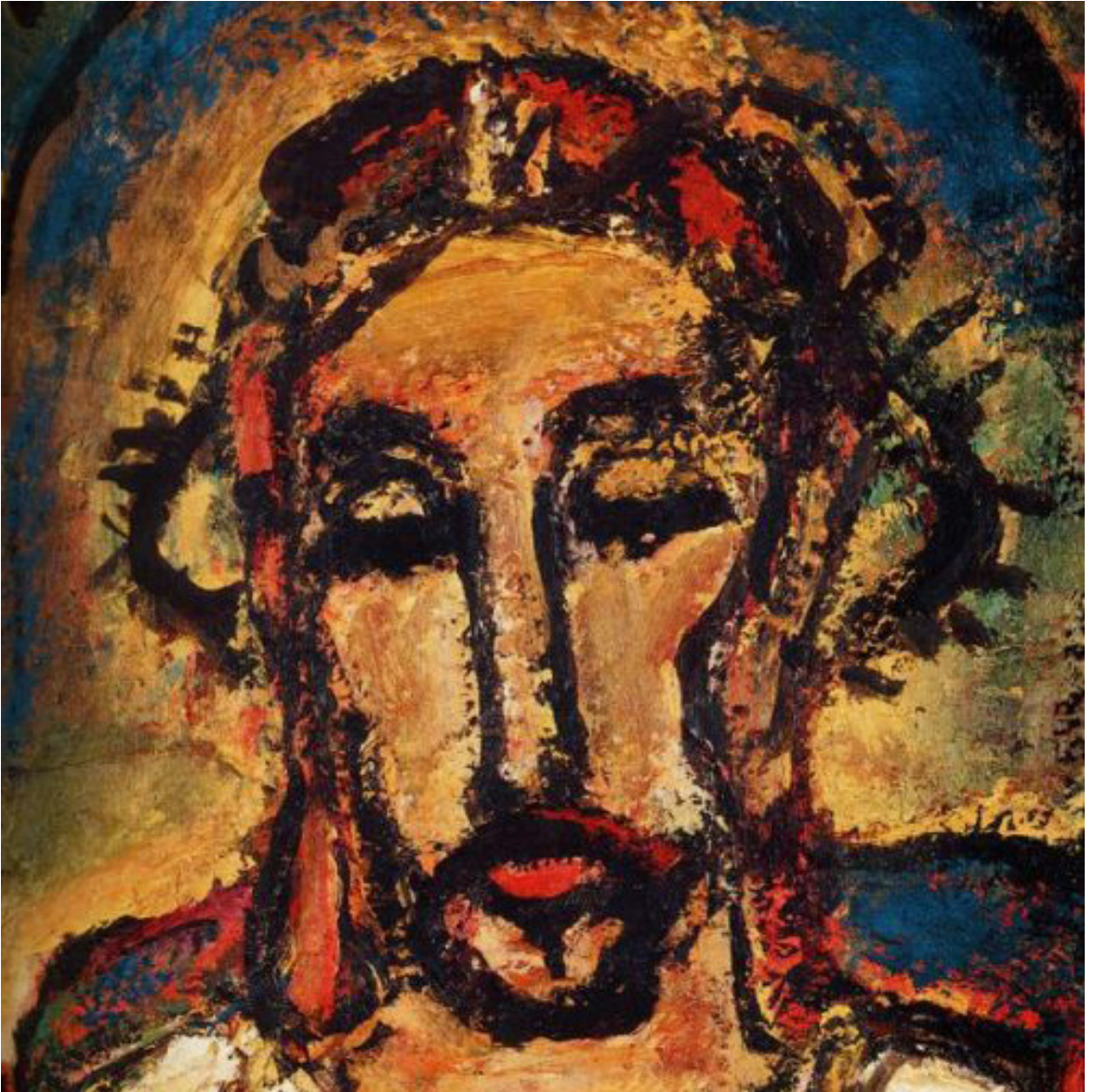




Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 3, 2019 • 9am



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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 . . .

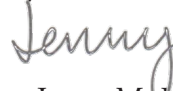
Whether you came with a friend or just wandered in accidentally . . .

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. Rev. Jenny McDevitt leads these talks. The next gathering will be held March 2, 2019, at 9 am on the 8th Floor. Childcare provided with advance request. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

*We have come seeking you, O God, longing for ancient words of promise
and new words of comfort. Reach into our hearts with your justice,
and show us the world you dream for us.*

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Prelude on 'Land of Rest' (from *Suite for Organ*)

Gerald Near
(b. 1942)

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us,
just as it was upon Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

We are here to listen and receive, to reflect and respond.

May all that scripture asks of us be fulfilled in us today.

Let us worship with conviction and humility, with faithfulness and joy!

*Hymn 411

Arise, Your Light is Come!

Festal Song

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

Prayer of Confession

Chesna E. Hinkley

God of Grace and God of Glory,
You asked for my hands
that you could use them for your purpose.

I gave them for a moment

then withdrew them, for the work was hard.

You ask for my mouth
to speak against injustice.

I gave you a whisper

that I might not be accused.

You asked for my eyes
to see the pain of poverty.

I closed them

for I did not want to know.

You asked for my life
that you might work through me.

**I gave you a fractional part
that I might not get too involved.**

God, forgive us for calculated efforts to serve you
only when it is convenient to do so,
and only in places where it is safe to do so.

**Creator God, forgive us, renew us,
and make us your usable instruments,
that we may take seriously the meaning of your cross.**

– *United Methodist Women's Caucus (1976)*

(Silent Prayer)

Lord, Have Mercy (Service in F)

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!

*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

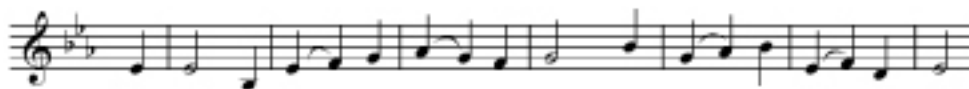
Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 1:4-10
(OT page 656)

*Psalm 71:1-6

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1. To you, O Lord, I come for help, For re - fuge in your name.
2. From wick - ed ones with cru - el pow'rs, Lord, res - cue me as proof,
3. You are my hope, my trust, O Lord, Sal - va - tion in this hour.



In right - cous - ness now hear my cry, And keep me safe from shame.
That you a - lone are hope and strength, My sa - vior from my youth.
On you, Lord, I have leaned from birth, You nur - ture me each hour.

Text: Fred R. Anderson © 2004, all rights reserved
Music: From *A Collection of Hymns and Sacred Poems*, 1749

Lesson with the Children and Youth

Christina A. Cosby

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
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
(NT page 164)

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

—*John 1:14*

Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:21-30
(NT page 57)

Sermon

“Who Do You Say That I Am?”
Jesus: Hometown Prophet

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Responding to God’s Word

*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.**

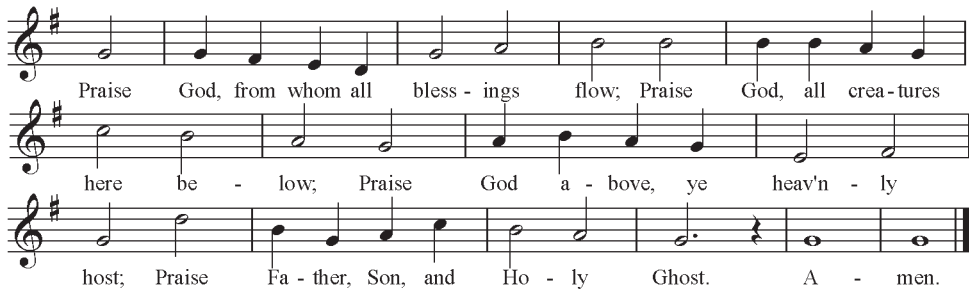
Prayers of the People

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

Presenting Our Offerings to God

*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.

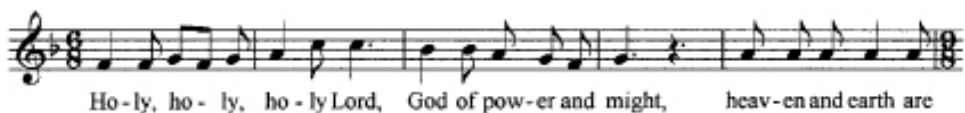
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Weaver



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

. . . 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.

Prayers for Healing and Wholeness

Hymn 522

Lord, When I Came Into This Life

Land of Rest

Please join in singing the hymn when you return to your pew.

Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Weaver



*Postlude

Grand Choeur in D, Op. 18, No. 1

Alexandre Guilmant
(1837-1911)

Worship Details

Cover Art

Today's cover art is *Ecce Homo*, by Georges Rouault, a devout Roman Catholic. An expressionist painter, he chose to make visual statements of inner emotion, and thus at times distort shapes and colors in order to project that emotion. In response to another of Rouault's works, *The Holy Face*, theologian Paul Tillich observed, "Here you have a face in which there is nothing sentimental. Here Jesus is completely adequate to the situation of extreme agony. He looks beyond the agony but is not beyond it: he is seriously and realistically in it. For this reason I think this head of Christ should be in many churches in our time, showing that the cross is not a sentimental nicety but is in Christ and in all of us in the terrible reality of existence."

Information and Announcements

Adult Education: "Jesus as Community Centered," 10:10 am

Christina A. Cosby, Director of Christian Formation, will discuss Jesus as a community leader. Participants will have an opportunity to journey through the Gospel of Luke and reflect on how they can implement these leadership qualities into their own life and community.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will follow the 11:15 am worship service today. 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.

Instrumentalists in Worship during February

On the first three Sundays in February we will be joined by guest instrumentalists who will enhance our 11:15 am worship services. On Sunday, February 3, we will be joined by a string quintet and members of our children's choir in excerpts from Schubert's Mass in G. On February 10 we will hear works by Paul Halley and J. S. Bach with soprano saxophone, and on February 17 flutist Gretchen Pusch will play works for chorus and flute by Fred Gramann and John Weaver.

MAPC Moms' Night Out

The next MAPC Moms' Night Out is Thursday, February 7 at 7 pm at an Upper East Side restaurant. What busy mom doesn't need a relaxing evening out? This is a wonderful way to get to know other MAPC moms and share wisdom and experiences—or talk about something completely non-child related! RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo in the church offices, lgp@mapc.com.

Shelter Open House Sunday

Would you like to learn more about our shelter? Come to the Shelter Open House Sunday, February 10th, following the 11:15 a.m. service. Learn about volunteer opportunities and our guests who stay in our building each night. We are looking for early shift (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm) and late shift (8:30 pm – 6:30 am) hosts to help our guests feel more comfortable and at home. All are invited to volunteer, including families! If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Heilman (rmh@mapc.com).

Senior Fellowship Lunch

MAPC Seniors and friends will have lunch together in the Parish Hall on Sunday, February 10th at 1 pm, following fellowship hour. The suggested donation for lunch is \$10.

Stewardship Update

We continue to make progress toward our 2019 stewardship goal of \$750,000. As of January 30, we have received pledges totaling \$640,520. To put this in perspective: if each of our members increased their pledge by only \$200, we would surpass our goal. While many have given, and given generously, we need everyone's participation to continue our legacy of ministry in and to the city. Please prayerfully consider a faithful, financial commitment to the work of Jesus Christ through Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. You can pledge online or by calling the church office at 212-288-8920.

A Lenten Feast: Mini-Retreat in Preparation for Lent

Join Rev. Beverly Bartlett, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life, on Saturday, March 2nd from 9 am to 12:30 pm in the Church House Lobby for a retreat. This morning of reflection, conversation and prayer will focus on how a path of Lenten repentance can become a feast. The retreat includes a light breakfast, a morning prayer service, and a time for silent prayer, including an opportunity to walk the labyrinth. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo in the church offices, lgp@mapc.com. Contact Beverly Bartlett if you have questions, bab@mapc.com.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 3

9:15 am	Children's Worship: Youth Worship	Phillips Lounge; Dana Chapel
10:10 am	Adult Education, 10:10 am	Parish Hall
10:10 am	High School Fellowship	4th Floor Lounge
10:10 am	Middle School Youth Hour	Youth Lounge
10:20 am	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
11:30 am	Children's Worship: Youth Worship	Phillips Lounge; Dana Chapel
1:00 pm	Annual Congregational Meeting	Parish Hall
1:00 pm	ESL Classes	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Monday, February 4

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
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Tuesday, February 5

5:00 pm	Hood Library Fellowship	Library
6:30 pm	Personnel Committee	Pastor's Study
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Wednesday, February 6

12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Library
4:00 pm	Kids Club	PH, PL, 5th Floor, Gym
4:00 pm	Wee Kids	4th Floor
4:15 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
5:00 pm	T(w)een Club	Youth Lounge
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Deacons	8th Floor

Thursday, February 7

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
7:00 pm	Moms' Night Out	Offsite
7:00 pm	Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal	5th Floor
8:30 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, February 8

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
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Saturday, February 9

no events scheduled

"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*