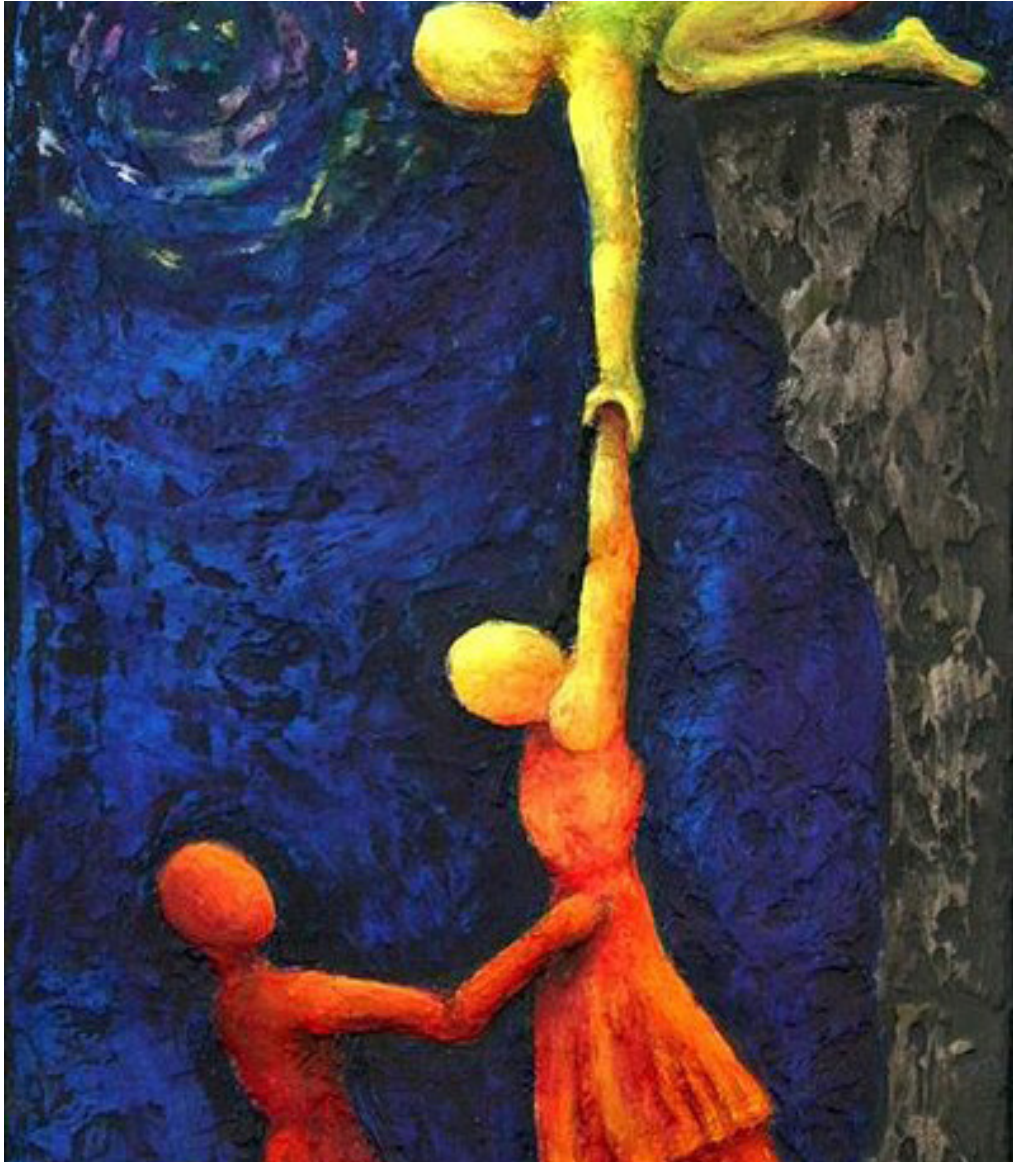




# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
September 2, 2018 • 10:30am



# Welcome to Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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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

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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

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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 Sept. 8, 2018, at 9 am in the Phillips Lounge. RSVPs are helpful to Lissette Perez-Erazo at [lgp@mapc.com](mailto:lgp@mapc.com).

# Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

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*We thank you Lord for this new day, full of possibility, unlike any that has come before it.  
Help us to delight in your creation, rest from our weekday routines, and dwell in your Word.  
Quiet in us any anxieties that linger so that we may be fully present with you in this hour and beyond.*

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## Gathering in God's Name

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Prelude

Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele, BWV 654

*Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)*

Call to Worship

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

Every good and perfect gift, no doubt, comes from above.

**And God gives birth to us through the Word.**

We welcome the Word.

**We welcome the Word deep inside us,  
in order to be true doers of the Word.**

Let us be doers, doers of the Word.

**And let us start by worshipping God.**

\*Hymn 244

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

*Monkland*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

**God of Grace,**

**We are called into this world to speak your truth and then, to act.**

**Yet, far too often we do not listen**

**and even more so, we do not act.**

**We fail to take the time to sit with the people we love,**

**who are desperately crying out for a listening ear.**

**We move from one task to another, worried about time,**

**instead of being present in the here and now.**

**You call us to care for the orphans and widows in their distress;**

**we are quick to speak, but slow to respond.**

**We are here, present in your broken world,**

**and called by you to be doers of the Word.**

**Lord, guide us and forgive us.**

(Silent Prayer)

Lord, Have Mercy (from *Deutsche Messe*)

*Franz Schubert*

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

Assurance of God's Grace

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

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

\*Response of Praise

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us  
sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn-ingsun with golden  
beam, Thou sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1225; trans. William H. Draper, 1910  
Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

\*Summary of God's Law

\*Passing the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Our Life Together

# Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Francois Silatchom

Old Testament Lesson

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

OT page 588

\*Psalm 45:1, 2, 6-9

*Resignation*



1. My heart is \_\_\_ filled with God's own thoughts, A \_\_\_ good and  
2. O \_\_\_ King, you are the Lord's own choice, The hand - som -  
3. Your throne, O \_\_\_ King, is God's own throne, Your scep - ter  
4. The oil of \_\_\_ glad - ness set you forth As God's a -



whole - some theme, A - bout the King, God's cho - sen one, A -  
est of men. Your mouth is \_\_\_ filled with words of grace, Your  
God's own rod. Its rule is \_\_\_ one of e - qui - ty, The  
noint - ed one. Glad songs of praise sur - round your throne, For



noint - ed and es - teemed. My tongue is \_\_\_ rea - dy, like a \_\_\_  
lips are free from sin. Take up your sword, O might - y \_\_\_  
Right - eous - ness of God. Your rule shall be an end - less  
you are God's own son. How fra - grant is your pre - sence,



pen, A \_\_\_ list - 'ning, rea - dy scribe, To speak the words God  
one, Now gird it \_\_\_ on your thigh. Your glo - ry and your  
reign, Un - ceas - ing are its days. You love the right and  
Lord, How love - ly is your face; Your church, like queens a -



speaks through me, To \_\_\_ bless and to a - scribe.  
ma - je - sty Are gifts from the Most High.  
hate the \_\_\_ wrong, So \_\_\_ just are all your ways.  
dorned in \_\_\_ gold, We seek you in this place.

Lesson with the Children and Youth

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

Epistle Lesson

James 1:17-27  
NT page 215

Gospel Lesson

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
NT page 39

Sermon

Welcoming the Implanted Word

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

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Responding to God's Word

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\*Hymn 428

We Give Thee but Thine Own

*Schumann*

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated on the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

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

## Presenting Our Offerings to God

Offertory Solo

The Voice of My Beloved

*Max Helfman*  
(1902-1963)

The voice of my beloved! Behold, he cometh, leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills. My beloved spake, and said unto me: Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone, the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in the land; the fig tree ripeneth her green figs, and the vines are in blossom, they give forth their fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

—Song of Solomon 2:8-13

## \*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 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

*Schubert*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, \_\_\_\_\_ hea - ven and earth are  
full \_\_\_\_\_ full, \_\_\_\_\_ of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes \_\_\_\_\_  
in the name of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - sa - na in the  
high - est. Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

### 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 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.**





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## Worship Details

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### Cover Art

“Helping Hand” by Linda Carmel.

### Musical Leadership

The Church Choir is on hiatus during the month of August and on Labor Day weekend, with special music provided by soloists from our professional octet on Sunday mornings. This Sunday’s soloist is tenor Marc Molomot, a member of MAPC’s octet since 2011. Marc enjoys an international career in opera and on the concert stage, with a special affinity for Baroque and contemporary works. The Church Choir will return next Sunday, September 9, when the regular Sunday morning schedule resumes with services at 9 and 11:15 am. This week’s guest organist is Nancianne Parrella, Organist Emerita of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola here in New York City.

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## Information and Announcements

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### September 9: Two Worship Services

Remember, September 9 we return to our academic year schedule with worship at 9 am and 11:15 am, with an educational hour for all ages at 10:10 am.

### Blessing of the Backpacks (and other bags)

Ready or not, a new academic year is almost upon us. Students, bring your backpacks or bookbags to worship on September 9 to receive a special blessing and a small gift during the Children’s Lesson. Adults, if you wish to partipate, bring whatever bag accompanies you throughout your day. Let’s begin the year remembering that God is with us wherever we go and whatever we do.

### Fall Picnic in the Park

We return to our regular worship schedule on Sunday, September 9. We’ll celebrate with a picnic in Central Park at 1 pm. Sandwiches, sides, chips, and water will be provided; please bring some dessert to share. Come and enjoy a relaxed afternoon in the park with MAPC. This a great and non-threatening event to invite some friends to join you! RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at [lgp@mapc.com](mailto:lgp@mapc.com).

### Singing with MAPC

Are you interested in singing with the Church Choir, or our choral society, the Saint Andrew Chorale? The Church Choir sings anthems and provides musical leadership for our 11:15 am services and special liturgies from September through May. The Saint Andrew Chorale sings concerts as a part of the Saint Andrew Music Society concert season, often joined by orchestras and accompanied by professional instrumentalists. Rehearsals for both the Church Choir and Saint Andrew Chorale resume

on Thursday, September 6. If you are interested, visit the Choirs page on our website, or contact Andrew Henderson: [ah@mapc.com](mailto:ah@mapc.com), or 212-288-8920.

## Saint Andrew Music Society: Announcing our 54th Season

The Saint Andrew Music Society's 54rd Season brochure is in the mail! Plenty of extra copies are available for you to pick up from the narthex and Church House Lobby for you to distribute to your friends! You can also peruse all fifteen concerts taking place this season on our website: [mapc.com/music/sams/concerts](http://mapc.com/music/sams/concerts), ranging from performances by our very own choral society – the Saint Andrew Chorale & Orchestra; MAPC's community children's chorus program – the New York City Children's Chorus; students from The Juilliard School, Mannes College, and the Manhattan School of Music; and a host of recitals featuring vocalists and chamber ensembles.

## Wednesday Afternoon Kids Club

Kids and families, join us Wednesday afternoons from 4-6 pm for Kids Club! This year is going to be better than ever! Bible Study, Choir, Recreation, and Dinner all begin on September 12th. To register, visit [mapc.com/education/childrens-ministry](http://mapc.com/education/childrens-ministry) or contact Christina Cosby at [cac@mapc.com](mailto:cac@mapc.com).

## Middle School Mid-Week Youth Group

Middle schoolers, we're trying something new just for you! Join us for T(w)een Club Wednesday evenings from 5-7 pm. We'll share dinner and study the Bible with Rev. Jenny McDevitt (bring all your tough questions — she's ready for you!). Mary Huff is directing a youth choir that won't be the same without you, so bring your joyful singing voice. We'll mix in some games, crafts, service options, and other activities from time to time, too. Haven't joined us on Wednesday nights before? This is the perfect chance to change that. (Want to come by right after school? That's okay, too. There will be study hall space and snacks available for you.) To register, contact Christina Cosby at [cac@mapc.com](mailto:cac@mapc.com) or visit [mapc.com/education/childrens-ministry](http://mapc.com/education/childrens-ministry).

## Save the Dates!

Sept. 14 — Church Family Night returns

Sept. 16 — New Member Sunday

Sept. 23 — Rev. Jenny McDevitt's Installation as Senior Pastor of MAPC

Sept. 28-29 — All-Church Retreat at Holmes Camp and Conference Center

Oct. 10 — MAPC's First Ever Blessing of the Animals

## Looking for the Calendar?

This fall, we simply have too much going on to list it all here. (This is a good thing!) Copies of the weekly calendar are available in the Narthex (entrance of the sanctuary) and near the elevators. The calendar is also included in the weekly Pastoral Staff Letter and is available online at [mapc.com](http://mapc.com).

## Faces of Our Faith Fall Sermon Series

The Bible is the story of God, and because God created and loves humanity, the Bible is also the story of humanity — of people who are more like us than we might sometimes think. This series explores eight different biblical figures that emerge from the lectionary texts. Some may be more familiar than others, but all of them have something to teach us: about faith, about God, and about ourselves.

- Sept. 9            The Syrophenician Woman: Is That Supposed To Be Encouraging?  
*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*
- Sept. 16          Lady Wisdom: Identity In a Time Of Crisis  
*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*
- Sept. 23          James: Watch Your Mouth  
*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*
- Sept. 30          Little Children: Our Sacred Responsibility  
*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*
- Oct. 7            Job: When the Worst Happens  
*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*
- Oct. 14          The Rich Man  
*Rev. Beverly Bartlett*
- Oct. 21          Bartimaeus: Patron Saint of Imagination  
*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*
- Oct. 28          James and John  
*Chesna Hinkley, seminary intern*

### 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*  
Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman, *Pastoral Resident*  
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. Fred R. Anderson, *Pastor Emeritus*  
Dr. John B. Weaver, *Director of Music and Organist Emeritus*