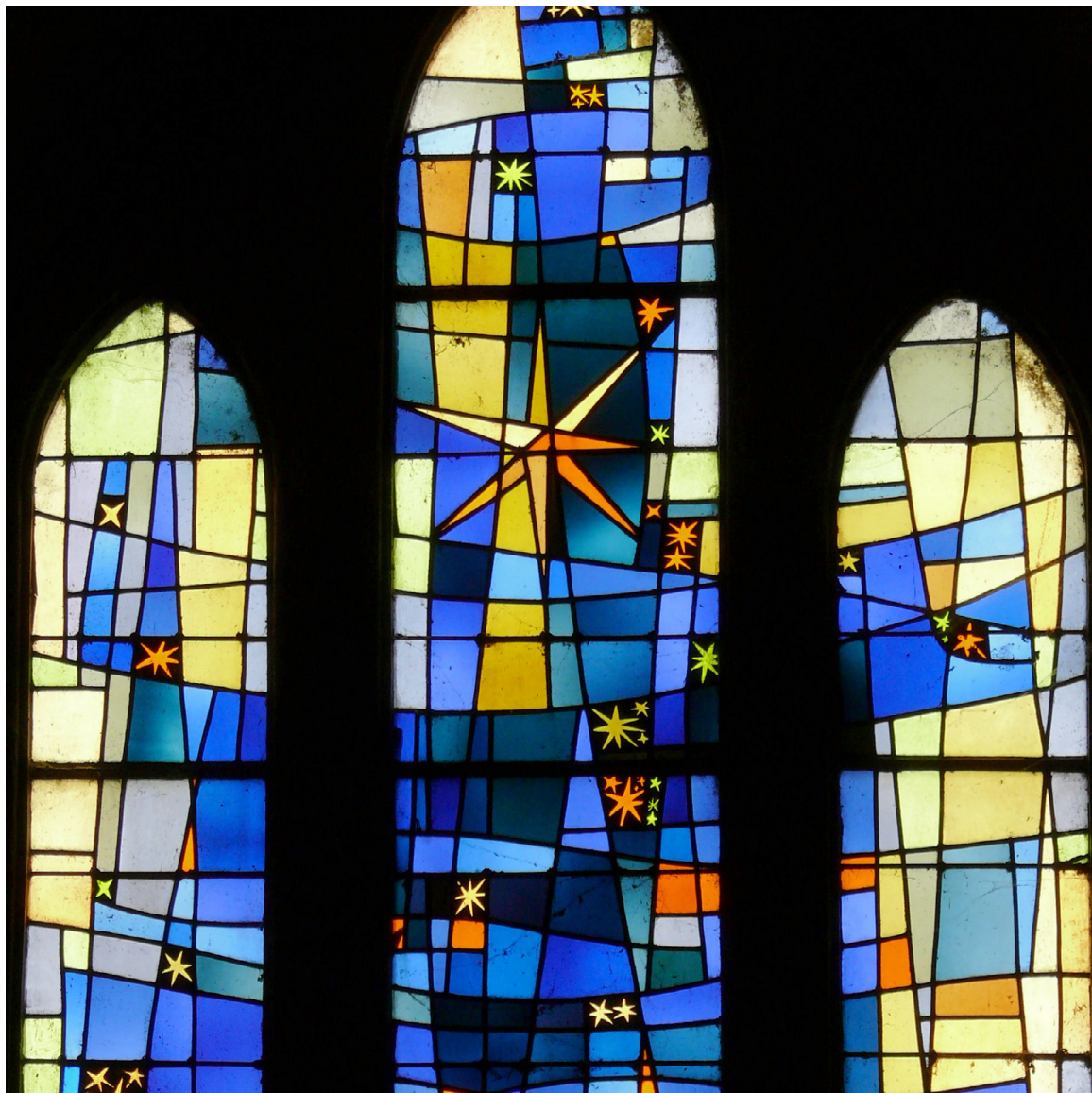




Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

Epiphany Sunday
January 6, 2020 • 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 Sunday 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, including worship. To help with that, Children's Worship Bags are located in the Narthex. Red bags are for 2nd graders and above. Blue bags are for 1st graders and below. Please use the bag that best suits your child. Children can't help but make a bit of noise from time to time. Your family's presence is a delight, not a distraction. 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 is being planned. Childcare is provided with advance request. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

*The Magi had your star to follow, O God.
Quiet our hearts and our minds that we, too, might focus only on you
and gain the courage we need to go where you call us.*

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BuxWV 223

*Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)*

Call to Worship

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

In the beginning, God said,

“Let there be light!”

In the beginning was the Word,

and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

In the beginning there was a story,

full of reconciliation and redemption, grace and Good News, light and life.

*Hymn 68

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

Puer nobis nascitur

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

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

Merciful God,

You have given us all the light we need,

but we still stumble around in the dark.

We read your Word and interpret it to our own liking.

We don't read carefully enough, missing how you are in the details.

We focus too narrowly, missing the forest for the trees.

Help us to read always through the lens of your love,

which is for the whole world and for each one of us.

(Silent Prayer)

Kyrie Eleison

Forest Green

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;

Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

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

Gloria

**Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.**

*Gloria, in excelsis Deo,
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.*

*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 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

Elder Natalie S. Pennington (9 am)

Elder Kathy F. Hoffman (11:15 am)

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6
(OT page 649)

Lesson with the Children and Youth

*Children's Worship: Preschool through 2nd graders are dismissed to the Phillips Lounge.
They will return during the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.*

Gradual

The Word Became Flesh

Andrew Henderson

The word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

— John 1:14

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12
(NT page 1)

Sermon

Everything I Need to Know
I Learned from the Magi

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 69 (11:15 am)

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Wie schön leuchtet

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended to heaven

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Anthem (11:15 am)

The Three Kings

Peter Cornelius (1824-1874)

arr. Ivor Atkins (1869-1953)

(Solo):

Three kings from Persian lands afar
To Jordan follow the pointing star:
And this the quest of the travelers three,
Where the newborn King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,
And there in worship they bend the knee,
As Mary's child in her lap they see;
Their royal gifts they show to the King.
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Thou child of man, lo to Bethlehem
The kings are reveling, travel with them
The star of mercy, the star of grace
Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
Offer they heart to the infant King.

(Chorale):

How brightly shines the morning star!
With grace and truth from heav'n afar
Our Jesse tree now bloweth.
Of Jacob's stem and David's line,
For thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,

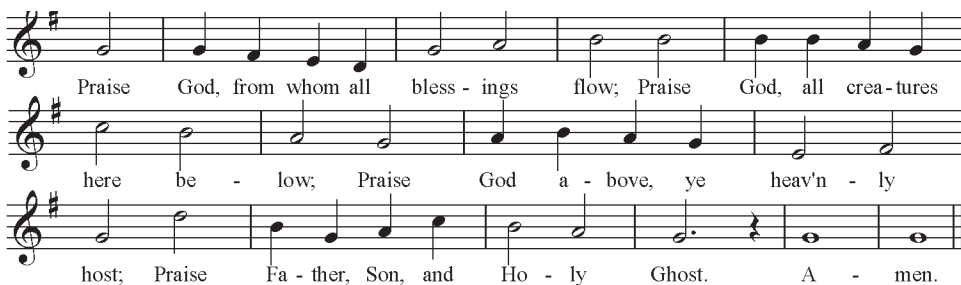
My soul with love o'er-floweth
Thy word, Jesu, Inly feeds us,
Rightly leads us, Life bestowing
Praise, O praise such love o'er-flowing.

— *Peter Cornelius and Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)*

Rod Gomez, baritone

*Doxology

Old Hundredth



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

In Dulci Jubilo

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

Good Christian friends, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice;

Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!

He hath opened heaven's door, And we are blessed forevermore.

Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Acclamation

Three Kings of Orient

. . . we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;

Alleluia, Alleluia, Sounds through the earth and skies.

O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright;

Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!

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.

Individuals seated in the balcony are invited to receive the elements on the main level.

Prayers for Healing and Wholeness

Anthem (11:15 am)

In Wintertime, Op. 103 (1983)

Lennox Berkeley
(1903-1989)

When thou wast born in wintertime,
The saviour of mankind to be,
Came men of ev'ry sort and clime:
To worship thee.

And those who waited in thy courts,
Who sought from earthly things to flee,
Who serv'd by pray'r and quiet thoughts:
These worshipped thee.

The three wise men who from afar
Drew near the wond'rous babe to see,
And in their wisdom found thy star:
These worshipp'd thee.

And shepherds who sat watching then,
Their flocks about the hills dispersed,
Unlearn'd, unletter'd, humble men:
These found thee first.

— *Betty Askwith* (1909-1995)

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 63

As with Gladness Men of Old

Dix

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

John Weaver



*Postlude

Fugue from Fantasia on 'Wie schön leuchtet,' Op. 40, No. 1

Max Reger
(1873-1916)

Worship Details

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Announcements

Adult Education: A Faithful Response to "The Alien in Your Land" (Lev. 19:34)

On January 5 and 12 the Adult Education classes on Sunday mornings at 10:10 will focus on refugee resettlement and immigration issues. On January 5th, Dave Mammen and The Rev. Laura Jervis will be with us to talk about Rutgers Presbyterian Church's continuing work with the refugee families they have resettled, and share with us ways we can provide support. On January 12th, Victor Salama, Executive Director of First Friends of NJ and NY will be our guest speaker. Mr. Salama will speak about the situation at the southern border, how detainees end up in the jails in northern New Jersey, and the work of First Friends in providing supportive services while they are in prison and after their release. In conjunction with the theme for these two Sundays, we encourage MAPC members and friends to attend the First Friends Volunteer Orientation Workshop, Tuesday, January 7, 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Congregation Rodeph Sholom, 7 West 83rd St. For more information or to register for the training and information evening, contact Rev. Beverly Bartlett at bab@mapc.com.

Church Family Night

A delicious Friday night dinner in the Parish Hall, conversation, a craft, movie and playtime in the gym—you can do it all, or simply enjoy sitting with friends. This event, beginning at 6 pm in the Parish Hall on January 10, is for everyone at MAPC. The suggested donation for adults is \$20, and a donation of your choice for children under 12. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Shelter Open House

Interested in our Men's Shelter? Visit our shelter at 1pm on Sunday, January 12 to learn more about the volunteer opportunities. The shelter leaders are specifically in need of overnight hosts (8:30 pm – 6:30 am) and are always looking for early shift hosts (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm). Questions? Please contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com.

Music on Madison: Longleash Piano Trio

The next concert of the Saint Andrew Music Society's 55th Season is next Sunday, January 12 at 3 pm, marking the 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth with an innovative program featuring two of the composer's celebrated trios alongside contemporary responses. The "expert young trio" (Strad Magazine) will perform Beethoven's Piano Trios in C minor, Op. 1, No. 3, and D major, Op. 70, No. 1, coupled with John Zorn's Ghosts (inspired by Beethoven's "Ghost" Trio) and the premiere of a new work by Reiko Fütting. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door for \$25 (\$20 – Students/Seniors 62+; children 12 & under – free).

Youth Fellowship & Service

Middle School Choir & Youth Fellowship resumes on Wednesday, January 15th. Please join us once a month for MAPC Serves (beginning Jan. 13th), for Pizza & Game Nights (beginning Feb. 7th) and for Shake Shack Sunday's (beginning Jan. 19th). Email Director of Youth Ministries, April Martin, at aem@mapc.com with any questions.

Fridays for Children

All elementary age children and younger are invited to the Parish Hall for our Fridays for Children program on January 24, from 5-6 pm in the Parish Hall. We will read the book *When God Made You* by Matthew Paul Turner and connect it to the world we live in. There will be crafts and games, as well as choir for all ages with Mary Huff, MAPC's Associate Director of Music and Director of the NYC Children's Chorus. Following Fridays for Children, MAPC's Fireside Jazz will commence in the Front Lobby with delicious food and excellent jazz tunes! Your child(ren) are welcome to join you or we will provide childcare on the 5th floor. Email Rev. Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com to sign up early or for more information. You're also welcome sign your child(ren) up at the church on the night of the 24th. All forms will be provided.

Friday Night Fireside Jazz

This is one of our most popular events of the year! The menu is planned, the jazz trio is booked, and there will be a fire in the fireplace. Join us January 24, from 6-9 pm in the Church House Lobby. It is a great introduction to MAPC — so bring a friend or neighbor. The suggested donation is \$40 and \$15 per child for childcare. Sign up in the Church House Lobby after worship on Sundays or RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Plan to stay after worship (or come back!) for the Annual Meeting on February 2. We will gather in the Parish Hall and a light lunch will be served. While required by our Presbyterian polity, it is also a chance to hear an update on many areas of church life. We will elect officers, present the 2020 budget, approve pastoral terms of call, and look ahead to what the year may hold for us. The meeting is open to anyone, but only members of the congregation may vote.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 6

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Evening Bible Study	8th Floor

Tuesday, January 7

5:00 pm	Hood Library Fellowship	Library
6:30 pm	Personnel Committee	Pastor's Study
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Wednesday, January 8

8:30 am	Building and Grounds Committee	7th Floor Conference Room
12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Phillips Lounge
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Deacons	8th Floor

Thursday, January 9

12:00 pm	Church Administration Luncheon	Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table	Parish Hall
7:00 pm	Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal	Sanctuary
8:30 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, January 10


6:00 pm	Church Family Night	Parish Hall, Gym
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Saturday, January 11

No church events scheduled

Sunday, January 12

8:30 am	Nursery Opens	4th Floor Nursery
9:00 & 11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:15 & 11:30 am	Children's Worship	Phillips Lounge
10:10 am & 12:30 pm	Fellowship Hour	Lobby
10:10 am & 12:30 pm	Coloring for Kids	Lobby
10:10 am	Adult Education: Victor Salama	Parish Hall
10:10 am	Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grades)	2nd Floor Gym
1:00 pm	Confirmation Class: Scripture	8th Floor
1:00 pm	Senior Fellowship Lunch	Parish Hall
1:00 pm	Shelter Open House	Shelter Space



sacred ordinary days

a lectionary-based sermon series
on finding the holy in the everyday
beginning January 12

worship at 9 and 11:15 am
Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church
921 Madison Ave at 73rd Street
mapc.com

Next Sunday, January 12: Washing Up (Baptism of the Lord Sunday)

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*

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

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

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