



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday in Lent
April 7, 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 . . .

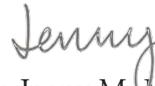
Whether you came with a friend or just wandered in accidentally . . .

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

*Accompany us, O Lord, these forty days and more.
Be glad and gentle with us, that we might be glad and gentle with the world.*

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Prelude in G major, BWV 568 (11:15 am) *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Vor deinen Thron tret' ich hiermit, BWV 668 (9 & 11:15 am) (1685-1750)

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

For 40 days, the great flood covered the earth.

For 40 days, Moses stood on Mount Sinai, receiving the law.

For 40 days, Jonah wrestled with what God asked.

For 40 days, Jesus was tested in the wilderness.

Both the journey of life and the season of Lent can be long and arduous,

but there is always time for beauty and celebration.

Let us worship the God who created the world with intention and extravagance.

*Hymn 466

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

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

Prayer of Confession

Audrey E. Webber

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;

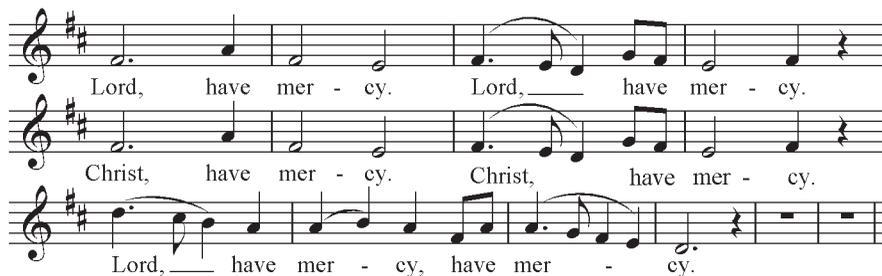
not because we are worthy, but because you are gracious.

Remind us that while this world is relentless, so too is your love.

(Silent prayer)

Lord, Have Mercy

Franz Schubert



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

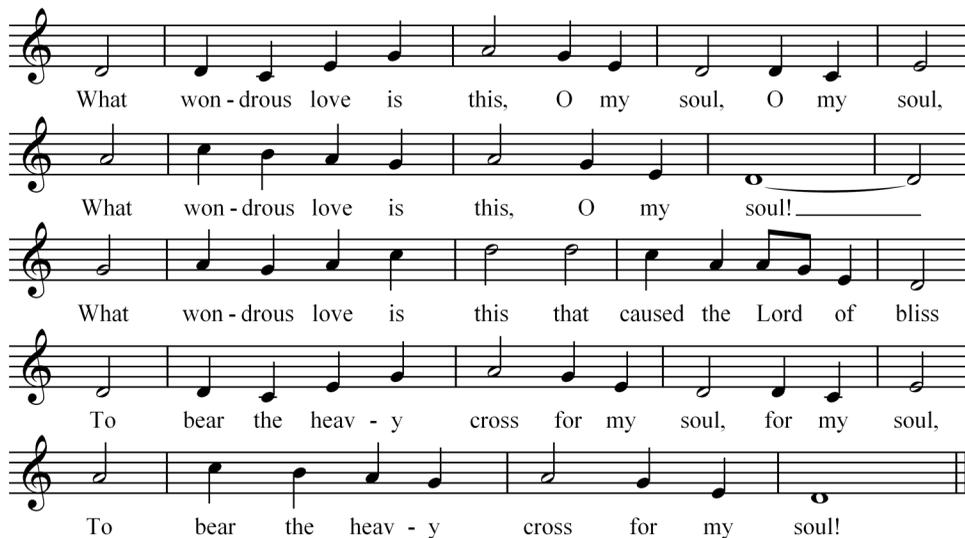
Assurance of God's Grace

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

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

*Response of Praise

Wondrous Love



What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heav - y cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heav - y cross for my soul!

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

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 43:16-21
(OT page 632)

*Psalm 126 (Hymn 237)

Sheaves

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.

Gospel Lesson

John 12:1-8
(NT page 100)

Sermon

reLent: rejoice

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 310 (11:15 am)

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

St. Agnes

*Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

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.**

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

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Anthem (11:15 am)

God So Loved the World (2011)

Philip W. J. Stopford
(b. 1977)

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Amen.

—*John 3:16-17*

*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

Schubert

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - sa - na in the
 high - est. Ho - sa - 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

Anthem (11:15 am)

A Litany (1917)

William Walton
(1902-1983)

Drop, drop, slow tears,
And bathe those beautiful feet
Which brought from Heaven
The news and Prince of Peace:

Cease not, wet eyes,
His mercy to entreat;
To cry for vengeance
Sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods
Drown all my faults and fears;
Nor let His eye
See sin, but through my tears.

—*Phineas Fletcher (1592- 1631)*

Congregational Song



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

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

Picardy



1. You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep-herd, You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
2. Clothed in light up - on the moun-tain, stripped of might up - on the cross,
3. You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er at God's side.
4. Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



You, peace-mak - er and sword - bring - er of the way you took and gave.
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry, beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
You, who preach a way that's nar - row, have a love that reach - es wide.
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory; wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.
you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant; you, who are both gift and cost.
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

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Music: French Melody, 17th Century

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

John Weaver



*Postlude

'Little' Fugue in G minor, BWV 578

Bach

Worship Details

Cover Art

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Holy Week Services at MAPC

Sunday, April 14. Palm Sunday at 9 am and 11:15 am. — Sanctuary.
The Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt preaching

Thursday, April 18. Maundy Thursday at 7 pm. Service of Remembering — Church House Lobby, includes hand washing and a shared meal. The Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt leading

Friday, April 19. Good Friday at 12-3 pm Service of Devotion — Sanctuary;
4:30 pm Worship for Children & Families — Church House Lobby; 7:30 pm Service of Tenebrae
— Sanctuary

Sunday, April 20. Easter Sunday at 9 am and 11:15 am. Festival Services — Sanctuary.
The Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt preaching

Information and Announcements

Parents' Meeting for 2019-2020 Confirmation Class

All parents of rising 8th graders or older who are interested in confirmation are encouraged to attend today's meeting at 1 pm on the 8th Floor. Rev. Jenny McDevitt and Christina Cosby will share plans for next year's class.

Donations Needed for Hygiene Kits

On Palm Sunday (April 14th) help MAPC assemble Hygiene Kits for people all over the world. Donate items now via our Amazon Wishlist. To access the link, please see the recent Pastoral Staff Letter on mapc.com or visit the MAPC Facebook page. Please contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com with any questions.

Saint Andrew Chorale & Orchestra: Works by Britten and Vaughan Williams

Today at 3 pm, the Saint Andrew Chorale and Orchestra, along with 80 singers from our New York City Children's Chorus, will perform two major works composed in England during the early 20th century. Vaughan Williams considered his *Sancta Civitas* (The Holy City) to be his favorite large choral work, written for double chorus, children's chorus, soloists and orchestra, based on texts he selected from the book of Revelation. Benjamin Britten's *The World of the Spirit* for chorus, soloists, narrators, and orchestra is a piece of similarly large proportions. Admission is \$30 (\$25 – students/seniors 62+); Children 12 & under are free.

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.

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

Weekly Calendar

Monday, April 8

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

Tuesday, April 9

6:00 pm	ESL Evening Classes	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee	Youth Lounge
6:00 pm	Outreach Committee	Hood Library

Wednesday, April 10

7:30 am	Evangelism Committee	Phillips Lounge
4:00 pm	Kids Club & Wee Kids	PH, PL, 4th Floor, 5th Floor, Gym
4:15 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
5:00 pm	T(w)een Club	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, April 11

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table	Parish Hall
7:00 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, April 12

6:00 pm	Church Family Night	Gym, Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Saturday, April 13

9:00 am	Tell Me More About MAPC	Phillips Lounge
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Sunday, April 14

Palm Sunday	<i>Adult Education and Sunday morning youth groups will not meet.</i>	
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	Palm Sunday Brunch & Outreach	Parish Hall
11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Palm Sunday Brunch & Outreach	Parish Hall
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

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.

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*
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