



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday in Lent
March 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 . . .

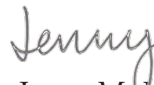
Whether you came with a friend or just wandered in accidentally . . .

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 April 13, 2019, at 9 am in the Phillips Lounge. Childcare provided with advance request. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Eraza at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

Ground us and settle us in your truth, O God.

That which we know not, reveal; that which is wanting in us, fill up; that which we know, confirm.

Keep us faithful in serving you.

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Prelude in C minor, BWV 546 (11:15 am)
Wer nur den lieben Gott, BWV 642 (9 & 11:15 am)

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Call to Worship

Christina A. Cosby

Under your wings, you hide us.

We trust your promise to hold us close when we are hurting.

Under your wings, you shelter us.

We trust your promise that we will survive life's storms.

Under your wings, you nurture us.

We trust your promise of unfailing grace.

Under your wings, you guide us.

We trust your promise of love, as both first defense and last resort.

*Hymn 282

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Wer nur den lieben Gott

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

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

Merciful God,

In the light of your holiness, we see ourselves clearly.

We confess our need for forgiveness:

We hold ourselves and others to impossible standards.

We fear our neighbors and turn away from those who are in need.

We overload our schedules, but leave little time for you.

We are suspicious of joy.

We cling so tightly to the treasures of this world,

we cannot open our hands to receive blessings from above.

Deal with us not as we deserve, but according to your mercy;

not because we are worthy, but because you are gracious.

Remind us that while this world is relentless,

so too is your love. (Silent prayer)

Lord, Have Mercy

John Weaver



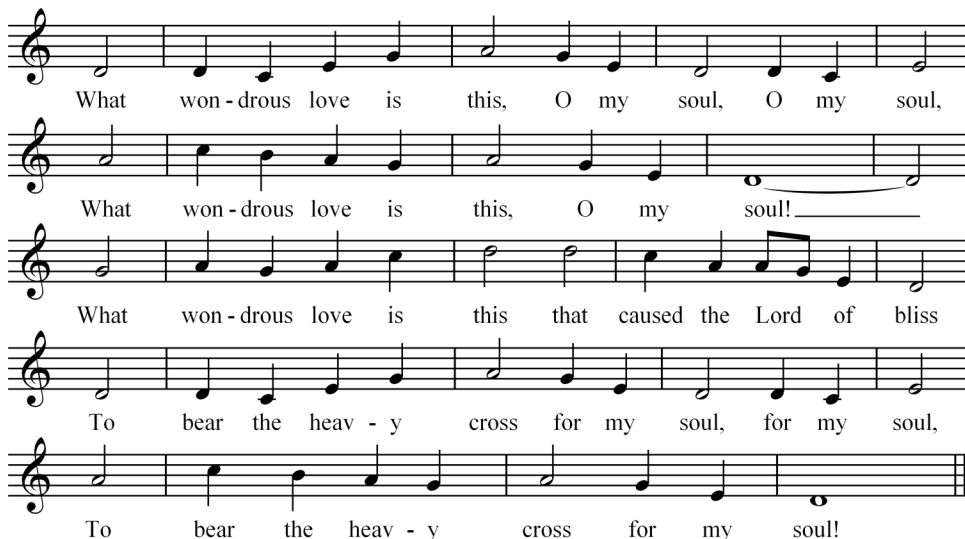
Assurance of God's Grace

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

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

*Response of Praise

Wondrous Love



Text: American Folk Hymn, c. 1811
 Music: Anonymous, from Walker's *Southern Harmony* (1835)

*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

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
(OT page 11)

*Psalm 27 (Hymn 179)

Christus, der ist mein Leben

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.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 13:31-35

(NT page 72)

Sermon

reLent: reconsider

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

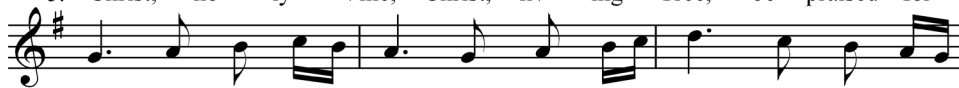
 Responding to God's Word

*Hymn (11:15 am)

O Blessed Spring

O Waly Waly

1. O bless - ed spring, where Word and sign em - brace us
2. Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain
3. When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their
4. As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our
5. Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
 heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will
 last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take
 this blest mys - ter - y: that Word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
 rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
 move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
 wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.
 vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

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Music: English Folk Melody

Reception of New Members (11:15 am)

Elder Dorothy Kleinert

Amy France, joining by Reaffirmation of Faith

Brian France, joining by Reaffirmation of Faith

Susie Moore, joining by Reaffirmation of Faith

**We believe in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.**

**And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

The Sacrament of Baptism (11:15 am)

Luke Zachary France, *son of Amy and Brian France*

Meadow Jane France, *daughter of Amy and Brian France*

Katharine Elise Moore, *son of Christopher and Susie Moore*

Wyatt Christopher Moore, *daughter of Christopher and Susie Moore*

Aaronic Benediction (11:15 am)

Weaver

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to
shine up - on you and be gra-cious un - to you; the Lord lift up his
coun - te - nance up - on you, and give you peace. A - men.

Prayers of the People

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

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Anthem (11:15 am)

Sing My Soul His Wondrous Love (1955)

Ned Rorem
(b. 1923)

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love,
Who from yon bright throne above,
Ever watchful o'er our race,
Still to us extends his grace.

God, the merciful and good,
Bought us with the Savior's blood,
And, to make our safety sure,
Guides us by his Spirit pure.

Heaven and earth by him were made;
All is by his scepter swayed;
What are we that he should show
So much love to us below?

Sing, my soul, adore his Name!
Let his glory be thy theme:
Praise him till he calls thee home;
Truth his love for all to come.

—Anonymous (c. 1800)

*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.

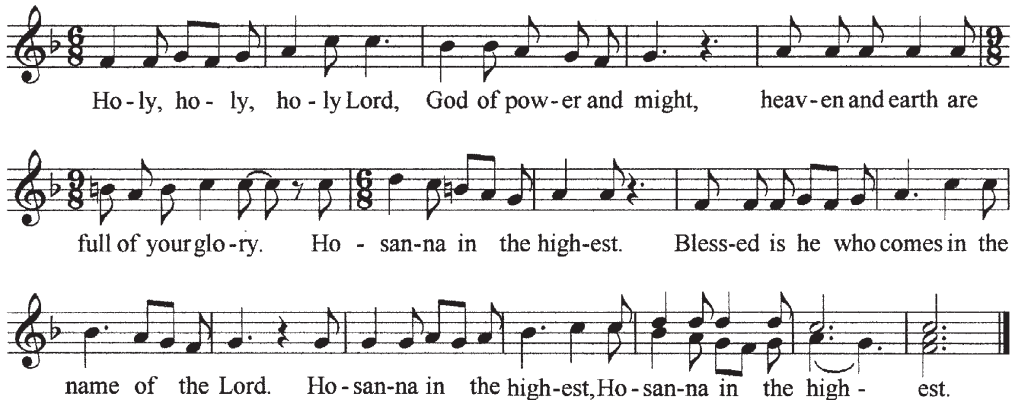
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, 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.

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servants in thy displeasure; for we confess our sins unto thee, and hide not our unrighteousness. For thy mercy's sake deliver us from all our sins.

—*Psalm 27:10*

Congregational Song (11:15 am)



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an-swer me. O



Lord hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me. O

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Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 307

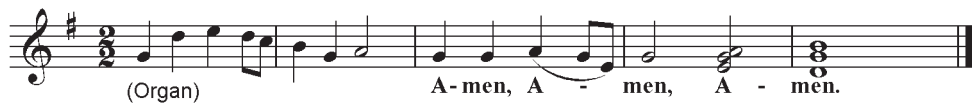
Fight the Good Fight

Duke Street

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Weaver



*Postlude

Fugue in C minor, BWV 546

Bach

Worship Details

Cover Art

Artist's Statement: The image of Christ as a mother hen is revolutionary. Instead of using a hypermasculine, militaristic, menacing image in response to Herod's death threats, Jesus upends the expected posture of violence and chooses to identify with the nurturing, protective, feminine image of a mother hen. He explains his love for Jerusalem as a mother hen who desperately desires to lovingly shelter her young. This image drips of rejection, however, because the chicks are unwilling to be protected. In Jesus' attempt to love the world he meets unwillingness, distrust, mockery, and violence.

Jesus' use of this simile is wonderfully subversive because at first it seems like a harmless, warm, and fuzzy kind of reference—a cuddly, plump mother hen wanting to snuggle her young—but mother hens will protect their young at all cost. A mother hen will put her whole body on the line to keep her chicks safe; if danger nears, she will meet it head on, striking with her beak, with claws raised high. Jesus wants that fox (Herod) to know that death threats will not keep him from fiercely bringing healing and restoration to the world.

—Lauren Wright Pittman

Information and Announcements

Adult Education

Today at 10:10 am in the Parish House, join Rev. Elizabeth H. N. Link of Second Presbyterian in Roanoke, VA for a discussion of "These 40 Days: An Exploration of the History and Meaning of Lent." In addition to a degree in theology, Rev. Link holds a degree in Christian Education and is a respected and sought-after instructor. Join her for a deeper understanding of the lenten season.

Youth Fundraiser Luncheon for Triennium

The High School youth planning to attend Triennium are hosting a spaghetti luncheon at 1 pm today to help cover the cost of their 2019 summer trip. There is no cost to attend, but donations will be gratefully received. Please support our youth and their faith development in this way. To sign-up, please email or call Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com or 212-288-8920. Gifts of support are always welcome online at MAPC.com.

Lenten Class Series

Cultivating & Letting Go, a class series for Lent, meets Wednesdays in the Parish Hall from 7-8:30 pm. The Parish Hall will be open at 6:30 pm for gathering time with coffee and cookies provided. Rev. Jenny McDevitt leads the classes.

March 20: You Are What You Love: So What Do You Love?

March 27: Why We Do What We Do: Exploring the Myers-Briggs and the Enneagram

April 3: Do You Have Time? Or Does Time Have You?: Analyzing Our Calendars

April 10: Your Place in the Story: How Scripture Influences Our Choices

Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 18

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
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Tuesday, March 19

4:00 pm	MAPC Book Club	Hood Library
5:00 pm	Hood Library Fellowship	Hood Library
6:00 pm	Stewardship & Development Committee	Pastor's Study
6:00 pm	ESL Evening Classes	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Congregational Nurture Committee	Phillips Lounge

Wednesday, March 20

After-school Programs will not meet this week.

8:00 am	Trustees	Phillips Lounge
6:00 pm	Cocaine Anonymous	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Lenten Adult Education	Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Thursday, March 21

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	Hood Library
7:00 pm	Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal	Sanctuary
8:30 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, March 22

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
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Saturday, March 23

10:00 am	Saint Andrew Chorale Extra Rehearsal	5th Floor
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Sunday, March 24

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
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
11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Senior Fellowship Lunch	Parish Hall
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: Tami Petty, soprano	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Lenten Sermon Series

reLent

[ri-lent], verb

1. to become less severe or to relinquish
2. to become more compassionate or to soften

Ash Wednesday	“receive”	Rev. Rebecca Heilman preaching
March 10	“resist”	Rev. Beverly Bartlett preaching
March 17	“reconsider”	Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching
March 24	“repent”	Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching
March 31	“reconcile”	Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching
April 7	“rejoice”	Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching
April 14	“recreate”	Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching
Maundy Thursday	“remember”	worship at 7 pm
Good Friday	“release”	worship at 12 pm, 4:30 pm, and 7:30 pm
Easter Sunday	“relief”	Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

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.

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The Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt, *Senior Pastor and Head of Staff*
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