



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 9, 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 . . .

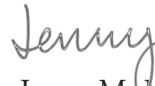
Whether you came with a friend or just wandered in accidentally . . .

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

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Lullaby (1914)

Will C. Macfarlane
(1870-1945)

Call to Worship

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

Grace and peace to you, from our Lord Jesus Christ.

To the church and to the world, grace and peace.

I give thanks to God always for you.

We give thanks to God always for one another.

God is faithful, and by God you were called.

Let us worship the God who calls us and claims us, in baptism and beyond!

—from 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

*Hymn 462

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Ratisbon

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

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

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.

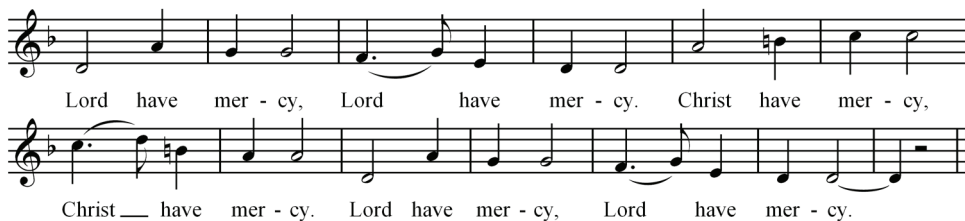
For the life of the world and the love of its people,

God, by your grace, commit us. (Silent Prayer)

—from the Iona Community

Lord, Have Mercy

James MacMillan



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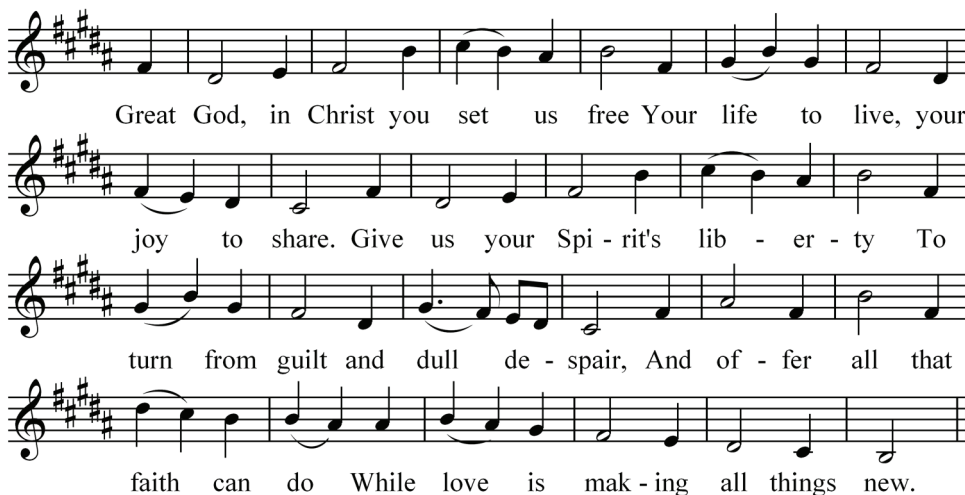
Assurance of God's Grace

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

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

*Response of Praise

St. Petersburg



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*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

Deacon Edward L. Kleinert (9 am)

Trustee Mark W. Glotfelty (11:15 am)

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-12

(OT page 647)

*Psalm 131

I Wonder As I Wander



1. My heart is not proud nor my eye set too high, My time is not spent on things



high-er than I, But like a weaned child in its mo-ther's em-brace, My



soul rests se - cure _____ in this calm, qui - et place. 2. O



Is-ra-el hope in the Lord ev-er-more, Who com-forts our souls and our



spi-rits re-stores. And as a weaned child knows its mo-ther is true, Our



hearts and our eyes, Lord, _____ look on - ly to you.

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Lesson with the Children

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

*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*

New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:1-9
(NT page 155)

Sermon

Greetings and Email

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 374 (11:15 am)

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Dickinson College

The Reception of New Members (9:00 am)

Elder Kate Baier

Allan Y. Chang, by Reaffirmation of Faith

Dianne W. Suh, by Reaffirmation of Faith

The Sacrament of Baptism (11:15 am)

Elder Kate Baier

Evangelos "Evan" Charles Vamvoukakis,

son of Tanya Lynne Crist and George Angelo Vamvoukakis

*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.

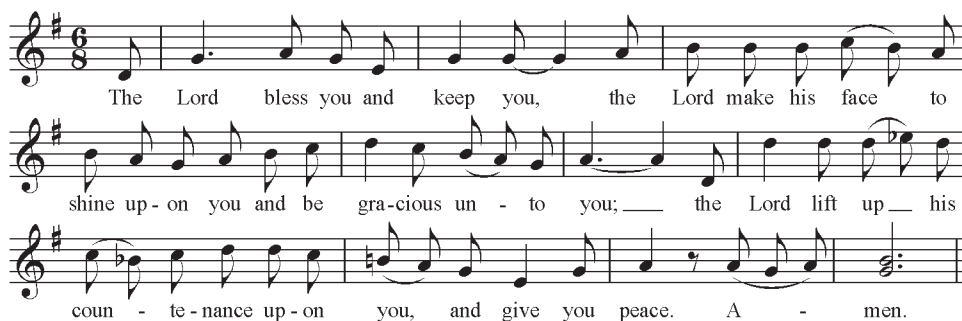
I believe in the Holy Ghost;

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

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

Aaronic Benediction

John Weaver



The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to
shine up - on you and be gra-cious un - to you; — the Lord lift up — his
coun - te - nance up - on you, and give you peace. A - men.

Prayers of the People

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

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Anthem (11:15 am)

Adonai, Logavah libi (from *Chichester Psalms*, 1965)

Leonard Bernstein
(1918-1990)

Adonai, Adonai, lo gavah libi, v'lo
ramu einai, v'lo hilachti big'dolot
uv'niflaot mimeni. Im lo shiviti
v'domam'ti, naf'shi kagamul alei
imo, kagamul alai nafshi. Yahel
Yis'rael e Adonai me'atah v'ad olam.

*O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my
eyes are not raised too high; I do not
occupy myself with things too great and
too marvelous for me. But I have
calmed and quieted my soul, like a
weaned child with its mother; my soul is
like a weaned child that is with me. O
Israel, hope in the Lord from this time
on and forevermore. (Psalm 131)*

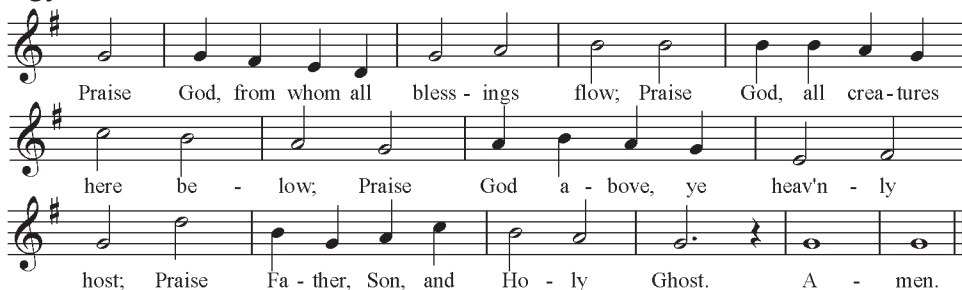
Hineh mah tov, Umah nayim,
Shevet ahim Gam yahad.

*How very good and pleasant it is when
kindred live together in unity! (Psalm 133:1)*

Church, High School & Middle School Choirs
Chloe Holgate, soprano; Amy Maude Helfer, alto
Tommy Wazelle, tenor; Rod Gomez, bass

*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

MacMillan

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

(Organ) Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly
Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bles - sed is he, O bles - sed 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.

Anthem (11:15 am)

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Deep peace of the running wave to you.

Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the gentle night to you.

Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.

Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you.

– Words adapted from an old Gaelic rune

Church, High School & Middle School Choirs

Congregational Song

We are march - ing in the light of God, _ we are

march - ing in the light of God. _ We are march - ing _

Oo _ we are march - ing in the light of God. _

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Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 540

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Randolph

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Weaver



*Postlude

Scherzo-Pastorale (1913)

Gottfried H. Federlein
(1883-1952)

Today's chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Timothy J. Connor.

Worship Details

Cover Art

Today's cover art was drawn by Evan Vamvoukakis, who is being baptized today at the 11:15 am service. Evan has been looking forward to this day for a long time! Some of Evan's favorite activities are drawing and coloring — and he was eager to share those gifts with his church family. He was given the scripture for the day, and he created his own interpretation (with a little help from his mom). Evan's artwork offers us (at least) two important contributions — a perspective on the text from the eyes of our young members, and a reminder everyone has something to offer to this congregation and to God. Thank you, Evan, and welcome to MAPC!

Information and Announcements

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.

Music on Madison: A Bernstein Celebration – February 9

The Saint Andrew Music Society's Music on Madison season continues on Sunday, February 9 at 3 pm, with a performance featuring the music of Leonard Bernstein. British pianist Simon Mulligan has been described by *The Times of London* as "the most abundantly gifted of pianists." He will perform his own transcriptions and improvisations of excerpts from Bernstein's *Candide*, *On the Town*, *Wonderful Town*, and *West Side Story*. Admission to our Music on Madison concerts is \$25 (\$20 – students/seniors); children 12 and under: free. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Ash Wednesday Schedule - February 26

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

12:00-1:00 pm 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

Monday, February 10

6:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Phillips Lounge
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Tuesday, February 11

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Congregational Nurture Committee	Phillips Lounge
7:00 pm	Outreach Committee	Hood Library

Wednesday, February 12

7:30 am	Evangelism Committee	Hood Library
8:30 am	Building & Grounds Committee	7th floor conference room
12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Phillips Lounge
5:30 pm	Youth Valentine's Day Service Project	Phillips Lounge
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Children & Youth Committee	Phillips Lounge

Thursday, February 13

10:00 am	Shelter Leaders Committee	Shelter Space
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, February 14

8:00 am	Day School Valentine's Day Bake Sale	Lobby
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Saturday, February 15

No MAPC events scheduled

Sunday, February 16

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: English Reformation	Parish Hall
10:10 am	Youth Fellowship (6th-12th graders)	2nd Floor Gym
1:00 pm	English as a Second Language	5th Floor

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.

A calendar with a yellow pencil resting diagonally across it. The calendar shows dates 7, 8, 10, 16, 21, 24, 28, and 3. Several dates have small photos: the 8th shows a person with their hands to their face; the 16th shows a rack of clothes; the 21st shows a group of people in a meeting; the 28th shows a crowd of people. The background of the calendar is a light wood grain.

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
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Next Sunday, February 16: Making Dinner (1 Cor 8:1-13)

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*