

Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 2, 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 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, 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 on March 14 at 9:30 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

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Blessed are the ones who come in the name of the Lord.

Come into the Lord's presence with singing.

Blessed are the ones who walk by faith and not by sight.

What does the Lord require of us but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God? Blessed are the ones who see the world through God's eyes.

Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

*Hymn 386

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Prayer of Confession

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

Gracious God, hear our prayer:

For the 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

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



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

Elder Dorothy A. Kleinert (9 am)

Elder Natalie S. Pennington (11:15 am)

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12

(NT page 4)

*Psalm 15 (Hymn 164)

Cheshire

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

Old Testament Lesson

Micah 6:1-8

(OT page 816)

Sermon

Sidewalk Encounters

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt



Text: Ephesians 5:8-10, Revelation 21:23, John 12:46, 1 John 1:5, Hebrews 12:1; Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934 Tune: HOUSTON, 10 7 10 8 with refrain @ 1970, 1975, Celebration

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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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)

Walk Humbly With Your God (2019)

Fred Gramann (b. 1950)

Do justly; love mercy; Walk humbly with your God.

What does the Lord require
For praise and offering?
What sacrifice desire,
Or tribute bid you bring?
Do justly; love mercy;
Walk humbly with your God.

How shall our life fulfill God's law so hard and high? Let Christ endue our will With grace to fortify. Do justly; love mercy; Walk humbly with your God.

Rulers of earth, give ear!
Should you not justice know?
Will God your pleading hear,
While crime and cruelty grow?
Then justly, in mercy,
We'll humbly walk with God.

- Albert F. Bayly (1949/1982), based on Micah 6:6-8

*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.

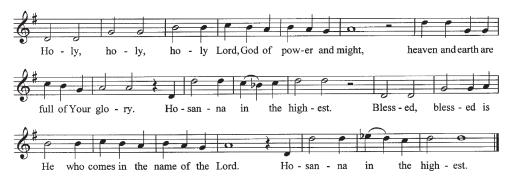
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

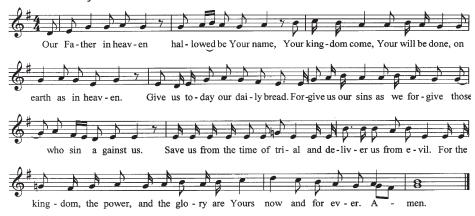


Acclamation

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... we proclaim the mystery of faith:





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 for Healing and Wholeness

Anthem

Blest Are the Pure in Heart

Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Blest are the pure in heart, For they shall see our God; The secret of the Lord is theirs, Their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul
He doth himself impart,
And for His cradle and His throne
Chooseth the pure in heart. – John Keble (1792-1866)

Congregational Song (11:15 am)



*Hymn 408

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Germany

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

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*Postlude

Carillon (from 24 Pièces en Style Libre, Op. 31)

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

———— Information and Announcements

Annual Meeting of the Congregation, Today, Parish Hall

We will gather in the Parish Hall after the 11:15 am service. A light lunch is 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.

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

At 10:10 am this morning in the Parish Hall, composer Fred Gramann, will describe his work as a composer and his approach to setting texts. Walk Humbly with Your God, a commission made possible through Gordon and Lillian Hardy Music Endowment Fund, is based on a familiar text from the prophet Micah and dedicated to longtime MAPC member Josephine McFadden. The composer will conduct the "premiere" of his new work at the 11:15 am service.

Adult Education, Sundays, February 9 and 16, 10:10 am in the Parish Hall

In this two-week class (titled The English Reformation: Personal Perspectives), led by MAPC member and historian Roy Lennox, we will look at three major figures from the time of the English Reformation: Sir Thomas More, Thomas Cromwell, and Anne Askew. By focusing on these three personalities, we can gain a deeper understanding into what the English Reformation really meant.

Ash Wednesday Schedule - February 26

7:30 – 9:30 am Ashes to Go, Sanctuary steps

12 – 1pm Ash Wednesday Midday Service, Sanctuary

6:00 – 6:15 pm Multigenerational Interactive Ash Wednesday Family Service, Chapel

7:00 – 8:00 pm Ash Wednesday Evening Service, Sanctuary

– Weekly Calendar –

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Monday, February 3		
11:00 am	Shelter Leaders Committee	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Evening Bible Study	8th Floor
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5:00 pm	Hood Library Fellowship	Library
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Personnel Committee	Pastor's Study
Wednesday, February 5		
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	Deacons	8th Floor
Thursday, February 6		
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	Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal	Sanctuary
8:30 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
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Friday, February 7		
6:00 pm	Pizza & Game Night	5th floor Youth Lounge
Saturday, February 8		
	No MAPC events scheduled	
Sunday, February 9		
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
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10:10 am	Adult Education: English Reformation	Parish Hall
10:10 am	Youth Fellowship (6th-12th graders)	2nd Floor Gym
1:00 pm	Confirmation Class	Parish Hall
1:00 pm	English as a Second Language	5th Floor
3:00 pm	Music on Madison: Simon Mulligan	Sanctuary

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.



Next Sunday, February 9: Greetings and Email (1 Cor 1:1-9)

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
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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