



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 24, 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

May I love, seek, and hold on to what is good.

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Dialog: Prelude with Choral (1992)

Ester Mägi
(b. 1922)

Call to Worship

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

We come with listening ears wondering what Christ might tell us.

He tells us to love our enemies, do good, and share what we have.

We come with open arms and giving hands wondering what Christ might ask us to do.

He asks us to do unto others as we would have them do unto us.

We come with loving hearts wondering how Christ might want us to live our lives.

He wants us to forgive and have compassion, to love and to bless.

*Hymn 424

O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising

Charterhouse

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

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

God of compassion and grace, we long to be made right.

We do not listen; open our ears to different ideas.

We criticize; inspire our minds to offer validation.

We are slow to forgive; guide our hearts to the small reconciliations.

We ignore those in need; show us other ways to give.

Give us courage to be gentle with ourselves when we can't do all these things.

(Silent prayer)

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.

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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!

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 a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is a simple, melodic line with some rests and ties.

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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

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Audrey E. Webber

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
(OT page 40)

*Psalm 37 (Hymn 286)

St. Bride

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

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
(NT page 166)

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 6:27-38
(NT page 60)

Sermon

“Who Do You Say That I Am?”
Jesus: Unreasonable Expectations

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

Responding to God’s Word

*Hymn (11:15 am)

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

Stanzas 1, 2, 4

1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where there is ha - tred,
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where there's de-spair in
4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ It is in par - don -

let me bring your love. _____ Where there is in - ju - ry, your par-don,
life, let me bring hope. _____ Where there is dark-ness, _____ on - ly
ing that we are par-doned, _____ in giv-ing of our - selves that we re -

Lord, _____ And where there's doubt, true faith _____ in _____ you. _____
light, _____ And where there's sad - ness, ev - er _____ joy. _____
ceive, _____ and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life. _____

1. _____ 2., 4. _____ Stanza 3

3. O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek _____ So

much to be con-soled as to con - sole. _____ To be un-der-stood as to un-der-

stand. _____ To be loved as to love with all my soul. _____ D.C.

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

Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauren mit Trauren, sei stille, wie Gott es fügt, so sei vergnügt mein Wille! Was willst du heute sorgen auf morgen? Der Eine steht allem für, der gibt auch dir das Deine. Sei nur in allem Handel ohn Wandel, steh feste, was Gott beschleußt, das ist und heißt das Beste. Amen.

Do not be sorrowful or regretful; Be calm, as God has ordained, and thus my will shall be content. What do you want to worry about from day to day? There is One who stands above all who gives you, too, what is yours. Only be steadfast in all you do, stand firm; what God has decided, that is and must be the best. Amen.

—Paul Flemming (1609-1640)

*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

MacMillan

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

(Organ) Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly
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

Oculi omnium in te sperant Domine: et tu
 das illis escam in tempore opportuno.
 Gloria tibi Domine. Amen.

Oculi Omnium

*The eyes of all look to you, and you give them
 their food in due season.
 Glory be to you, O Lord. Amen.*

*Charles Wood
 (1866-1926)*

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!

Jacques Berthier, *Songs and Prayers of Taizé*
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Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 289

O God of Every Nation

Llangloffan

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

John Weaver

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

*Postlude

Praeludium in E minor

Nicolaus Bruhns
(1665-1697)

Worship Details

Cover Art

Norman Rockwell's large mosaic titled *Golden Rule*, on display at the United Nations headquarters, portrays a group of people of different religions, races, and ethnicity with the words "Do Unto Other as You Would Have Them Do Unto You." Rockwell referenced traditional clothing and accessories by studying photographs from his 1955 round-the-world advertising campaign trip for Pan American Airlines. Rockwell was a compassionate man, and this simple phrase reflected his philosophy. Rockwell writes, "I'd been reading up on comparative religion. The thing is that all major religions have the Golden Rule in Common. 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.' Not always the same words but the same meaning." (*The Norman Rockwell Album*).

Information and Announcements

Adult Education

Audrey E. Webber, seminary intern, will lead an interactive class today at 10:10 am in the Parish Hall titled *Finding New Ways to Speak: Responding to Christ's Words* through Bible Journaling. Everyone is invited to explore new ways to communicate with Christ through a process called Bible Journaling. This practice is done by creating art in the pages of the Bible as a form of creative worship. All supplies will be provided to the participants.

Music on Madison

The Saint Andrew Music Society's *Music on Madison* season continues today at 3 pm with a performance by the Russian Chamber Chorus of New York, featuring Taneyev'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 are 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-Erao 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 invited, 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-Erao at lgp@mapc.com.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, February 25

6:30 pm Overnight Shelter Shelter Space

Tuesday, February 26

6:00 pm ESL Evening Classes 5th Floor
6:30 pm Overnight Shelter Shelter Space
7:00 pm Session Meeting Parish Hall

Wednesday, February 27

12:30 pm Reading Through the Bible Hood 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
6:00 pm T(w)een Club Phillips Lounge
6:00 pm Cocaine Anonymous 5th Floor
6:30 pm Overnight Shelter Shelter Space

Thursday, February 28

6:00 pm 20's/30's Bible Study 10th Floor
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, March 1

6:30 pm Overnight Shelter Shelter Space

Saturday, March 2

9:00 am Tell Me More About MAPC 8th Floor
9:00 am Lenten Mini-Retreat Parish Hall

Sunday, March 3

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
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*

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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*