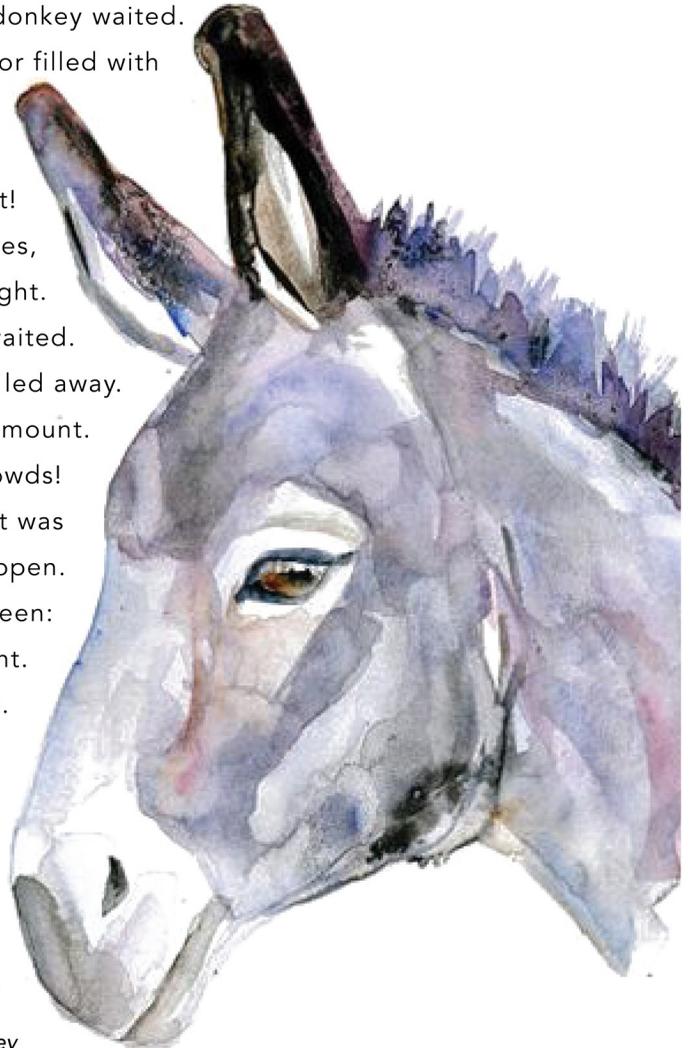




# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday  
April 14, 2019 • 9 & 11:15am

On the outskirts of Jerusalem the donkey waited.  
Not especially brave, or filled with  
understanding, he stood and waited.  
How horses, turned out in the meadow,  
leap with delight!  
How doves, released from their cages,  
clatter away, splashed with sunlight.  
But the donkey, tied to a tree as usual, waited.  
Then he let himself be led away.  
Then he let the stranger mount.  
Never had he seen such crowds!  
And I wonder if he at all imagined what was  
about to happen.  
Still, he was what he had always been:  
small, dark, obedient.  
I hope, finally, he felt brave.  
I hope, finally, he loved the man who  
rode so lightly upon him,  
as he lifted one dusty  
hoof and stepped,  
as he had to,  
forward.



Mary Oliver, *The Poet Thinks About the Donkey*

# Welcome to Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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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

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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

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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 May 11, 2019, at 9 am in the Phillips Lounge. Childcare provided with advance request. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erao at [lgp@mapc.com](mailto:lgp@mapc.com).

# Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

*Give us courage to follow you, O Christ, wherever you may lead.*

## Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Pièce Heroïque (from *Trois Pièces*, 1878)

*César Franck*  
(1822-1890)

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Open the gates of righteousness;

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Lead the procession with branches and give thanks to the Lord;

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

\*Hymn 88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Valet will ich dir geben*

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

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

**We do not fully know this Jesus**

**who upsets our religious piety.**

**We do not fully fathom this Jesus**

**who laments our failure to do what you created us to do.**

**We do not fully understand this Jesus**

**who teaches in parables that puzzle us more than they should.**

**At this week's beginning, who will shout Hosanna?**

**By this week's end, who will shout Crucify?**

**Forgive our easy answers to these hard questions.** (Silent prayer)

—*Jim Lowry*

Lord, Have Mercy (Service in G)

*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!**

## \*Gloria in Excelsis

Weaver

Choir  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Congregation  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.  
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we  
wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; You are  
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For  
You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a - lone are the  
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

## \*Summary of God's Law

Chesna E. Hinkley

## \*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

Christina A. Cosby

Old Testament Lesson

Zechariah 9:9-12 (OT page 833)

\*Psalm 118:1-2; 19-29

*Narnia*

## *Refrain*



I thank you, Lord, for you are good, my God, my sure de - liv - 'er. Your



stead - fast love and faith - ful ness shall be my hope for ev - er. *(Fine)*

## *Verses*



1. Come, o - pen now these ho - ly gates where - in the right - eous
2. I give you thanks, you an - swered me, you are my sure sal -
3. Blest is the one who in your name comes to this place re -



gath - er, That I may en - ter and give thanks to you, my Lord and  
va - tion. The stone the build - ers cast a - side, you've made my strong foun -  
joic - ing, To praise you now, in pipe and prayer, with fes - tal song and



Sav - ior. For here I'll sing of stead - fast love and  
da - tion. This is your work, how mar - vel - ous! A  
bles - sing. For you are God, you give us light, O



pow'r be - yond be - liev - ing That con - quers death and  
gift be - yond de - scrip - tion. This is the day the  
sure and strong de - fend - er; You are my God, I



brings new life, your love and grace re - veal - ing *(to Refrain)*  
Lord has made, be glad in its re - demp - tion. *(to Refrain)*  
will give thanks, and praise your name for - ev - er. *(to Refrain & Fine)*

*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 19:28-40 (NT page 78)

Sermon

reLent: recreate

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

————— Responding to God's Word —————

\*Hymn 89 (11:15 am)

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*Ellacombe*

\*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.**

Prayers of the People

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

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

—Psalm 24:7-10

## \*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, heaven and earth are  
full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed is  
He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Acclamation

Weaver

. . . we proclaim the mystery of faith:



## The Lord's Prayer

Weaver

Our Fa-ther in heav-en hal-lowed be Your name, Your king-dom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are Yours now and for ev-er. A - men.

## 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 (11:15 am)

From *The Crucifixion* (1887)

John Stainer  
(1840-1901)

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

## Congregational Song



Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.  
Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

Jacques Berthier, 1981  
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## Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

\*Hymn 90

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

*The King's Majesty*

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response

*Weaver*



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

\*Postlude

Valet will ich dir geben, BWV 735

*Johann Sebastian Bach*  
(1685-1750)

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Morna F. Sheehy.

## Worship Details

### Cover Art

American poet Mary Oliver (1935-2019) was an “indefatigable guide to the natural world,” wrote Maxine Kumin in the *Women's Review of Books*, “particularly to its lesser-known aspects.” She continued: “Oliver stands quite comfortably on the margins of things, on the thin line that separates human from what we loosely call animal.” Oliver’s poetry won numerous awards, including the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award, and a Lannan Literary Award for Lifetime Achievement. In the cover poem, she writes of the donkey’s inevitable journey, which, of course, mimics Christ’s own.

## 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.

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 21

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

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### Information and Announcements

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#### Palm Sunday Brunch and Outreach

During today's worship, MAPC will take up the Special Offering of One Great Hour of Sharing. Proceeds will go directly towards the people affected by the cyclone in Southern Africa. Following both services, visit the Parish Hall for Palm Sunday Brunch and participate in outreach activities. Help assemble Hygiene Kits for people who are experiencing poverty or the aftermaths of a natural disaster and take part in the 2019 Bread for the World letter writing campaign to advocate better nutrition for mothers and children across the world. Suggested brunch donation is \$10. Contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman (rmh@mapc.com) with any questions or concerns.

#### Labyrinth Available During Holy Week

The labyrinth, located on the 2nd floor in the MAPC Gym, will be available today following both services. The labyrinth will also be available Maundy Thursday (April 18) through Saturday, April 20 at noon. You may come walk it whenever the building is open and there is not a worship service happening concurrently.

#### Donations for Easter Flowers

Make a gift in memory of or in honor of loved ones and help beautify the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. To make a donation, please use the special envelopes inserted into the bulletin. The suggested donation for each name is \$40. In order to include the names of loved ones in the bulletin on Easter, we must receive your donation by Monday morning, April 15.

## Weekly Calendar

### Monday, April 15

4:00 pm	MAPC Serves	James Lenox House
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

### Tuesday, April 16

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

### Wednesday, April 17

8:00 am	Trustees	Phillips Lounge
4:00 pm	Kids Club & Wee Kids	PH, 4th, 5th Floor, Gym
4:00 pm	T(w)een Club	Phillips Lounge
6:00 pm	20s/30s Bible Study	10th Floor
6:00 pm	Cocaine Anonymous	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

### Thursday, April 18

#### **Maundy Thursday**

1:00 pm	Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing Group	James Lenox House
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table	Parish Hall
7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Church House Lobby

### Friday, April 19

#### **Good Friday**

10:30 am	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
12:00 pm	Good Friday 3-Hour Service of Devotion	Sanctuary
4:30 pm	Good Friday Family Service	Church House Lobby
5:00 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:30 pm	Good Friday Service of Tenebrae	Sanctuary

### Saturday, April 20

9:00 am	Sanctuary Decorating	Sanctuary
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### Sunday, April 21

#### **Easter Sunday**

*Adult Education, Sunday morning youth groups, and ESL classes will not meet.*

8:15 am	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Lobby
10:10 am	Easter Fest	Roof Garden
11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Fellowship Hour	Lobby
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
<b>April 14</b>	<b>“recreate”</b>	<b>Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching</b>
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*  
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Laura Graham, *Director of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church Day School*  
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