



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday of Easter
May 5, 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 on Sundays, 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. 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-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

You are all around us, O God, visible so much more than we realize.

Open our eyes to your presence, we pray.

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Allegretto; Andante Religioso (from *Sonata No. 4*)

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

The cross stands empty!

He is risen indeed!

Every knee shall bend and every tongue confess:

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

*Hymn 106

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Alleluia No. 1

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

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

God of the Empty Tomb,

We confess that sometimes we are empty people.

Forgive us when we lack the courage and compassion you need from us.

We hesitate to speak of your hope;

give us your voice.

We find it difficult to love one another;

remind us of your sacrifice.

We prefer to stand with the high and mighty;

seat us next to the poor and oppressed.

We follow our own road, rather than yours;

open our eyes to your will.

(Silent prayer)



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

*Gloria in excelsis

Weaver

(Cantor)



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,



with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

*Summary of God's Law

... "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment?" Jesus said to him:

"You shall love the Lord your God

with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and all your strength.

This is the first and greatest commandment.

And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

*Passing of 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

First Lesson

Revelation 5:11-14
(NT page 233)

*Psalm 30 (Hymn 181)

Ellacombe

Lesson with the Children and Youth

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

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.

Second Lesson

John 21:1-19
(NT page 109)

Gradual

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!

French, 15th C.
arr. Andrew Henderson (2014)

Third Lesson

Acts 9:1-20
(NT page 119)

Sermon

A New Vision

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 419 (11:15 am)

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Repton

Reception of New Members (11:15 am)

Elder Kate Baier

Gail and George Edwards, *joining by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church, NYC*

*Affirmation of Faith

Declaration of Faith IV, 5

Jesus is our living Lord.

**Jesus was dead and buried,
but God raised him from the dead.**

We are certain that Jesus lives.

**He lives as God with us,
touching all of human life with the presence of God.**

He lives as one of us with God.

**Because he shares our humanity
and has bound us to himself in love,
we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.**

We declare that Jesus is Lord.

**We maintain that ultimate sovereignty
now belongs to Jesus Christ
in every sphere of life.**

Jesus is Lord!

He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end.

Even now he is Lord.

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)

From *St. Paul*, Op. 36 (1836)

Mendelssohn

Recitative: And as he journeyed he came near unto Damascus; when suddenly there shone around him a light from heaven: and he fell to the earth; and he heard a voice saying unto him: "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" And he said: "Lord, who art thou?" And the Lord said to him: "I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest." And he said, trembling and astonished: "Lord, what wilt thou have me do?" The Lord said to him: "Arise, and go into the city; and there thou shalt be told what thou must do." —Acts 9:3-6)

Chorus: Rise! Up! Arise! Rise, and shine!

The glory of the Lord appeareth upon thee. —Isaiah 60:1

Chorale: Sleepers, wake! A Voice is calling;

It is the watchman on the walls, thou city of Jerusalem.

For lo, the Bridegroom comes!

Arise and take your lamps. Hallelujah!

Awake! His kingdom is at hand.

Go forth to meet your Lord.

—*Philipp Nicolai*

(1566-1608)

Marc Molomot, tenor; Rod Gomez, baritone

*Doxology

Old Hundredth

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

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

Weaver

. . . we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The Lord's Prayer

Weaver

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - low - ed be your name, your
king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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 pow'r 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.

Prayers of Healing and Wholeness

Anthem

This Joyful Eastertide

Dutch Melody
arr. Philip Ledger
(1937-2012)

This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, that once was slain,
Nè'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now is Christ arisen!

My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number.
Had Christ, that once was slain ...

Death's flood hath lost its chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river.
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver.
Had Christ, that once was slain ...

—George R. Woodward
(1848-1934)

Congregational Song

Raise a song of glad-ness, peo-ples of the earth. Christ has come,
bring-ing peace, joy to ev-'ry heart. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,
joy to ev-'ry heart! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, joy to ev-'ry heart!

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

*Hymn 108

Christ Is Alive!

Truro

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Weaver



*Postlude

March (from *Athalia*)

Mendelssohn

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of John McChord.

Worship Details

Cover Art

Today's cover features the Statue of Saint Paul in Damascus, Syria. It sits outside the Chapel of Saint Paul, not far from the Bab Kisan (Kisan Gate), believed to be the site of Paul's escape from Damascus. The statue depicts the beginning of his conversation, the moment he was struck down by the light.

Information and Announcements

Senior Fellowship Lunch

MAPC Seniors and friends will have lunch together today in the Parish Hall at 1 pm following fellowship hour. The suggested donation for lunch is \$10.

New York City Children's Chorus Spring Concert

"We are the Music Makers; We are the Dreamers of Dreams" is the theme of our final Music on Madison concert of the season today at 3 pm. Featuring five ensembles with over 150 choristers of MAPC's New York City Children's Chorus, the program explores 20th Century musical settings of poetry by Emily Dickinson, Langston Hughes, Lewis Carroll, Christina Rossetti, Robert Frost, as well as adaptations of words by William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens. Admission is \$25 (\$20 – Students/Seniors 62+); Children 12 & Under are free.

A Little Jazz Mass

At the 11:15 am service next Sunday, May 12, the Church Choir and members of the Saint Andrew Chorale will sing Bob Chilcott's A Little Jazz Mass. Written by one of the foremost choral composers of our day, the five movements embrace a variety of jazz styles and will be accompanied by a jazz trio featuring pianist Simon Mulligan, Mark Lewandowski, bass, and percussionist Dani Markham.

Pub Theology

On Monday, May 6 at 6:30 pm, come to the 8th Floor and weather permitting, the Roof Garden for a spirited conversation about theology and faith. A choice of entrees will be provided; the rest is potluck. To sign up, please see the latest Pastoral Staff Letter or the MAPC Facebook page.

Seminarian Farewell

Join us for a special coffee hour May 12, immediately following the 11:15 am worship service, to share our gratitude and best wishes to our Chesna Hinkley and Audrey Webber. Chesna and Audrey have helped lead Kid's Club each Wednesday and rotated between Children's worship and Sanctuary worship each Sunday. They will both graduate from Princeton Theological Seminary on May 18.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, May 6

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Pub Theology	8th Floor

Tuesday, May 7

4:00 pm	ESL Evening Classes	5th Floor
5:00 pm	Hood Library Fellowship	Hood Library
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Wednesday, May 8

7:30 am	Evangelism Committee	Phillips Lounge
12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Phillips Lounge
1:30 pm	Shelter Leaders	Shelter
4:00 pm	Kids Club & Wee Kids	PH, 4th, 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	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Thursday, May 9

6:00 pm	20s/30s Bible Study	10th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table	Parish Hall
7:00 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, May 10

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
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Saturday, May 11

9:00 am	Tell Me More about MAPC	Phillips Lounge
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

all things new



May 5 A New Vision
Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt / 9 & 11:15 am

May 12 A New Job Description
Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt / 9 & 11:15 am

May 19 A New Diet
Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt / 9 & 11:15 am

May 26 A New Community
Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt / 10:30 am

June 2 Youth Sunday & Confirmation
Sebastien L. J. Nordenson / 10:30 am
Isabella N. Winckler / 10:30 am

June 9 A New Jerusalem
Pentecost
Ordination & Installation of Officers
Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt / 10:30 am

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*

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The Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman, *Pastoral Resident*

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Teresa 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*