



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

Ash Wednesday
February 26, 2020 • 12 & 7pm



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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 . . .

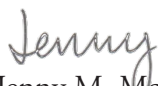
Whether you came with a friend or just wandered in accidentally . . .

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, 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

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. Rev. Jenny McDevitt leads these sessions. 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

*Guide us, O God, as we enter into the need of the world, the pain of our hearts,
and the presence of our God this Lenten season.*

Prelude	Variations on 'Wondrous Love,' Op. 34	Samuel Barber (1910-1981)
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Call to Worship	Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett
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Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

*Hymn 81	Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days	St. Flavian
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** Please stand in body or in spirit. For hymns, stand when the choir stands.*

Prayer for Illumination	Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman
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Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 58:1-12 (OT page 647)
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Responsive Reading	Psalm 51:1-17 (OT page 492)
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New Testament Lesson	Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (NT page 5)
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Sermon	Ashes, Ashes, We All . . . Rise Up	Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett
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*Psalm 51 (Hymn 195)	Ptomey
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Invitation to Observe a Holy Lent

Litany of Penitence

**Holy and merciful God,
we confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Restore us, O God, and show us steadfast love.

We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Restore us, O God, and show us steadfast love.

We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness:

the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways

and our exploitations of others.

Restore us, O God, and show us steadfast love.

Our anger at our own frustration

and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,

and our dishonesty in daily life and work.

Restore us, O God, and show us steadfast love.

Our negligence in prayer and worship,

and our failure to live out the faith that is in us.

For our waste and pollution of your creation,

and our lack of concern for those who come after us.

Restore us, O God, and show us steadfast love.

Accept our repentance, O God,

for our wrongs we have done.

For our neglect of human need and suffering

and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

Restore us, O God, and show us steadfast love.

For all false judgements,
for unkind thoughts towards our neighbors,
and for our prejudice and contempt
toward those who differ from us.
Restore us, O God, and show us steadfast love.

Favorably hear us,
for your mercy is great.
Restore us, O God, and show us steadfast love.

Imposition of Ashes

*All who wish are invited to come forward and receive ashes.
If coming forward is difficult, we will bring the ashes to you.
Ashes may be placed either on your forehead or the back of your hand.*

Anthem	O God, That No Time Doest Despise	<i>Martin Peerson (c. 1571-1651)</i>
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O God that no time doest despise the sighing of a
contrite heart, nor the desires of sinners cries.
In troubles, anguish, grief and smart.

— from *William Leighton's Teares or Lamentacions of a Sorrowfull Soule* (1614)

Responsive Prayer

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
that we may show forth your glory in the world.
By the cross and passion of our Savior,
**bring us with all your saints
to the joy of Christ's resurrection.**

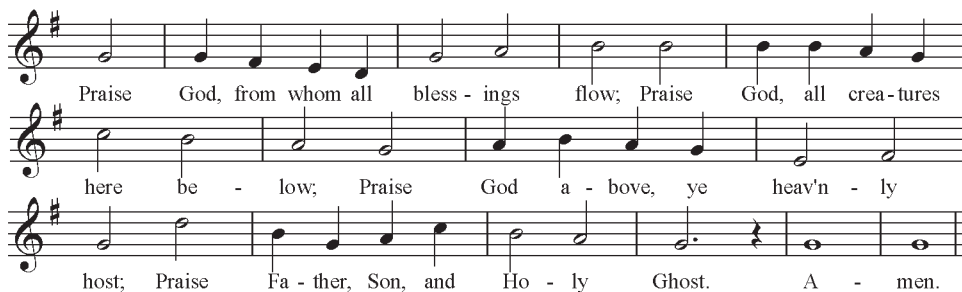
*Hymn 87	The Glory of These Forty Days	<i>Erhalt uns, Herr</i>
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Pastoral Prayer

Presenting Our Offerings to God

*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.

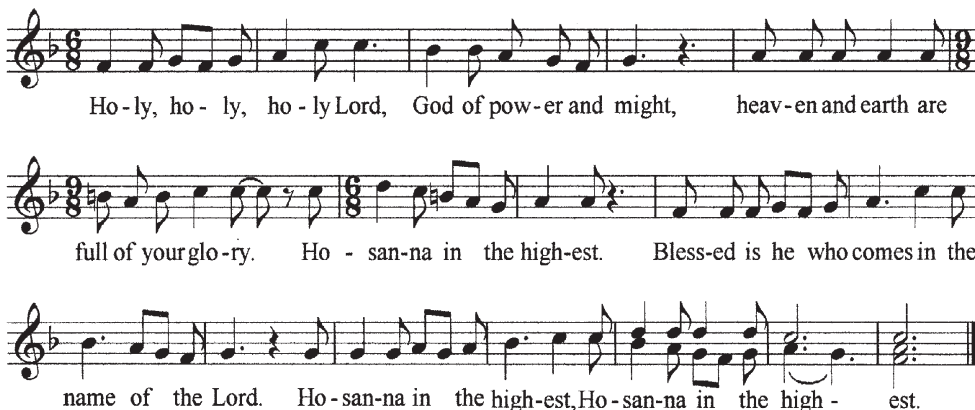
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

John 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

... 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.

Congregational Song

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

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Jacques Berthier, 1981

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Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 85

What Wondrous Love Is This

Wondrous Love

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Weaver

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

Worship Details

Cover Art

The cover photo was taken at a Family Ash Wednesday service a few years ago. Ashes are a reminder for those of all ages that we belong to God in life and in death.

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*

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