



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

First Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2020 • 9 & 11:15am



The Great Ends of the Church

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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. 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

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. — Psalm 51

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Prelude in E minor, BWV 548

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Lent is a time for remembering:

remembering Jesus' life of devotion and prayer, of healing and wholeness.

Lent is a time for remembering:

remembering all that he sacrificed in his journey to the cross.

Lent is a time for remembering:

remembering who we are called to be and what we are called to do.

*Hymn 77

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Aus der Tiefe

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

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

Holy God, in this Lenten season, have mercy on us.

You brooded over the abyss, and with your words you called forth creation;

but we have brooded on destruction, and manufactured the means of chaos.

You breathed life into our bodies, and carried us tenderly in your arms;

but we have armed ourselves for war, breathing out threats of violence.

You abandoned your power like a garment, choosing to dwell in unprotected flesh;

we have robed ourselves in privilege, and chosen to despise the abandoned.

You would have gathered us to yourself, and shown us the ways of peace;

but we desired security, and would not surrender ourselves.

You have followed us with your powerful Spirit, to seek truth and heal the oppressed;

but we have been following a lie, and return to our own comforts.

Holy God, in this Lenten season, have mercy on us. (Silent Prayer)

— adapted from Janet Morley

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!

*Gloria in Excelsis

Weaver

(Cantor)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

(Congregation)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us;

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our

prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

*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 William J. Welsh (11:15 am)

New Testament Lesson

Luke 4:16-21

(NT page 57)

*Psalm 19 (Hymn 167)

Halifax

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

Andrew Henderson

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable unto you,

O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. — *Psalm 19:14*

Old Testament Lesson

Nehemiah 8:1-12

(OT page 416)

Sermon

The Proclamation of the Gospel
for the Salvation of Humankind

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 327 (11:15 am)

O Word of God Incarnate

Munich

*Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

**We believe in God,
who made the sun and the sky, the stars and the sea,
plants and animals, and each one of us.
God calls us to live responsibly, guided by love above all else.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
who became human, healed the sick,
talked to children, and made friends with sinners.
He challenged the status quo and offended many.
His journey was one of life and death and resurrection.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who inspires the scriptures,
whose breath leads us, and whose presence accompanies us,
each day of our lives.**

**We believe that God calls us to be a community committed to one another,
offering welcome to everyone,
old and young, rich and poor, strong and weak.**

**We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers,
workers for justice, repairers of the breach, a light for the world. Amen.**

— written by two 14-year-old boys in a worship workshop (Iona, Scotland)

Prayers of the People

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

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Anthem (11:15 am)

Duet and Chorus from *Messiah*

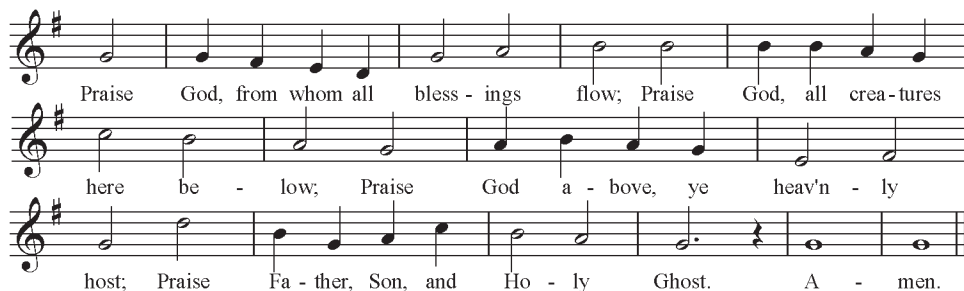
*George Frideric Handel
(1685-1759)*

How beautiful are the feet of him that bringeth glad tidings of salvation;
that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! Break forth into joy! — *Isaiah 52:7, 9*

Helen Karloski & Desirée Baxter, soloists

*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.**

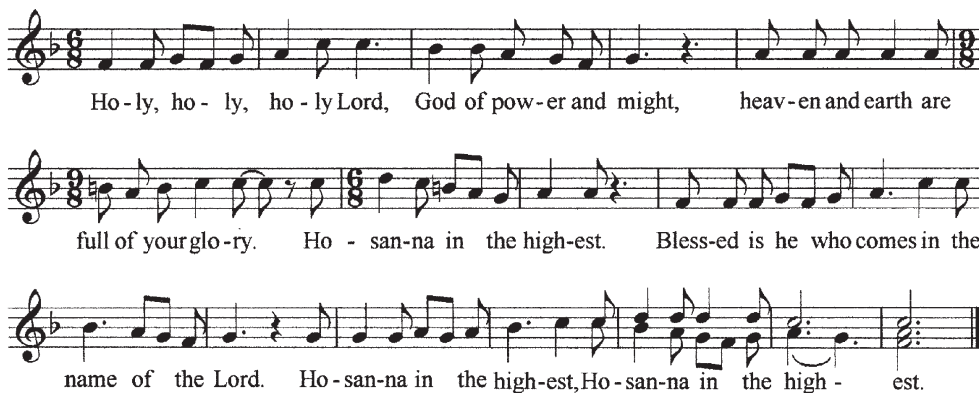
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Sanctus

Weaver

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



Acclamation

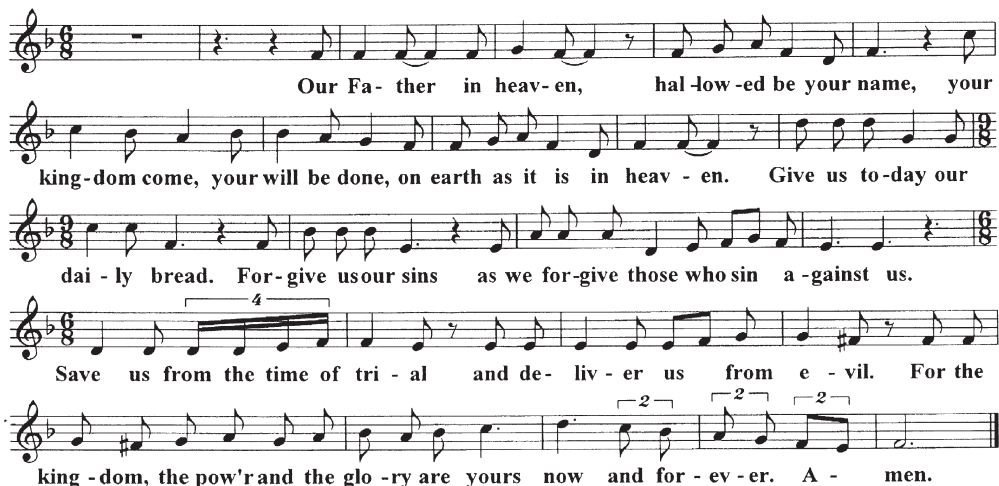
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... we proclaim the mystery of faith:



The Lord's Prayer

Weaver



Our Fa- ther in heav- en, hal- low- ed be your name, your
king- dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heav- en. Give us to- day our
dai- ly bread. For- give us our sins as we for- give those who sin a- gainst us.
Save us from the time of tri- al and de- liv- er us from e- vil. For the
king- dom, the pow'r and the glo- ry are yours now and for- ev- er. A - men.

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

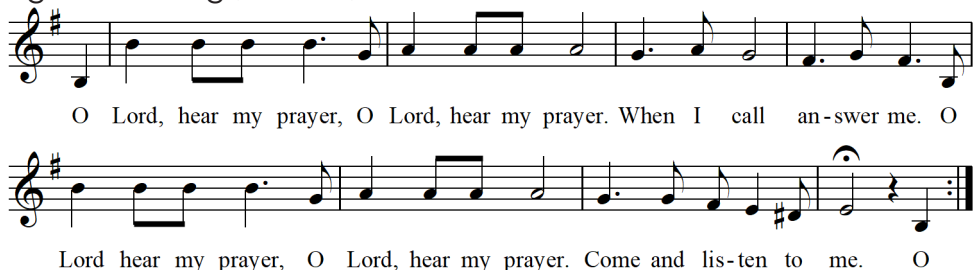
Anthem

May the Words of My Mouth
(from *Hibbath Shabbat*, 1928)

Abraham Wolf Binder
(1895-1966)

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Amen. — *Psalms 19:14*

Congregational Song (11:15 am)



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an- swer me. O
Lord hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis- ten to me. O

Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Kingsfold

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Weaver



*Postlude

Fugue in E minor, BWV 548

Bach

Worship Details

Cover Art

Did you know the Presbyterian Church (USA) has a mission statement? The first chapter of our *Book of Order* includes the Great Ends of the Church — the six main purposes of the church's life together: (1) the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; (2) the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; (3) the maintenance of divine worship; (4) the preservation of the truth; (5) the promotion of social righteousness; and (6) the exhibition of the kingdom of heaven to the world. The cover art throughout this series includes visual representations of each. The first image, on the far left, includes an open Bible and a dove. The dove is a common symbol for the Holy Spirit and reminds us that scripture is the inspired Word of God. Each week in worship, we pray for the Spirit's guidance in understanding the scripture readings, that our lives might reflect the good news of the gospel message.

Information and Announcements

Adult Education Sunday Morning Series

February 23 through March 29, Parish Hall, 10:10 am

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

In a six week series, we will continue to discuss the PC (USA) policy on Facing Racism.

Our topic for this morning is: Envisioning a New Way of Life Together

Please come join in this discussion. Now more than ever it is critical, and faithful, to address racism and work to be an anti-racist community.

Evening Bible Study

The Evening Bible Study is tomorrow, March 2. We are studying the Gospel according to Mark, using Douglas Hare's commentary on Mark (the Westminster Bible Companion series) as a resource. You can find a new or used copy online. All are welcome! You can jump in at any time. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Bartlett at bab@mapc.com. There are beverages, snacks, fellowship and good discussion, and there is always more room at the table!

Senior Fellowship Lunch

MAPC Seniors and friends will have lunch together next Sunday, March 8 in the Parish Hall at 1 pm following fellowship hour. The suggested donation for lunch is \$10.

Music on Madison: Parisienne Chamber Music

The next concert of the Saint Andrew Music Society's 55th Season is next Sunday, March 8 at 3 pm, featuring the Steinberg Duo. Violinist Louisa Stonehill and pianist Nicholas Burns return to the Music on Madison series to present a program of works composed in Paris: Saint-Saëns's Violin Sonata in D minor, Op. 75; Mozart's Sonata in D major, K. 306; and Franck's Violin Sonata in A major. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door (\$25; \$20 – Students/62+); children 12 & under: free.

Daylight Saving Time

Set your clocks ahead by one hour to "Spring Forward" next Sunday, March 8.

MAPC On the Town – Sunday, March 15 at 2 pm

On Sunday, March 15 immediately following the 11:15 am service, a group will eat lunch and head to Symphony Space (W. 95th & Broadway) to see and the opera "A Doll's House" starring Director of Youth Ministry here at MAPC, April Martin. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo, lgp@mapc.com, or watch for a sign up sheet during fellowship hours on Sundays!

Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 2

6:30 pm

Overnight Shelter

Shelter Space

7:00 pm

Evening Bible Study

8th Floor

Tuesday, March 3

5:00 pm

Hood Library Fellowship

Hood Library

6:30 pm

Overnight Shelter

Shelter Space

7:00 pm

Deacons

8th Floor

Wednesday, March 4

12:30 pm

Reading Through the Bible

Phillips Lounge

5:30 pm

Middle School Choir & Youth

Choir Room/Phillips Lounge

6:30 pm

Overnight Shelter

Shelter Space

6:30 pm

Lenten Series (program begins at 7)

Parish Hall

Thursday, March 5

6:00 pm

Adult Education Committee

7th Floor Conf. Room

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, March 6

6:00 pm

Pizza & Game Night

5th Floor Youth Lounge/Gym

6:30 pm

Overnight Shelter

Shelter Space

Saturday, March 7

No MAPC events scheduled

Sunday, March 8

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

1:00 pm

Confirmation

8th Floor

1:00 pm

English as a Second Language

5th Floor

1:00 pm

Senior Fellowship Lunch

Parish Hall

3:00 pm

Music on Madison: Steinberg Duo

Sanctuary

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*

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*