



# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Baptism of the Lord Sunday  
January 12, 2020 • 9 & 11:15am



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# 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 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

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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

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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 with our senior pastor, Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt. The next gathering will be January 25, at 9:30 am in the Phillips Lounge. Childcare is provided with advance request. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at [lgp@mapc.com](mailto:lgp@mapc.com).

# Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

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*It is a quotidian mystery that dailiness can lead to such despair  
and yet also be at the core of our salvation.*

*We want life to have meaning, we want fulfillment, healing, and even ecstasy,  
but the human paradox is that we find these things by starting where we are.*

*We must look for blessings to come from unlikely, everyday places.*

— Kathleen Norris

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## Gathering in God's Name

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Prelude

Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BWV 684

*J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)*

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

The world says: Only certain places are sacred.

**God says: "You are standing on holy ground."**

The world says: You must be extraordinary.

**God says: "See what I can do with ordinary things."**

The world says: We are lost, doomed to wander alone in the wilderness.

**God says: "You are my beloved. I have called you by name, and you are mine."**

\*Hymn 492

Baptized in Water

*Bunessan*

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

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

**Gracious God, hear our prayer:**

**For the right roads we have avoided traveling,  
and the kindly words we have refused to share;**

**for the false gods who have received our worship,  
and the true selves we have starved of love,**

**God, by your grace, forgive us.**

**For the hidden hurts we have held too tightly,  
and the promises which we never kept;**

**for the careless use of our time and money,  
and the pitiful excuses we should never have made,**

**God, by your grace, forgive us.**

For all we should be and all we can amend,  
God, by your grace, renew us.

For all you have in store for us and all you may demand of us,  
God, by your grace, prepare us.

For the life of the world and the love of its people,  
God, by your grace, commit us. (*Silent prayer*)

— *from the Iona Community*

Lord, Have Mercy (Service in F)

*John Weaver*



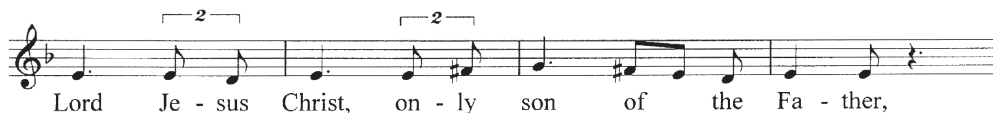
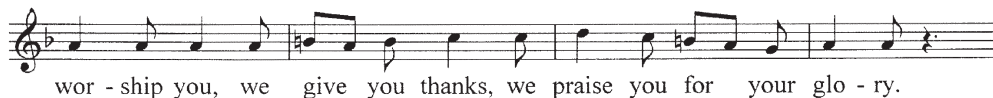
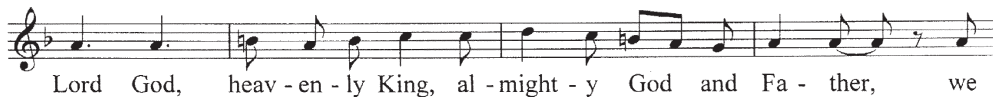
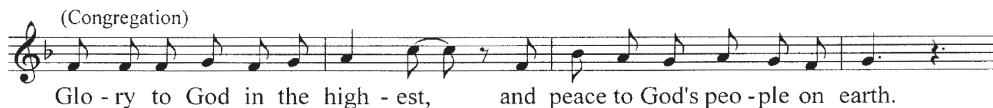
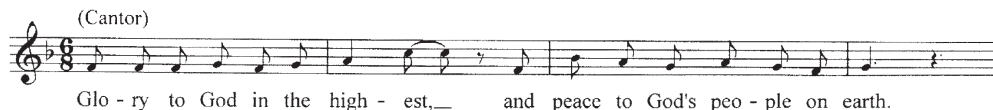
Assurance of God's Grace

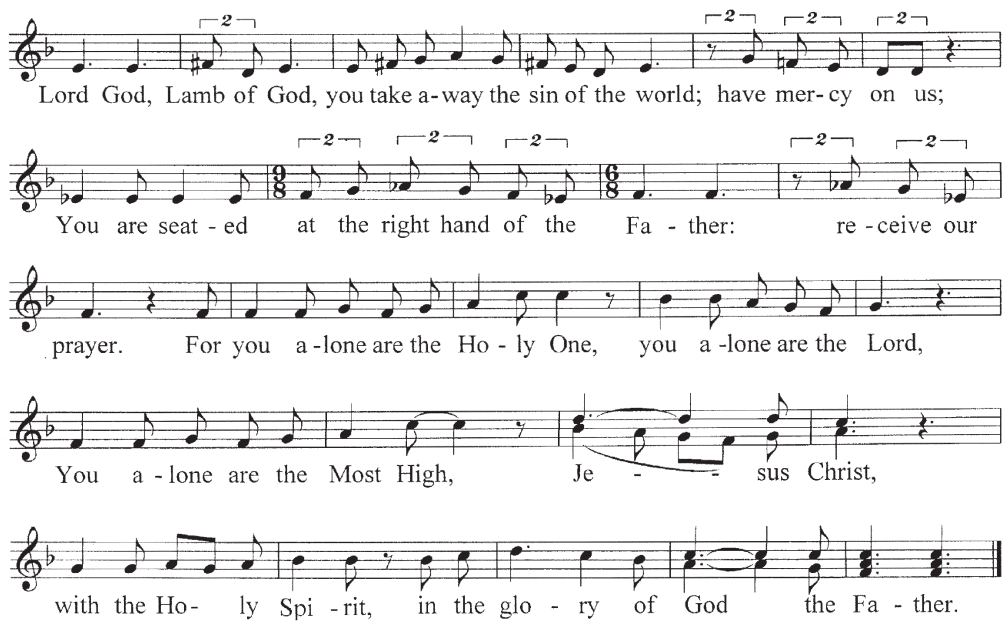
... Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

\*Gloria in Excelsis

*Weaver*





### \*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

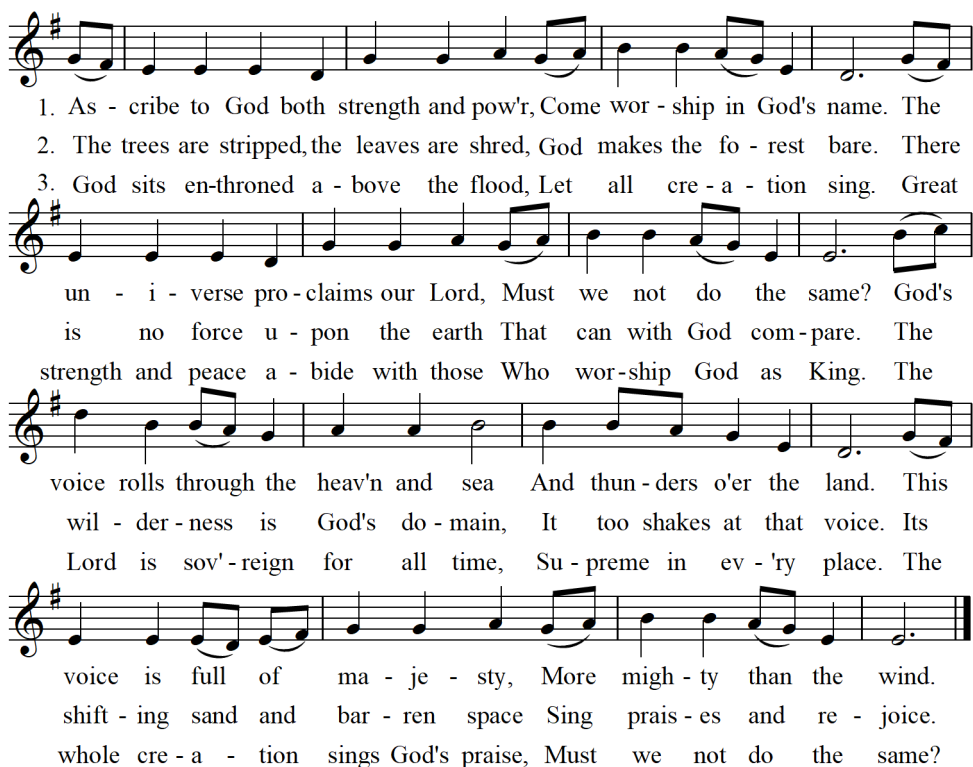
\_\_\_\_\_ Proclaiming God's Word \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer for Illumination

April E. Martin

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9  
 (OT page 630)



1. As - crite to God both strength and pow'r, Come wor - ship in God's name. The  
 2. The trees are stripped, the leaves are shred, God makes the fo - rest bare. There  
 3. God sits en-throned a - bove the flood, Let all cre - a - tion sing. Great  
 un - i - verse pro - claims our Lord, Must we not do the same? God's  
 is no force u - pon the earth That can with God com - pare. The  
 strength and peace a - bid with those Who wor-ship God as King. The  
 voice rolls through the heav'n and sea And thun - ders o'er the land. This  
 wil - der - ness is God's do - main, It too shakes at that voice. Its  
 Lord is sov' - reign for all time, Su - preme in ev - 'ry place. The  
 voice is full of ma - je - sty, More migh - ty than the wind.  
 shift - ing sand and bar - ren space Sing prais - es and re - joice.  
 whole cre - a - tion sings God's praise, Must we not do the same?

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Music: English Traditional, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Lesson with the Children and Youth

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

*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 3:13-17  
 (NT page 3)

Sermon

Sacred Ordinary Days:  
 Waking and Washing Up

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

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## Responding to God's Word

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\*Hymn 70 (11:15 am)

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

*Caithness*

\*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)

I Wonder As I Wander (2009)

*Carl Rütti*  
*(b. 1949)*

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,  
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die  
For poor on'ry people like you and like I ...  
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

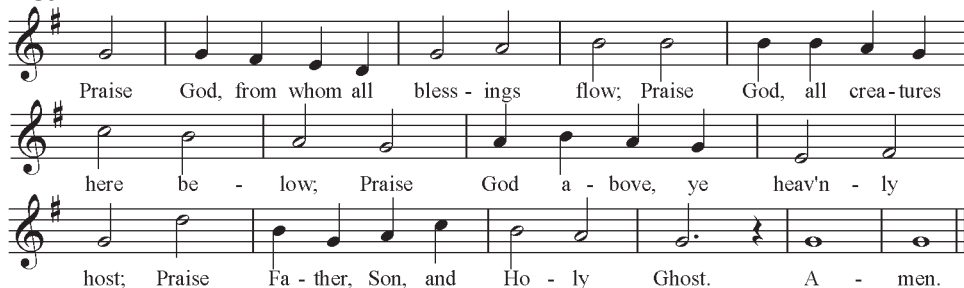
When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall,  
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.  
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,  
And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,  
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing,  
Or all of God's angel's in heav'n for to sing,  
He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

— *Appalachian Carol*  
*collected by John Jacob Niles (1892-1980)*

## \*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.**

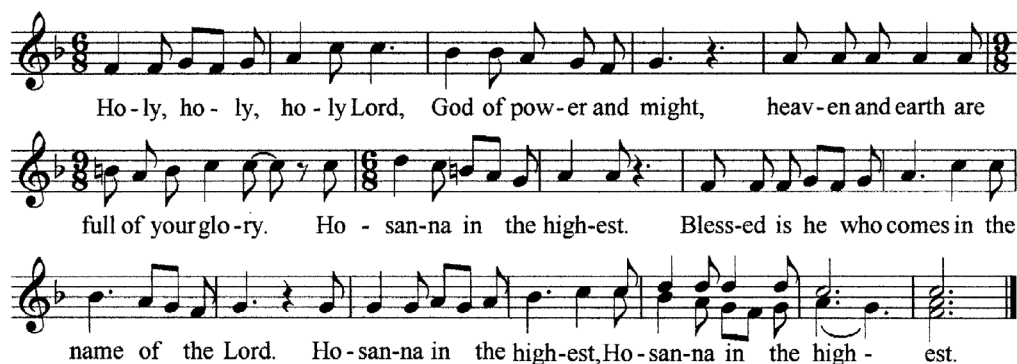
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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, 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.*

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

Hymn 70 (9 am)

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

Caithness

Anthem (11:15 am)

The Waters of Life (1998)

James Biery  
(b. 1956)

The Father's voice calls us above the waters,  
The glory of the Son shines on us,  
The love of the Spirit fills us with life.

— Ancient Christian Hymn

## Congregational Song (11:15 am)

**Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.  
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.  
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev'ry heart!**

## Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

\*Hymn 495

We Know That Christ Is Raised

*Engelberg*

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response

*Weaver*



\*Postlude

Wir glauben all' an einen Gott, BWV 681

*Bach*

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## Information and Announcements

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### Music on Madison: Longleash Piano Trio

The next Saint Andrew Music Society concert is today at 3 pm. They will perform Beethoven's Piano Trios in C minor and D major, coupled with John Zorn's *Ghosts* and the premiere of a new work by Reiko Fütting. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$25 (\$20 – Students/62+; children 12 & under – free).

### Youth Fellowship & Service

Middle School Choir & Youth Fellowship resumes on Wednesday, January 15. Join us once a month for MAPC Serves, for Pizza & Game Nights, and for Shake Shack Sundays. Email Director of Youth Ministries, April Martin, at [aem@mapc.com](mailto: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. 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, games and choir for all ages. Following Fridays for Children, Fireside Jazz will commence in the Lobby! Your child(ren) are welcome to join you or we will provide childcare. Email Rev. Rebecca Heilman at [rmh@mapc.com](mailto:rmh@mapc.com) to sign up or for more information.

### Friday Night Fireside Jazz

This is one of our most popular events of the year! Join us January 24, from 6-9 pm in the Church House Lobby. 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](mailto:lgp@mapc.com).

### Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Plan to stay after the 11:15 am worship service (or come back!) for the Annual Meeting on February 2. We will gather in the Parish Hall and a light lunch will be served. We will hear an update on many areas of church life, elect officers, present the 2020 budget, approve pastoral terms of call, and look ahead to 2020. Childcare will be available, and pizza and activities provided for children and youth.

## Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 13

### Session Packet reports due

4:00 pm	MAPC Serves	Lobby (to meet)
6:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Phillips Lounge
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Tuesday, January 14

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Congregational Nurture Committee	Phillips Lounge
7:00 pm	Outreach Committee	Library
7:00 pm	Worship & Music Committee	Pastor's Study

Wednesday, January 15

7:30 am	Evangelism Committee	Library
12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Phillips Lounge
5:30 pm	Youth Choir and Fellowship	Choir Room; Phillips Lounge
6:00 pm	Day School Committee	8th Floor
6:30 pm	Adult Education Committee	7th Floor Conference Room
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Children & Youth Min. Committee	Phillips Lounge

Thursday, January 16


1:00 pm	Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing	James Lenox House
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table	Parish Hall
7:00 pm	Mom's Night Out	Off Site — TBA
7:00 pm	Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal	Sanctuary
8:30 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, January 17 — No MAPC events scheduled

Saturday, January 18 — No MAPC events scheduled

Sunday, January 19

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: Letter from a Birmingham Jail (MLK, Jr.)	Parish Hall
10:10 am	Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grades)	2nd Floor Gym
12:30 pm	Shake Shack Sunday for Youth	Lobby (to meet)



# 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 19: Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett 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*

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*

April E. Martin, *Director of Youth Ministry*

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

The Rev. Dr. Fred R. Anderson, *Pastor Emeritus*

Dr. John B. Weaver, *Director of Music and Organist Emeritus*