



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2019 • 9:00am



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 announced here. Childcare provided with advance request. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Eraza at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

*When our confidence in our own ability wavers, O God,
remind us that you have all the confidence we need.*

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Prelude on 'Resignation' (2012)

*Zachary Wadsworth
(b. 1983)*

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

The river is famous to the fish.

**The loud voice is famous to silence,
which knew it would inherit the earth
before anybody said so.**

The cat sleeping on the fence is famous to the birds
watching him from the birdhouse.

The tear is famous, briefly, to the cheek.

The idea you carry close to your bosom
is famous to your bosom.

**The boot is famous to the earth,
more famous than the dress shoe,
which is famous only to floors.**

The bent photograph is famous to the one who carries it
and not at all famous to the one who is pictured.

**I want to be famous to shuffling men
who smile while crossing streets,
sticky children in grocery lines,
famous to them as one who smiled back.**

I want to be famous in the way a pulley is famous,
or a buttonhole, not because it did anything spectacular,
but because it never forgot what it could do.

—Naomi Shihab Nye, "Famous"

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

Prayer of Confession

Christina A. Cosby

**Gracious God,
 Sometimes we think too much of ourselves.
 Oftentimes we think too little of ourselves.
 We doubt that we could be used for your kingdom work.
 We suspect that we are not good enough,
 faithful enough,
 kind enough,
 or wise enough.**

**Remind us that any good in us comes from you,
 and that we need only have open hearts
 and the courage to listen to your calling,
 even when it unsettles us.**

(Silent prayer)

Lord, Have Mercy

Richard Proulx

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains three measures: the first measure is marked 'Cantor' and contains the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.'; the second measure is marked 'All' and contains 'Lord, have mer - cy.'; the third measure is marked 'Cantor' and contains 'Christ, have mer - cy.'. The second staff also begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It contains three measures: the first measure is marked 'All' and contains 'Christ, have mer - cy.'; the second measure is marked 'Cantor' and contains 'Lord, have mer - cy.'; the third measure is marked 'All' and contains 'Lord, have mer - cy.'. The score ends with a double bar line.

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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!

*Response of Praise

Victory

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Lord, by Your wounds on Cal - va - ry From death's dread
sting Your ser - vants free, That we may live e -
ter - nal - ly. Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin, c. 1695, Trans. Francis Pott, 1861
Music: G.P. da Palestrina, 1591

*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 with 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

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

First Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17
(NT page 235)

*Psalm 23 (Hymn 172)

Resignation

Lesson with the Children and Youth

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

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

Chesna E. Hinkley

John 10:22-30

(NT page 98)

Gradual

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!

French, 15th C.

arr. Andrew Henderson (2014)

Third Lesson

Acts 9:36-43

(NT page 120)

Sermon

A New Job Description

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

————— Responding to God's Word —————

*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.

Prayers of the People

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

Presenting Our Offerings to God

*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.

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. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Blessed 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.

Hymn 521

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (stanzas 1-3)

Finest Wheat

Please join the choir in singing the hymn when you return to your pew.

Worship Details

Cover Art

The Quiet Strength of Tabitha, by Cody Miller

Information and Announcements

GIFT (Growing in Faith Together)

People of all ages are invited to the Parish Hall at 10:10 am for the monthly gathering of GIFT: Growing in Faith Together. Led by Christina Cosby, this time is intentionally intergenerational and allows the youngest participants in our congregation and older members to learn from one another. The topic is the lectionary text of Psalm 23.

A Little Jazz Mass

At the 11:15 am service today, 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.

Seminarian Farewell

Join us for a special coffee hour today, 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.

Roof Garden Art Reception

Please join the MAPC Day School for a Roof Garden reception at 6 pm on May 16 to celebrate a new collaboration with Buenos Aires-based artist Mariano Ferrante. The artist, known for his geometric abstract work, has designed early childhood education workshops in Argentina.

Summer Choir

You are invited to sing on Sundays during the summer at MAPC! Our Summer Choir provides an opportunity for church members and friends to sing some beautiful choral music together as leaders of worship. Beginning Sunday, May 26, and continuing through Sunday, July 28, the Summer Choir will meet on Sunday mornings for a rehearsal in the Choir Room at 9:30 am in preparation for our 10:30 am services. Please contact Andrew Henderson at aeh@mapc.com.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, May 13

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

Tuesday, May 14

4:00 pm	ESL Evening Classes	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Personnel Committee	Pastor's Study
7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee	Youth Lounge
7:00 pm	Outreach Committee	Hood Library

Wednesday, May 15

8:00 am	Trustees	Phillips Lounge
12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Phillips Lounge
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
7:00 pm	Worship & Music Committee	Pastor's Study

Thursday, May 16

1:00 pm	Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing Group	James Lenox House
6:00 pm	Roof Garden Art Reception	Roof Garden
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table	Parish Hall

Friday, May 17

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
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Saturday, May 18

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
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Sunday, May 19

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	Youth Sunday Rehearsal	Dana Chapel
10:20 am	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Children's Worship; Youth Worship	Phillips Lounge; Dana Chapel
12:30 pm	Fellowship Hour	Lobby
1:00 pm	ESL Classes	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

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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*

Laura Graham, *Director of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church Day School*

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

Dr. Andrew E. Henderson, *Director of Music and Organist*

Mary W. Huff, *Associate Director of Music and Director of the NYC Children's Chorus*

Roger S. Pierce, Jr., *Director of Administration and Finance*

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*