



# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
October 21, 2018 • 9 & 11:15am



# 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 Oct. 27, 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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*God of our lives, inspire us with your Word, that we might pleasantly surprise ourselves by how much our thoughts, words, and actions reflect your love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

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## Gathering in God's Name

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Prelude

Vater unser im Himmelreich

*Georg Böhm  
(1661-1733)*

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

It is because of God's creativity  
that a formless void became sun and moon, sea and sky, field and forest.

**It is because of God's imagination**

**that fishermen and tax collectors were called as Christ's first disciples.**

It is because of God's promise  
that ordinary water becomes an extraordinary sacrament.

**It is because of God's love**

**that healing is possible and resurrection is real.**

It is because of God's faithfulness  
that we gather in this place to worship and give thanks.

**Let us worship in spirit and truth, with thanks and expectation.**

\*Hymn 288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*Ellacombe*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

**Gracious God,**

**Forgive our bleak imagination and our dreams that refuse inspiration.**

**We imagine things are as they must be,  
so we dream of little more than refining what is.**

**Forgive our poor memory and our fragile trust.**

**We remember no help in ages past,  
so we summon no hope for years to come.**

**Forgive our cynical hearts and our tired fear.**

**We have grown accustomed to the brokenness around us,  
so we are suspicious of joy when it appears.**

**Come to us, O God.**

**Revive us with your Good News.** (Silent Prayer)

# Lord, Have Mercy

Richard Proulx

Musical score for 'Lord, Have Mercy' in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of two staves. The first staff is labeled 'Cantor' and the second 'All'. The lyrics are: 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!**

## \*Response of Praise

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Musical score for 'Response of Praise' in D major, 4/4 time. The score consists of four staves. The lyrics are: Sing praise to God, who reigns a-bove, The God of all cre - a - tion, The God of power, the God of love, The God of our sal - va - tion; With heal-ing balm my soul is filled, And ev-ery faith - less mur - mur stilled: To God all praise and glo - ry!

Text: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864

Music: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang* (1566)

## \*Summary of God's Law

Audrey E. Webber

## \*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

Christina A. Cosby

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 31:7-13  
(OT page 690)

\*Psalm 34

*Boundless Mercy*



1. We will al - ways bless you Lord, in all times and plac - es.
2. Lord, our God, you heard our prayer, and from fear you freed us.
3. When the help - less call on God, an - gels come de - scen - ding.



We will thank and laud your name; we will sing your prais - es.  
In our hung - er we cried out; you drew near to feed us.  
In their shelt' - ring wings is peace, strength to calm all trem - bling.



Come, af - flict - ed, come op - pressed; God will heal your sad - ness.  
All the home - less come to you, Safe and Stur - dy Shel - ter.  
Blest are those who come to you, Good and Sure De - fen - der.



Join with us and sing this song; God will give you glad - ness.  
Lost and trou - bled seek your face, Sure and Con - stant Help - er.  
Taste and see the Lord is good, source of life and splen - dor.

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Music: Union Harmony, 1837

Lesson with the Children and Youth

*Children's Worship: Preschool through 3rd grades are dismissed to the Phillips Lounge.  
Youth Worship: 4th through 8th grades are dismissed to the Dana Chapel.  
They will return during the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.*

Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 7:23-28  
(NT page 208)

Gradual

May the Words of My Mouth

Andrew Henderson

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

—Psalm 19:14

Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:46-52  
(NT page 44)

Sermon

Bartimaeus:  
Patron Saint of Imagination

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

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Responding to God's Word

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\*Hymn (11:15 am)

Hymn of Promise

Promise



1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2. There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3. In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

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The Sacrament of Baptism (11:15 am)

Elder Kate Baier

Blake Nicole Berhow (Josh and Natalie Berhow, parents)

**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 to 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.**

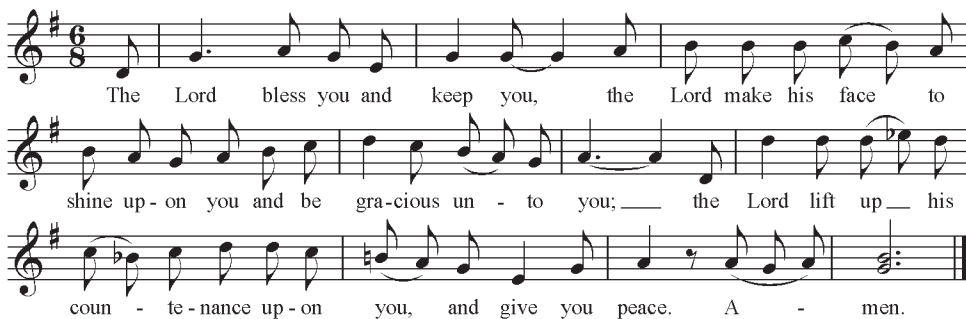
Unison Prayer (11:15 am)

**Holy God,**

**Remind us of the promises given to us in our own baptisms and renew our trust in you.  
Bind us to your Word and fill us with your Spirit,  
that together we may love one another, and serve you with joy,  
that others may see Christ in us and come to trust in him, as well. Amen.**

Aaronic Benediction (11:15 am)

*John Weaver*



The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to  
shine up - on you and be gra-cious un - to you; — the Lord lift up — his  
coun - te - nance up - on you, and give you peace. A - men.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

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

# Presenting Our Offerings to God

Offertory Anthem (11:15 am)

Amazing Grace (1994)  
Rod Gomez, baritone

*Virginia Harmony* (1831)  
*arr. Peter Schickele* (b. 1935)

## \*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 Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

## Sanctus

*Proulx*

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



## Acclamation

... Therefore 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.**

## Words of Institution

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

**Let us keep the feast.**

## Sharing the Bread and Cup

### Anthem

### Gustate et Videte

*Heinrich Isaac*

*(c. 1450-1517)*

Gustate et videte quoniam suavis est

Dominus: beatus vir, qui sperat in eo.

*O taste and see that the Lord is good;*

*happy are those who take refuge in him.*

— *Psalm 34:8*

## Congregational Song (11:15 am)



Let no-thing trou-ble, let no-thing fright-en. Those who seek God shall nev-er gowant-ing.



Let no-thing trou-ble, let no-thing fright-en. God a-lone fills us.

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## Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

\*Hymn 429

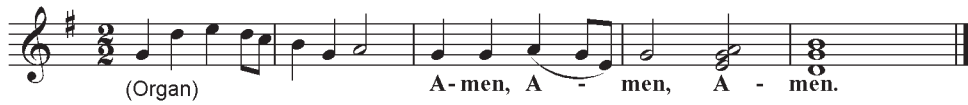
Lord, You Give the Great Commission

*Abbot's Leigh*

\*Benediction

## \*Congregational Response

Weaver



## \*Postlude

Fugue in D minor, "Dorian," BWV 538

*Johann Sebastian Bach*  
(1685-1750)

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## Information and Announcements

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### Music on Madison: Samara Piano Quartet

Our concert season continues today in the Sanctuary at 3 pm, with a performance by the New Hampshire-based Samara Piano Quartet, with works by Mozart, Brahms, and Spanish composer Joaquín Turina. Tickets are \$25 (\$20 for students/seniors) and are available at the door.

### Church Family Night Halloween Party

Dress up in your Halloween costume and come join in the fun at our annual Church Family Night Halloween Party on Friday, Oct. 26, at 6 pm in the Parish Hall! We'll have a yummy meal, a not-too-spooky Halloween movie, Halloween crafts, and a costume parade in the Sanctuary with spooky Halloween organ music. The suggested donation \$20 for adults and youth over twelve, and a donation of your choosing for younger children. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at [lgp@mapc.com](mailto:lgp@mapc.com).

### Faith and Fermentation

Come join us Monday, Oct. 29, at an Upper East Side pub at 6:30 pm to discuss a topic of faith over food and beverage. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at [lgp@mapc.com](mailto:lgp@mapc.com). Location TBA.

### Memorial Sunday

We are receiving the names of deceased loved ones and friends to be remembered during worship on Memorial Sunday, November 4. It is particularly appropriate to remember those who have died in the last year. If you have someone whose name you would like listed in the worship bulletin and included in the prayers, please contact our Office Manager, Lissette Perez-Erazo at [lgp@mapc.com](mailto:lgp@mapc.com). The deadline for submitting names is Tuesday, October 30.

### Halloween at MAPC

This year, the Sanctuary doors will be open for trick-or-treaters! Stop by yourself or bring your family, neighbors, or pet. This will be a fun, positive way to engage our local community. Stop by between 4 and 6 pm on Wednesday, October 31st. Not able to join us, but want to participate? Donate a bag (or two) of candy by October 27. Note: Kids Club will not meet on Halloween.

# Weekly Calendar

## Monday, October 22

6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study	Phillips Lounge
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Long Term Planning Committee	Room 608

## Tuesday, October 23

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Session	Parish Hall

## Wednesday, October 24

12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Phillips Lounge
3:45 pm	Kids Club	PH, PL, 5th Floor, Gym
3:45 pm	Wee Kids	4th Floor
4:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
5:00 pm	T(w)een Club	Phillips Lounge
6:00 pm	Cocaine Anonymous	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

## Thursday, October 25

5:30 pm	Day School Classroom Night	Day School
6:00 pm	20s/30s Bible Study	Apt 10C
6:30 pm	Recovery Group	Library
6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table	Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal	5th Floor
8:30 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

## Friday, October 26

6:00 pm	Church Family Night Halloween Bash	Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

## Saturday, October 27

9:00 am	Tell Me More About MAPC	Phillips Lounge
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### Fall Fellowship Gatherings



All members of the MAPC community are invited to a Fall Fellowship Gathering. Both paper and electronic invitations have been sent out; if you cannot attend the gathering you were assigned, please contact us and we will help find a date and time that work for you. Come together in the more intimate setting of a member's home, meet some new friends, and have a chance to hear from Rev. Jenny McDevitt. Contact Lissette Perez-Eraza at [lgp@mapc.com](mailto:lgp@mapc.com) to RSVP or for more information.

Sunday, October 21	4-6 pm	West 92nd Street
Friday, November 2	6-9 pm	West 91st Street
Monday, November 5	6-8 pm	East 89th Street
Monday, November 12	6-8 pm	East 67th Street

## Faces of Our Faith Fall Sermon Series

- Sept. 9     The Syrophenician Woman: We Need Outsiders  
*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

The Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt, *Senior Pastor and Head of Staff*  
The Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett, *Associate Pastor*  
Christina A. Cosby, *Director of Christian Formation*  
Laura Graham, *Director of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church Day School*  
The 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*  
Chesna E. Hinkley, *Seminary Intern*  
Audrey E. Webber, *Seminary Intern*  
The Rev. Dr. Fred R. Anderson, *Pastor Emeritus*  
Dr. John B. Weaver, *Director of Music and Organist Emeritus*