6-9 pm in the Parish Hall. We'll enjoy food, fellowship, crafts, a movie, and recreation in the gym. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Eraza at lge@mapc.com. Suggested donation is \$20 for adults and a contribution of your choice for children under 12.

Installation Service for Rev. Jenny McDevitt

On September 23, at 3 pm, Rev. Jenny McDevitt will be installed as our Senior Pastor. Join the Presbytery of New York City for worship and a celebratory reception to follow.

Bible Study Opportunities

- Reading through the Bible, Wednesday, June 6 at 12:30 pm in the Phillips Lounge
- Women's Bible Study, Monday, June 11 at 6:30 pm in the Phillips Lounge
- 20s/30s Bible Study, Thursday, June 14, at 5:30 pm in 10C

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, June 3

- 9:15 am – Child Care – 4th Floor
- 9:15 am – Intergeneration Church School Hour (Sunday Lift) – 8AR
- 9:30 am – Summer Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 10:30 am – Worship – Sanctuary
- 10:45 am – Children's Worship – Phillips Lounge
- 11:45 am – Farewell to Richard Frey – Parish Hall
- 1:00 pm – Shelter Orientation – Shelter Space

Monday, June 4

- 6:30 pm – Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space
- 6:30 pm – Zimbabwe Partnership Committee – Library

Tuesday, June 5

- 5:00 pm – Hood Library Fellowship – Library
- 6:30 pm – Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space
- 6:30 pm – Personnel Committee – Pastor's Study

Wednesday, June 6

- 12:30 pm – Reading Through the Bible (Proverbs 6) – Phillips Lounge
- 6:00 pm – Cocaine Anonymous – 5th Floor
- 6:30 pm – Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space
- 7:00 pm – Deacons – 8AR

Thursday, June 7

- 1:00 pm – Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing Group – James Lenox House
- 6:30 pm – Recovery Group – Library
- 6:30 pm – Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Friday, June 8

- 6:00 pm – Church Family Night – Parish Hall
- 6:30 pm – Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Sunday, June 10

- 9:15 am – Child Care – 4th Floor
- 9:15 am – New Member Reception – Community Services Room
- 9:30 am – Summer Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 10:10 am – Intergeneration Church School Hour (Sunday Lift) – 8AR
- 10:30 am – Worship – Sanctuary
- 10:45 am – Children's Worship – Phillips Lounge
- 12:00 pm – ESL Classes – Parish Hall, Shelter Space, Community Services Room

Current Sermon Series

Encountering the Holy

We don't talk about the Holy Spirit very much. We like to think about our faith, but the Spirit cannot be captured by our intellect. In fact, the Spirit resists every attempt we make to control it, not worrying a bit about our comfort or our carefully constructed plans. And thanks be to God for that. So we have to ask ourselves: what is the Spirit up to today?

May 20	Pentecost: Youth Sunday
May 27	Do We Really Need to Be Born Again?
June 3	Nevertheless, God Persisted
June 10	The Ugly Side of the Spirit
June 17	The Value of the Least (Rev. Beverly Barlett preaching)

Mission Statement

The mission of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church is to bring people into the transforming presence of Jesus Christ through worship, teaching the Word, Christian nurture, and ministry in and to the world. As Christ's ministers, our members are striving to build a community of God's love, justice, and mercy, trusting God to lead us into faithfulness.

Ministry Team Staff

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt, *Senior Pastor and Head of Staff*
Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Paula V. Cooper, *Phillips Talbot Global Ministry Fellow*
Christina A. Cosby, *Director of Christian Formation*
Laura Graham, *Director of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church Day School*
Dr. Andrew E. Henderson, *Director of Music and Organist*
Mary W. Huff, *Associate Director of Music and Director of the NYC Children's Chorus*
Roger S. Pierce, Jr., *Director of Administration and Finance*
Rev. Dr. Richard W. Shoup, *Pastoral Counselor*
Rev. Dr. Fred R. Anderson, *Pastor Emeritus*
Dr. John B. Weaver, *Director of Music and Organist Emeritus*