



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

Epiphany Sunday
January 6, 2019 • 9 & 11:15am



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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 . . .

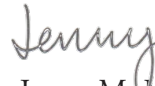
Whether you came with a friend or just wandered in accidentally . . .

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 M. 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 January 12, 2019, at 9 am in the Phillips Lounge. Childcare provided with advance request. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

*The Magi had your star to follow, O God.
Quiet our hearts and our minds that we, too, might focus only on you
and gain the courage we need to go where you call us.*

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BuxWV 223

*Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)*

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

In the beginning, God said,

“Let there be light!”

In the beginning was the Word,

and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

In the beginning there was a story,

full of reconciliation and redemption, grace and Good News, light and life.

*Hymn 68

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

Puer nobis nascitur

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

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

Merciful God,

You have given us all the light we need,

but we still stumble around in the dark.

We read your Word and interpret it to our own liking.

We don't read carefully enough, missing how you are in the details.

We focus too narrowly, missing the forest for the trees.

Help us to read always through the lens of your love,

which is for the whole world,

and each one of us.

(Silent Prayer)

Lord, Have Mercy

John Weaver



Assurance of God's Grace

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

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

*Gloria in Excelsis

Weaver



Choir

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Congregation

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; You are

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For

You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a - lone are the

Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

*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

Christina A. Cosby

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6
(OT page 649)

*Psalm 119 (Hymn 327)

Munich

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

Chesna E. Hinkley
Ephesians 3:1-12
(NT page 181)

Gradual

Andrew Henderson

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Give me understanding that I may live.

—*Psalm 119:105, 107b*

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12
(NT page 2)

Sermon

Let Light Lead:
The Entire Bible in 20 Minutes or Less

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn

I Love To Tell the Story

Hankey

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
3. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best
of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet.
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.
I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when in scenes of glo - ry I sing the new, new song,
it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in glo - ry,
to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey (verses), 1866; William Fischer (refrain), 1869

Music: William Fischer, 1869; *public domain*.

The Sacrament of Baptism (11:15 am)

Elder Kate Baier

Corinne Raphael Catarozoli, daughter of Corinne and Taylor Catarozoli

*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 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.**

Aaronic Benediction (11:15 am)

Weaver

**The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

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

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Anthem (11:15 am)

Epiphany Alleluias (1968)

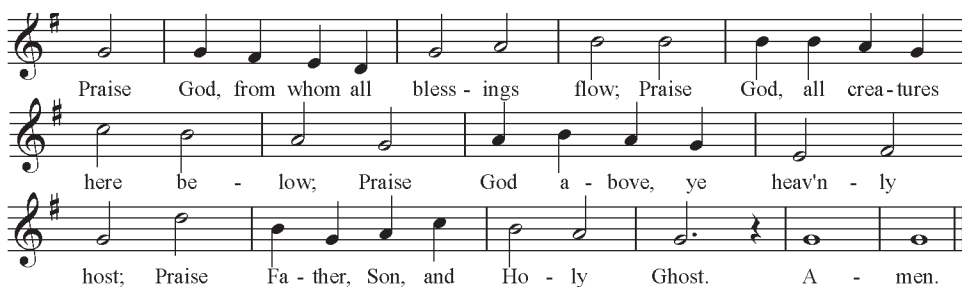
John Weaver
(b. 1937)

Alleluia. We have seen his star in the East and are come to worship him.
Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

—Matthew 2:2; Isaiah 60:1

*Doxology

Old Hundredth



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.**

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

**Good Christian friends, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, And we are blessed forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

Acclamation

Three Kings of Orient

. . . we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia Sounds through the earth and skies.
O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!**

The Lord's Prayer

Weaver

Our Fa-ther in heav-en hal-lowed be Your name, Your king-dom come, Your will be done, on
earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those
who sin a gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the
king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are Yours now and for ev-er. A-men.

Words of Institution

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. **Let us keep the feast.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The bread you are served is gluten free.

The bronzed chalices contain wine; you are invited to take a sip or dip your bread into the cup.

The glass chalices contain juice; you are invited to dip your bread into the cup.

Prayers for Healing and Wholeness

Anthem (11:15 am)

Star in the South

Polish Folk Tune
arr. Malcolm Sargent (1895-1967)

Who can name that bright flame which the Wise Men saw that night?

Was it some God-sent glow, or a splendid star we know?

Southward they sallied from Jerusalem:

What was the star stood over Bethlehem?

Star on the hilltop shining like a gem,

Are you the star that led to Bethlehem?

Low and high in the sky many lights amaze the eye:

All the days we must praise Him who made the heavens blaze.

Yet we believe some radiant stranger

Stood in the south above the manger.

Star on the hilltop ...

Let us, then, troubled men, humble men and reverent,

Seek a spark in the dark, and salute the firmament,

For the same light that halted on the hill

Brightens the night of all the nations still.

Star on the hilltop ...

– A. P. Herbert (1890-1971)

Congregational Song

Raise a song of glad-ness, peo-ples of the earth. Christ has come,
bring-ing peace, joy to ev-'ry heart. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,
joy to ev-'ry heart! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, joy to ev-'ry heart!

Jacques Berthier, *Songs and Prayers of Taizé*

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Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 300

Down to Earth, as a Dove

Personent Hodie

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Weaver



*Postlude

Noël No. 10: Grand Jeu et Duo

Louis-Claude Daquin
(1694-1772)

Worship Details

Cover Art

The painting, *Shining Hope*, is by Lauren Wright Pittman of A Sanctified Art, LLC. The image was inspired by Matthew 2:7-12. Lauren writes: “After a long journey, the star hovers, suspended over the wise men’s destination. *Shining Hope* imagines the joy of this moment and reminds us to revel in the wonder of the journey ourselves.”

Information and Announcements

Church Family Night, Friday, January 11, 2019 , 6 pm in the Parish Hall

A delicious dinner in the Parish Hall, conversation, a craft, movie and playtime in the gym—you can do it all, or simply enjoy sitting with friends. This event is for everyone in the MAPC church family. The suggested donation for adults is \$20, and a donation of your choice for children under 12. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Shelter Open House, Sunday, January 13th

Would you like to volunteer for our shelter? Come to the Shelter Open House on January 13th following the 11:15 am service and learn more about volunteer opportunities. Bring a meal to share, games to play, or a yummy dessert. Questions? Contact Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com.

MAPC Book Club, Tuesday, January 15th, 2019 at 4 pm in the Hood Library

The MAPC Book Club will discuss Jane Austen’s classic, *Pride and Prejudice*. All are welcome!

Annual January Fellowship Event: Friday Night Fireside Jazz, January 25, 6 - 9 pm

Chef Jim is preparing a New Orleans inspired menu, the jazz trio is booked, and there will be a fire in the fireplace. The suggested donation is \$40 and \$15 per child for childcare. Sign up in the Church House Lobby after worship on Sundays or RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Annual Congregational Meeting, February 3

The Annual Congregational Meeting will follow the 11:15 am worship service on February 3. The meeting includes the election of officers, a final report of our 2018 finances, a presentation of the 2019 budget, and approving the terms of call for installed pastors. Rev. Jenny McDevitt will provide a brief summary of the past year and share some plans for the year to come. A light lunch and fellowship will follow in the Parish Hall. While only members may vote, all are invited to attend.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 7

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
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Tuesday, January 8

5:00 pm	Hood Library Fellowship	Library
6:30 pm	Personnel Committee	Pastor's Study
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee	Youth Lounge
7:00 pm	Outreach Committee	Library

Wednesday, January 9

12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Library
3:45 pm	Kids Club – Epiphany Service	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
6:00 pm	Cocaine Anonymous	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Worship & Music Committee	Pastor's Study

Thursday, January 10

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

Friday, January 11

6:00 pm	Church Family Night	Parish Hall, Gym
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Saturday, January 12

9:00 am	Tell Me More About MAPC	Phillips Lounge
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Who Do You Say That I Am?

a sermon series about who Jesus is and why he matters today

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt preaching

January 13	Jesus: Son of God
January 20	Jesus: Savior of the World
January 27	Jesus: Teacher of Old Ways, Today
February 3	Jesus: Hometown Prophet
February 10	Jesus: Compelling Leader
February 17	Jesus: Reversing Everything We Know
February 24	Jesus: Unreasonable Expectations
March 3	Jesus: Always Ahead of Us

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*