



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 17, 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 . . .

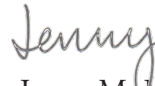
Whether you came with a friend or just wandered in accidentally . . .

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. Rev. Jenny McDevitt leads these sessions. 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-Eraza at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

Lord, you have blessed so many. Bless us this hour with your Spirit and truth.

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude (9 am)
(11:15 am)

Aria, Op. 51
Minuet & Dance of the Blessed Spirits
(from *Orphée et Eurydice*)
Gretchen Pusch, flute

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)
Christoph Willibald Gluck
(1714-1787)

Call to Worship

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

Jesus Christ is the Son of God:

he is beloved and we are beloved to him.

Jesus Christ is the savior of the world:

the kingdom of heaven is made known to us now, on earth.

Jesus Christ is a teacher, prophet, and leader:

he calls us to follow, and he offers abundant life.

Jesus Christ is more than we can fully understand:

the closer we come to him, the more he surprises us.

*Hymn 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

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

Prayer of Confession

Christina A. Cosby

Lord God, forgive our feeble efforts to make you over to fit our image:

**It is easier to restate your truth in easy clichés
than it is to speak in words that change one's mind.**

**It is easier to rewrite your hope in easy answers
than it is to see through life's complexities.**

**It is easier to rethink your grace in easy pardon
than it is to modify our ways.**

**By the Spirit of Jesus Christ, visit us with the full depth of your forgiveness
and make us over to fit your image.**

(Silent prayer)

—James S. Lowry

Lord, Have Mercy

James MacMillan

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first two lines of the hymn, and the second staff contains the next two lines. The music ends with a double bar line.

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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

St. Petersburg

Great God, in Christ you set us free Your life to live, your
joy to share. Give us your Spi - rit's lib - er - ty To
turn from guilt and dull de - spair, And of - fer all that
faith can do While love is mak - ing all things new.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is more complex than the first hymn, with some syncopation and longer note values. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music ends with a double bar line.

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Music: Dimitri S. Bortniansky, 1825

*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

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Chesna E. Hinkley

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 17:5-10
(OT page 676)

*Psalm 1 (Hymn 158)

Dunfermline

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

1 Corinthians 15:12-20
(NT page 165)

Gradual

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

Luke 6:17-26
(NT page 60)

Sermon

“Who Do You Say That I Am?”
Jesus: Reversing Everything We Know

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 386

O for a World

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*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)

Still, Still With Thee (1995)

*Fred Gramann
(b. 1950)*

Still, still with thee, when purple morning breaketh,
When the bird waketh, and the shadows flee;
Fairer than morning, lovelier than daylight,
Dawns the sweet consciousness, I am with thee.

Alone with thee, amid the mystic shadows,
The solemn hush of nature newly born;
Alone with thee in breathless adoration,
In the calm dew and freshness of the morn.

Still, still with thee! As to each newborn morning
 A fresh and solemn splendor still is giv'n,
 So does this blessed consciousness, awaking,
 Breathe each day nearness unto thee and heav'n.

So shall it be at last in that bright morning,
 When the soul waketh and life's shadows flee;
 O in that hour, fairer than daylight dawning,
 Shall rise the glorious thought, I am with thee.

— Harriet Beecher Stowe (1812-1896)

Helen Karloski, mezzo-soprano; Gretchen Pusch, flute

*Doxology

Old Hundredth

Musical notation for the Doxology "Old Hundredth". It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures 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

MacMillan

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

Musical notation for the Sanctus. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff is marked "(Organ)" and the lyrics are "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly". The second staff has the lyrics "Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and".

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bles - sed is he, O bles - sed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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 (9 am)

O Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit

Russian Orthodox Liturgy

Blessed are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked.
 Blessed are they.
 Blessed are those who do not take the path that sinners tread.
 Blessed are they.
 Blessed are those who do not sit in the seat of the scoffers.
 Blessed are they.
 But their delight is in the law of the Lord,
 and on that law they meditate day and night.
 They are like trees planted by streams of water
 Which yield their fruit in due season.
 Their leaves do not wither, in all that they do they prosper.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
 As it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever.
 Amen.

Congregational Song (11:15 am)

Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Sing, praise and bless the Lord,
 peo-ples! na-tions! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

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Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 408

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Germany

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Weaver

(Organ) A-men, A - men, A - men.

*Postlude

Tocatta (1959)

Weaver

Worship Details

Cover Art

Today's cover art is "The Beatitudes" by Marina Silva. This image has been paired with commentary from C. S. Song: "Jesus and the crowds! This is where God's secret for the world is revealed. But it is not the size of the crowd that inspired Jesus. It was their sorrow and hunger that moved him."

Guest Instrumentalist

Today we welcome guest flutist Gretchen Pusch to enhance our worship at the 11:15 am service.

Information and Announcements

Adult Education

The Rev. Rebecca M Heilman will speak about "Christ and His Open Table" today at 10:10 am in the Parish Hall. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is either going to a meal, at a meal, or coming from a meal. Everyone is welcome to come and learn about the meals Jesus shared.

MAPC Book Club

The MAPC Book Club will discuss *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George at their February 19th meeting. The Book Club meets at 4 pm on the third Tuesday of every month in the Hood Library. All are welcome.

Music on Madison

The Saint Andrew Music Society's *Music on Madison* season continues next Sunday, February 24 at 3 pm, with a performance by the Russian Chamber Chorus of New York, featuring Tanayev's cantata *John of Damascus*, Arensky's *Three Quartets* for chorus and cello, an arrangement of Rachmaninoff's *Vocalise* for cello and chorus, and Tchaikovsky's rarely heard cantata, *Nature and Love*. Admission is \$25 (\$20 – students/seniors); children 12 and under: free.

A Lenten Feast: Mini-Retreat in Preparation for Lent

The Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett will lead a morning of reflection, conversation and prayer on Saturday, March 2nd from 9 am to 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Please RSVP to Lissette Perez-Eraza at lgp@mapc.com.

Church Family Night

The next Church Family Night is Friday, March 8th at 6 pm in the Parish Hall. Enjoy a hearty meal, a movie, a craft, play time in the gym, and conversation. This is a great time to get to know other members of the MAPC family. All members of the MAPC community are welcome, whether there are children at home or not. Suggested donation is \$20 for adults, and a donation of choice for children under 12. Please RSVP to Lissette Perez-Eraza at lgp@mapc.com.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, February 18

Presidents' Day—Church House closed
6:30 pm Overnight Shelter Shelter Space

Tuesday, February 19

4:00 pm MAPC Book Club Hood Library
6:30 pm Overnight Shelter Shelter Space

Wednesday, February 20

No Kids Club or T(w)een Club; No Reading Through the Bible
7:30 am Evangelism Committee Meeting Hood Library
8:00 am Trustees Meeting Phillips Lounge
6:00 pm Cocaine Anonymous 5th Floor
6:30 pm Overnight Shelter Shelter Space

Thursday, February 21

1:00 pm Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing James Lenox House
Group
6:30 pm Overnight Shelter Shelter Space
6:30 pm Thursday Open Table Parish Hall
6:30 pm Recovery Group Hood Library
7:00 pm Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal 5th Floor
8:30 pm Church Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

Friday, February 22

6:30 pm Overnight Shelter Shelter Space

Saturday, February 23

No events scheduled

Sunday, February 24

9:15 am Children's Worship; Youth Worship Phillips Lounge; Dana Chapel
10:00 am Fellowship Hour Lobby
10:10 am Adult Education Parish Hall
10:10 am High School Fellowship 4th Floor Lounge
10:10 am Middle School Youth Hour Youth Lounge
10:10 am Church School 5th Floor
1:00 pm ESL Classes 5th Floor
11:30 am Children's Worship; Youth Worship Phillips Lounge; Dana Chapel
3:00 pm Music on Madison Concert Sanctuary
4:15 pm Confirmation Class Youth Lounge
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*