



# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Transfiguration Sunday  
February 23, 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 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, 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. 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](mailto:lgp@mapc.com).

# Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

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*As we make our way into the cloud of wilderness, shine like the sun, O God.*

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## Gathering in God's Name

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Prelude

Cantabile (from *Trois Pièces*, 1878)

*César Franck*  
(1822-1890)

Call to Worship

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

From a cloud or in a crowd, God speaks to us.

**With a word, and with wonder, molding us into who we are.**

On mountaintops or in neighborhoods, Christ calls to us.

**Gathering up our fears and calling us to be lovers of justice.**

Somewhere between the uncanny and the marvelous, our hearts are dazzled.

**We are dazzled by God's light, Christ's heart, and the presence of the Holy Spirit.**

\*Hymn 75

O Wondrous Sign, O Vision Fair

*Deo Gracias*

*\* 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 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.**

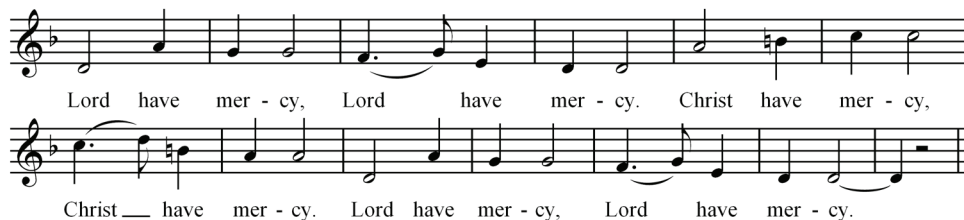
**For all you have in store for us and all you may demand of us,  
God, by your grace, prepare us.**

**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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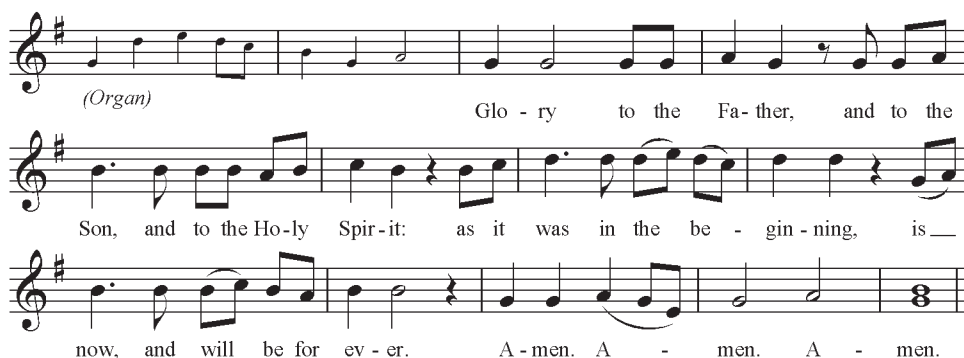
## Assurance of God's Grace

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

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

## \*Gloria Patri

*John 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

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

# Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

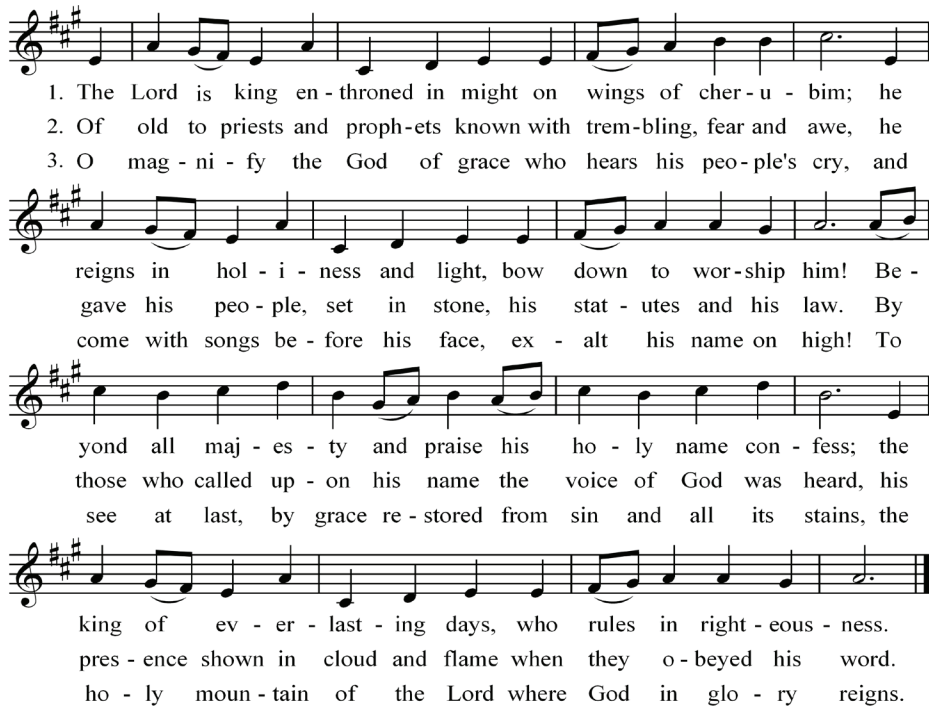
Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett (9 am)  
Elder Barbara N. Iverson (11:15 am)

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 24:12-18  
(OT page 68)

\*Psalm 99

*Ellacombe*



1. The Lord is king en - throned in might on wings of cher - u - bim; he  
2. Of old to priests and proph - ets known with trem - bling, fear and awe, he  
3. O mag - ni - fy the God of grace who hears his peo - ple's cry, and  
reigns in hol - i - ness and light, bow down to wor - ship him! Be -  
gave his peo - ple, set in stone, his stat - utes and his law. By  
come with songs be - fore his face, ex - alt his name on high! To  
yond all maj - es - ty and praise his ho - ly name con - fess; the  
those who called up - on his name the voice of God was heard, his  
see at last, by grace re - stored from sin and all its stains, the  
king of ev - er - last - ing days, who rules in right - eous - ness.  
pres - ence shown in cloud and flame when they o - beyed his word.  
ho - ly moun - tain of the Lord where God in glo - ry reigns.

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Lesson with the Children

*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*

Sermon

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

Jesus: Between the Uncanny and Marvelous

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Responding to God's Word

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\*Hymn 74 (11:15 am)

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

*Mowsley*

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's 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)

Te Deum in C (1935)

*Benjamin Britten*  
(1913-1976)

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting. To thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens and all the Powers therein. To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry: Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory. The glorious company of the apostles praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee. The noble army of martyrs praise thee. The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee, the Father, of an infinite majesty; thine honourable, true, and only Son; also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter. Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father. When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man: thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge. We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting. O Lord, save thy people: and bless thine heritage. Govern them and lift them up forever. Day by day we magnify thee; and we worship thy name, ever world without end. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

— 4th Century Hymn

Katherine Wessinger, soprano

## \*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.**

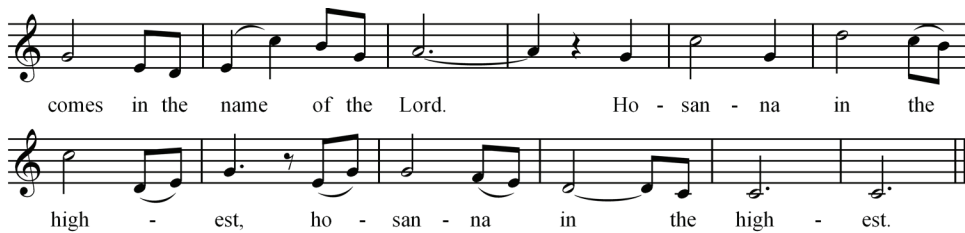
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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



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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)

## O Nata Lux

*Thomas Tallis*  
(c. 1505-1585)

O nata lux de lumine,  
Jesu redemptor saeculi,  
Dignare clemens supplicum  
Laudes precesque sumere.  
Qui carne quondam contegi  
Dignatus es pro perditis.  
Nos membra confer effici,  
Tui beati corporis.

*O Light of light, by love inclined,  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
With loving-kindness deign to hear  
From suppliant voices praise and prayer.  
You, who to raise our souls from hell  
Didst deign in fleshly form to dwell,  
Vouchsafe for us, when our race is run,  
In your fair Body to be one.*

— Office Hymn for the Feast of the Transfiguration



## 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 73

# Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

*Geneva*

\*Benediction

### \*Congregational Response

Weaver

(Organ) A-men, A - men, A - men.

\*Postlude

## Carillon-Sortie (1912)

*Henri Mulet*  
(1878-1967)

## Worship Details

## Cover Art

Today's cover art was painted by Armanda Alemdar Ara in 2014. It is titled, *The Transfiguration*.

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## Information and Announcements

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### Fridays for Children & Church Family Night

All elementary age children and younger are invited to the 5th Floor for our Fridays for Children program on February 28th at 5 pm! We will read the book “When God Made Light” by Matthew Paul Turner with a service project and games to follow. There will also be choir for all ages.

Join us at 6 pm in the Parish Hall for Church Family Night — a tasty dinner, fellowship, a craft, movie, or gym time. It’s a relaxing evening and a great way to get to know members of the MAPC community. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo, [lgp@mapc.com](mailto:lgp@mapc.com). Suggested donation: \$20 for adults, a donation of your choosing for children under 12.

### MAPC On the Town: "A Doll's House"

On Sunday, March 15th April Martin, Director of Youth Ministry here at MAPC, sings the role of Nora in the premiere of composer Raymond Luedeke’s opera, “A Doll’s House.” The plot is based on Henrik Ibsen’s classic play by the same title.

Join us for this modern, new 3-act opera in concert at Symphony Space (Broadway at 95th Street). We will leave directly from church after the 11:15 am service, taking the bus to Symphony Space. We will arrange for sandwiches at coffee hour or on the go! Tickets are \$15 with group code. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo, [lgp@mapc.com](mailto:lgp@mapc.com), or watch for a sign up sheet during fellowship hours on Sundays! Please let us know as soon as possible if you can attend so we can buy tickets.

### Adult Education Sunday Morning Series: Facing Racism

A Discussion of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Churchwide Antiracism Policy,  
Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community

During these six weeks, we will discuss the PC (USA) policy on Facing Racism, using the study guide designed to go with it. As the introduction to the policy states, “This is not a time for timidity. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has long held strong convictions regarding the sinfulness of racism and the need to struggle against it. Speaking our own convictions now, with clarity and power, could make a tangible difference in the current struggle.”

The topics for each week include:

Week 1: Biblical Imperative to Antiracism

Week 2: Envisioning a New Way of Life Together

Week 3: PC(USA) and Racial Reconciliation

Week 4: Racism 101

Week 5: Enduring Legacy of Racism in the US

Week 6: Responding as a Community of Faith

## Weekly Calendar

### Monday, February 24

6:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	UES Nursing Home
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

### Tuesday, February 25

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Session	8th Floor

### Wednesday, February 26

7:30 am	Ashes to Go	Sanctuary Steps
12:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Phillips Lounge
6:00 pm	Youth and Family Service	Dana Chapel
6:20 pm	Family Fellowship	Lobby
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary

### Thursday, February 27

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 28

5:00 pm	Fridays for Children	5th Floor
6:00 pm	Church Family Night	Parish Hall
6:30 pm	SAMS Benefit	Offsite

### Saturday, February 29

No MAPC events scheduled

### Sunday, March 1

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: Facing Racism	Parish Hall
10:10 am	Youth Fellowship (6th-12th graders)	2nd Floor Gym
12:45 pm	Shake Shack Sunday for Youth	Meet in Lobby
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](http://mapc.com/supportgroups).

# TO WHAT END?

A Lenten sermon series based upon the Great Ends of the Church

March 1

The Proclamation of the Gospel for the Salvation of Humankind

March 8

The Shelter, Nurture, and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God

March 15

The Maintenance of Divine Worship

March 22

The Preservation of the Truth

March 29

The Promotion of Social Righteousness

April 5 — Palm Sunday

The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven

Sunday Worship at 9 and 11:15 am

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