



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
November 11, 2018 • 9 & 11:15am



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 Dec. 8, 2018, at 9 am in the Phillips Lounge. RSVPs are helpful to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

Change my heart, O God; make it ever new.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Folk Tune (from *Five Short Pieces*, 1929)

Percy Whitlock
(1903-1946)

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

We gather at Christ's own invitation; this is his time and this is his table.

He gathers the high and the mighty, the least and the lost.

He teaches us his ways and leads us to life.

The lessons are not always easy, but they are always for our greater good.

This is one reason we worship:

to receive strength and courage, to stretch and to grow.

Those who sow bountifully will reap bountifully,

and all who praise the Lord will feel the power of God's love.

*Hymn 481

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

Llanfair

** Please stand in body or in spirit. For hymns, stand when the choir stands.*

Prayer of Confession

Christina A. Cosby

Holy Lord,

You are the God of great abundance,

and we are a people of significant fear.

You offer us goodness and grace,

but we suspect it is a trap.

You call us to give much,

but we are afraid there is not enough.

You ask us to change our hearts,

but we debate the risk and calculate the cost.

We want to trust you,

but we have so many reasons to be wary.

Come alongside of us and reassure us, we pray.

Speak your words of resurrection promise, and inspire us to greater faith.

(Silent Prayer)



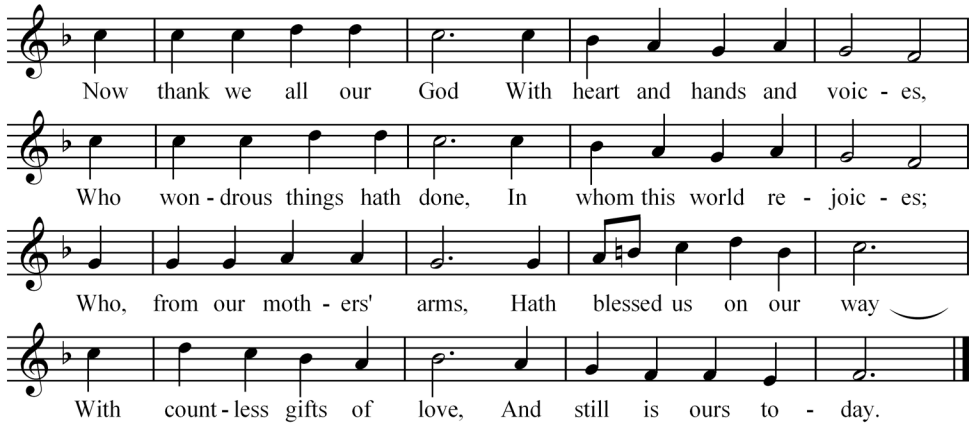
Assurance of God's Grace

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

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

*Response of Praise

Nun danket alle Gott



Text: Martin Rinkart, c.1636 (trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858)
Music: Johann Crüger, 1648

*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

Word in Action

Elder Meme Peponis
Stewardship

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

Old Testament Lesson

Ruth 4:13-17
OT page 233

*Psalm 127 (Hymn 238)

Bourbon

Lesson with the Children and Youth

Chesna E. Hinkley

*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

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett
2 Corinthians 9:6-15
NT page 173

Gradual

The Word Became Flesh

Andrew Henderson

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

—*John 1:14*

Gospel Lesson

Mark 12:38-44
NT page 46

Sermon

Sowing and Reaping

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 375 (11:15 am)

Lord of All Good

Toulon

*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 Anthem (11:15 am)

Nisi Dominus, HWV 238

George Frideric Handel
(1685-1759)

Nisi Dominus aedificaverit domum,
in vanum laboraverunt qui aedificant eam.
Nisi Dominus custodierit civitatem,
frustra vigilat qui custodit eam.

*Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the Lord guards the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain.*

*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

Weaver

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed 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 (11:15 am)

Teach Me, My God and King (2003)

Craig Phillips
(b. 1961)

Teach me, my God and King
In all things thee to see,
And what I do in anything
To do it as for thee.

A servant with this clause
Makes drudgery divine:
Who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,
Makes that and the action fine.

All may of thee partake;
Nothing can be so mean,
Which with this tincture, "for thy sake,"
Will not grow bright and clean.

This is the famous stone
That turneth all to gold;
For that which God doth touch and own
Cannot for less be told.

— *George Herbert (1593-1633)*

Congregational Song

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -
joyce. Look to God, do not be a - fraid: lift up your voi - ces, the
Lord is near; lift up your voi - ces, the Lord is near.

Jacques Berthier, *Songs and Prayers of Taizé*

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Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 560

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

Nyland

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Weaver



*Postlude

Paeon (from *Five Short Pieces*)

Whitlock

Worship Details

Cover Art

Today's cover art is Vincent Van Gogh's "Sower at Sunset" (1888). Van Gogh returned to this imagery numerous times throughout his career, finding it to represent the eternal cycle of life. In this painting, as with many of his others, the sun shines with an unearthly luminescence, created with short, precise brushstrokes radiating outwards. The figure is intended to appear to be part of the land on which he works. Image accessed via Art in the Christian Tradition at Vanderbilt University.

Information and Announcements

Stewardship Dedication Sunday

Next Sunday, Nov. 18, is Stewardship Dedication Sunday. Return your pledge card to be prayed over as we ask God to make good use of our financial commitments. Brunch will be served in the Parish Hall following each service so that we can enjoy fellowship together as we give thanks for the past year of ministry and look forward to the future. Stewardship materials have been mailed out, but pledge cards will also be available in the pews.

Sunday GIFT: Growing In Faith Together

Join us today at 10:10 am in the Parish Hall as we explore our lectionary Gospel text of Mark 12:38-44 as a church family. All ages are invited to join together as we cross generational gaps to explore the concepts of giving and receiving. In this season of gratitude, let's encounter God's Word together as we give ourselves to God and one another.

Hood Library Book Sale

What better way to spend time after worship today than enjoying a cup of coffee or tea, conversation and browsing for books? Come find some winter reading, and perhaps even a Christmas gift or two.

Christmas Angels

For many years now, MAPC has partnered with the Church of Gethsemane in Brooklyn to provide gifts to families who may struggle during the Christmas season. Stop by the Narthex or the Church House Lobby today to learn more about this ministry and pick up an angel (or two!) so that families will have some gifts to open Christmas morning. Wrapped gifts must be returned to MAPC by Sunday, December 2nd in order to be delivered on time.

NYCCC Sixth Annual Benefit

You are invited to the 6th Annual New York City Children's Chorus Benefit in support of MAPC's very own community children's chorus program on Friday, November 16 from 6-8:30 pm in the Church House Lobby and Sanctuary. The evening will include cocktails and passed hors d'oeuvres by award-winning Bartleby & Sage, silent and live auctions, and performances by the Allegro, Concert Choir and In Harmony ensembles. Tickets are \$60 and may be purchased online via Brown Bag Tickets.

Saint Andrew Chorale and Orchestra

Next Sunday, November 18 at 3 pm, the Saint Andrew Chorale and Orchestra will open their 54th season with four settings of the Magnificat — the 'Song of Mary' that has inspired countless composers across the centuries. Bach's innovative setting of the Magnificat for chorus, soloists, and orchestra will be performed alongside contrasting settings by Buxtehude, Vivaldi, and Schubert. Tickets may be purchased in advance online at mapc.com/music/sams/concerts or at the door, for \$30 (\$25 – Students/Seniors); Children 12 and under: free.

Church Family Night

Come enjoy an early holiday party at the November 30th Church Family Night! We'll have a Christmas craft and movie and help decorate the Church House Lobby! And, of course, Jim will prepare a delicious meal for us. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo in the church office, ljp@mapc.com. The suggested donation is \$20 for adults and a donation of your choice for children under 12. Church Family Night is for all members of the MAPC family — married, single, young, old, and everyone in between.

Advent Retreat

As we begin a new church year with the season of Advent, come give yourself a day of reflection and quiet on December 1, led by Rev. Beverly Bartlett. There will be time for group reflection, silence, devotions, and fellowship over coffee and lunch. Once again, we will have a labyrinth available for a walking meditation—a path that winds its way into the center, then leads you back out again. We'll gather in the Parish Hall at 9 am for coffee and pastries. Lunch will be provided and we will finish by 3 pm. A suggested donation of \$20 helps cover the costs of food and materials. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo in the church office, ljp@mapc.com, so that we may plan appropriately.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, November 12

Church House Closed – Veteran's Day Observed

6:00 pm	Fall Fellowship Gathering (Last)	East 67th Street
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Tuesday, November 13

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee	Youth Lounge
7:00 pm	Outreach Committee	Library

Wednesday, November 14

7:30 am	Evangelism Committee	Phillips Lounge
8:00 am	Long Term Planning Task Force	Room 608
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	Youth Lounge
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Budget Committee Meeting	Community Services Room
8:00 pm	Worship & Music Committee	Pastor's Study

Thursday, November 15

1:00 pm	Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing	James Lenox House
6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table	Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, November 16

6:00 pm	New York City Children's Chorus Benefit	Church House Lobby, Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Saturday, November 17

9:30 am	Saint Andrew Chorale & Orchestra Dress Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

- November 4 For All the Saints
November 11 Sowing and Reaping
November 18 **Stewardship Sunday:**
Cheerful Giving

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*