

# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time January 26, 2020 • 9 & 11:15am



















# 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 W. 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 will be on March 14 at 9:30 am. Childcare is provided with advance request. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

# Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

God be with us in our waking and in our working, in our speech and in our laughter, in our days and in our nights.

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Adagio for Strings, Op. 11

Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

This is the day the Lord has made;

and we are dazzled by it.

This is the day the Lord has made;

we will give thanks for the dawn and be gentle with the shadows, remembering that every moment is holy.

This is the day the Lord has made;

we will look for grace all around us,

trusting that justice will roll down and love will rise up.

\*Hymn 411

Arise, Your Light Is Come

Festal Song

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

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

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)

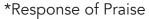
John Weaver



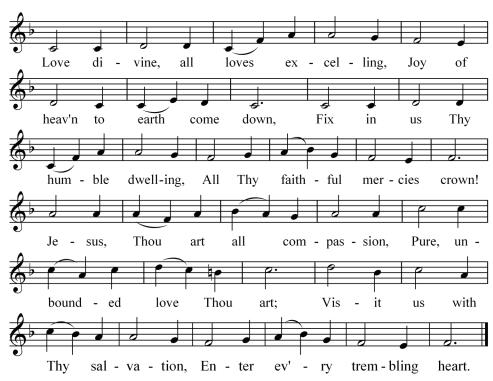
Assurance of God's Grace

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

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



Blaenwern



Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: William Rowlands (1860-1937) \*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.

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------ Proclaiming God's Word ------

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Nickie J. Christin (9 am) Elder Barbara N. Iverson (11:15 am)

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (NT page 155)

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

\*Psalm 27 (Hymn 179)

Christus der ist mein Leben

Lesson with the Children

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Children's Worship: Preschool through 2rd 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 4:12-22

(NT page 3)

# Responding to God's Word

\*Hymn 389 (11:15 am)

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Nyland

\*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 into 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)

Infinite Light

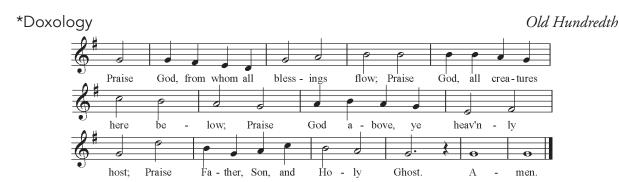
Traditional English arr. Paul Halley (b. 1952)

The greatness of God in his love has been shown,
The light of his life on the nations is thrown;
And that which the Jews and the Greeks did divine
Is come in the fullness of Jesus to shine:
The light of the world in the darkness has shone,
And grows in our sight as the ages flow on.

He rolls the grim darkness and sorrow away,
And brings all our fears to the light of the day:
The idols are fallen of anger and blood,
And God is revealed as the loving and good: *The light* ...

And though we have sinned like the prodigal son,
His love to our succour and welcome will run.
His gospel of pardon of love and accord,
Will master oppression and shatter the sword: *The light* ...

The light of the world is more clear to our sight,
As errors disperse and men see him aright:
In lands long in shadows, his churches arise,
And blaze for their neighbours the way of the wise: The light ...



## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

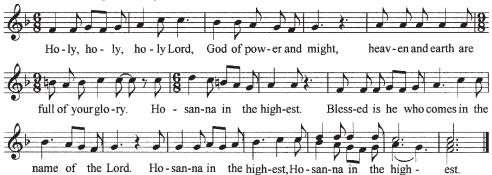
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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

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



#### 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.

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

Anthem

Hide Not Thou Thy Face

Richard Farrant

(c. 1525-1580)

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servants in thy displeasure; for we confess our sins unto thee, and hide not our unrighteousness.

For thy mercy's sake deliver us from all our sins.

- Psalm 27:10



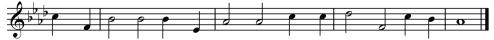
\*Hymn

#### Iesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

Galilee



- 1. Je sus calls us, o'er the tu mult Of our life's wild, rest less sea;
- 2. As of old, Saint An-drew heard it By the Gal i le an lake,
- 3. Je sus calls us from the wor ship Of the vain world's gold en store,
- 4. In our joys and in our sor rows, Days of toil and hours of ease,
- 5. Je sus calls us; By your mer cies, Sav ior, may we hear your call,



Day by day his sweet voice calls us, Say - ing, "Christ - ian, fol - low me."

Turned from home and toil and kin - dred, Leav - ing all for his dear sake.

From each i - dol that would keep us, Say - ing, "Christ - ian, love me more."

Still he calls, in cares and pleas - ures, "Christ - ian, love me more than these."

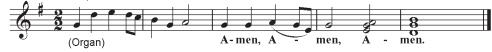
Give our hearts to your o - be - dience, Serve and love you, best of all.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1852; alt.; Tune: William H. Jude, 1887 (Public Domain)

#### \*Benediction

\*Congregational Response

Weaver



\*Postlude

Pæan (from Five Short Pieces, 1929)

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

Today's chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Thomas A. DuMont.

#### Information and Announcements

### Hood Library Awareness

Today the Hood Library Fellowship will have tables in the lobby during Fellowship Hour, with books available for sale and for borrowing. Please take advantage of this opportunity to see the wealth of reading material the library has available!

### Annual Meeting of the Congregation, February 2, Parish Hall

The annual meeting of the congregation will take place following the 11:15 am worship service on February 2. We will gather in the Parish Hall, with a light lunch provided. The purpose of the meeting is to hear highlights from 2019, elect officers, hear a presentation on the 2020 budget, and look toward the future together. Pizza and activities will be provided for children and youth. All are welcome to attend, but only members have voice and vote.

### Adult Education Today & February 2: Micah the Prophet

Today at 10:10 am in the Parish Hall, the Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett will lead a class on the prophet Micah. One of the prophet's most treasured lines, "do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God," is the inspiration behind an anthem recently commissioned by MAPC. On the following Sunday, February 2, we will hear the new anthem and meet the composer (see below).

## "Walk Humbly With Your God": Meet the Composer & Hear the Premiere!

On Sunday, February 2 at 10:10 am in the Parish Hall, composer Fred Gramann, Director of Music at the American Church in Paris, will describe his work as a composer and his approach to setting texts. The Church Choir will be on hand to offer a special "sneak preview" of his new work, *Walk Humbly with Your God*—a commission made possible through Gordon and Lillian Hardy Music Endowment Fund. The anthem is based on a familiar text from the prophet Micah appointed for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany and is dedicated to longtime MAPC member Josephine McFadden. The composer will conduct the official "premiere" of his new work at the 11:15 am service.

#### Youth Service: MAPC Serves

February 10 is the next chance for youth to help the residents of the James Lenox House trouble-shoot with technology/phone issues and play board games or cards. To sign up, email Director of Youth Ministries, April Martin, at aem@mapc.com. Once a month from 4-5:30 pm. Meet in the Lobby.

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Monday, January 27		
6:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Phillips Lounge
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
Tuesday, January 28		
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
Wednesday, January 29		
12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Phillips Lounge
5:30 pm	Youth Choir and Fellowship	Choir Room; Phillips Lounge
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Adult Education Meeting	7th Floor Conference Room
Thursday, January 30		
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 31	No MAPC events scheduled	
Saturday, February 1	No MAPC events scheduled	
Sunday, February 2		
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	-	Lobby
10:10 am & 12:30 pm	Coloring for Kids	Lobby

A number of recovery groups meet regularly at the church throughout the week. For a current list of groups and meeting times, please see mapc.com/supportgroups.

Adult Education: Meet the Composer

Youth Fellowship (6th-12th graders)

Annual Congregational Meeting

Lunch for Children & Youth

English as a Second Language

Parish Hall

Parish Hall

5th Floor

2nd Floor Gym

Shelter Space/Gym

10:10 am

10:10 am 1:00 pm

1:00 pm

1:00 pm



Next Sunday, February 2: Sidewalk Encounters (Micah 6:1-8)

#### 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