

Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

Baptism of the Lord Sunday
January 13, 2019 • 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 . . .

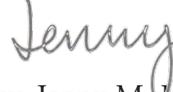
Whether you came with a friend or just wandered in accidentally . . .

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 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. Rev. Jenny McDevitt leads these talks. The next gathering will be held March 2, 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

*We gather each week, O God, seeking you.
You come to us in so many ways: in the Word, in the water, and in the world.
Come to us now in worship, we pray.*

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

O Gott, du frommer Gott, Op. 122

*Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)*

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

We gather wondering
if grace is real and if hope can be trusted.

**Here we encounter old stories of our tradition
and new stories of transformation.**

We gather asking
if healing is possible or if faith is in vain.

**Here we discover a community that holds us up
and a Spirit that is always at work.**

We gather wanting to know
where we belong and who will claim us.

**Here we find a font full of ordinary water
and a God who speaks an extraordinary word:
"You are my beloved. With you, I am well pleased."**

*Hymn 492

Baptized in Water

Bunessan

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

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

**Gracious God,
Your story is our story,
and your Word has changed our lives.**

**We want more from you —
clear directions
divine intervention
or at least an explanation of why things are the way they are.**

We forget that you are always on our side,
always working for good
always the source of all love.

Remind us, O God,
when our memories fail us,
and when the trouble of the world threatens us.

Speak to us once more.

Call us by name and claim us as your own.

(Silent Prayer)

Lord, Have Mercy (Service in G)

John Weaver



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

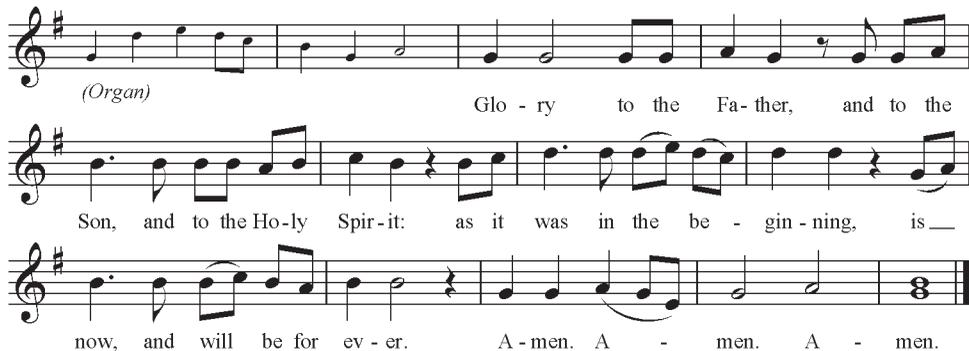
Assurance of God's Grace

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

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

*Gloria Patri

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

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Our Life Together

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7
(OT page 631)

*Psalm 29

Kingsfold



1. As - crite to God both strength and pow'r, Come wor - ship in God's name. The
2. The trees are stripped, the leaves are shred, God makes the fo - rest bare. There
3. God sits en-throned a - bove the flood, Let all cre - a - tion sing. Great



un - i - verse pro - claims our Lord, Must we not do the same? God's
is no force u - pon the earth That can with God com - pare. The
strength and peace a - bide with those Who wor - ship God as King. The



voice rolls through the heav'n and sea And thun - ders o'er the land. This
wil - der - ness is God's do - main, It too shakes at that voice. Its
Lord is sov' - reign for all time, Su - preme in ev - 'ry place. The



voice is full of ma - je - sty, More migh - ty than the wind.
shift - ing sand and bar - ren space Sing prais - es and re - joice.
whole cre - a - tion sings God's praise, Must we not do the same?

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Music: English Traditional, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Lesson with the Children and Youth

Audrey E. Webber

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

Acts 8:14-17
(NT page 118)

Sermon

“Who Do You Say That I Am?”

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Jesus: *Son of God*

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 70 (11:15 am)

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

Caithness

*Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith; PC(USA)

In life and in death we belong to God.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives;

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children;

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted;

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

and delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

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!”

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

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

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Anthem (11:15 am)

The Baptism of Jesus (1980)

Peter Hallock

(1924-2014)

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane.

(Jesus now returns today to the Jordan.)

When Jesus Christ baptised was,
The Holy Ghost descended with grace;
The Father's voice was heard in the place:

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

(This is my beloved son; listen to him.)

There were Three Persons and one Lord,

The Son baptised with one accord,

The Father said this blessed word:

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

Now, Jesus, as thou art both God and man,

And were baptised in from Jordan,

At our last end, we pray thee, say then:

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

– *Medieval English Carol*

Katherine Wessinger, soprano

*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.

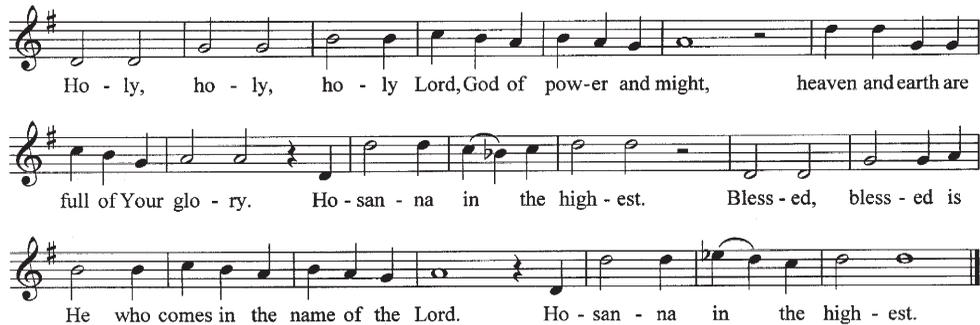
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, heaven and earth are
full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed is
He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - 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.

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.

Anthem (11:15 am)

O Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit

*Thomas Tallis
(1505-1585)*

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts,
and lighten our understanding,
that we may dwell in the fear of thy Name all the days of our life,
that we may know thee,
the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

— from *Lidley's Prayers* (1566)

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 495

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Engelberg

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Weaver



*Postlude

Allegro (from *Concerto in B minor*) Johann Gottfried Walther
(1684-1748)

Worship Details

Cover Art

Today's cover art depicts a Byzantine icon capturing the scene of Jesus' baptism by John. The icon includes the word "theophant" (theophany). A theophany is the visible manifestation of God to humanity. In naming this moment a theophany, the artwork echoes God's own words at the baptism: "You are my beloved, my Son." It is confirmation of Jesus' divine identity.

Guest Organist

Today we welcome our guest organist, Richard Bouchett. For many years Dr. Bouchett served as Organist at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church and as Director of Music and Organist at First Presbyterian Church in Greenwich, CT.

Information and Announcements

Shelter Open House, Sunday, January 13th, 2019

Would you like to volunteer for our shelter? Come to the Shelter Open House following the 11:15 am service today and learn about volunteer opportunities. If you wish, 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.

Hood Library Awareness and Appreciation Sunday, January 27th, 2019

This year, the Library would like to show its appreciation for all of you who support and use it, and so you will find some extra goodies to enjoy during fellowship hour. You will also find a couple of tables full of books in the Church House Lobby—some for borrowing and some for purchasing.

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 14

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study	Phillips Lounge

Tuesday, January 15

4:00 pm	MAPC Book Club	Library
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Congressional Nurture Committee	Phillips Lounge

Wednesday, January 16

12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Library
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
6:00 pm	Day School Committee	8th AR
6:00 pm	Cocaine Anonymous	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Thursday, January 17

12:15 pm	Day School: MLK Chapel	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing	James Lenox House
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 18

6:00 pm	Pizza & Game Night	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

"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*

Teri D. Tynes, *Director of Communication*

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*