

Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15, 2019 • 9 & 11:15 am



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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 . . .

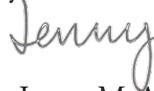
Whether you came with a friend or just wandered in accidentally . . .

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 on Sundays, 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 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 held October 5, 2019 at 9 am in the Phillips Lounge. Childcare provided with advance request. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erao at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

"What is the chief end of humanity? To glorify God and enjoy God forever."

—*Westminster Confession Question 1*

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Lied
(from *24 Pièces en Style Libre*)

Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

People of God, open your eyes!

Let us see the wonders of the world around us.

People of God, open your ears!

Let us hear God's voice calling to us this day.

People of God, open your mouths!

Let us speak words of gentleness and grace to one another.

People of God, open your hearts!

Let us worship the God who shows us how to love.

*Hymn 478

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda Anima

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

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

Merciful God,

When our attempts at love fall short,

when we are too busy to notice our neighbor,

or when we are too distracted to notice you,

forgive us.

When our lives slide out of balance,

when we insist on adding one more thing,

or when we fail to help someone in need,

forgive us.

When we forget who we are,

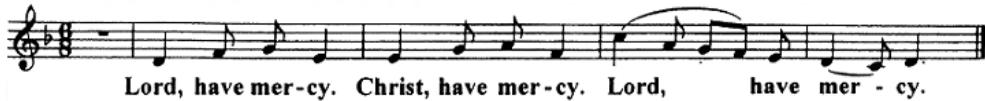
when we don't believe we are "enough,"
and we anxiously try to earn our salvation,
forgive us.

Help us to trust the truth of who you are,
and let that define our days.

(Silent prayer)

Lord, Have Mercy

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 Patri

Paul Vasile

Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has
par-doned me, and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free. As it
was in the be-gin - ing, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Text: Gloria Patri (2nd Century), adapted Paul Vasile
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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 of 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

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett (9 am)
Elder Linda E. Field (11:15 am)

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
(OT page 660)

Responsorial Psalm 14

Beach Spring

Please join the choir in singing the refrain:



Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.

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Katherine Wessinger, cantor

Lesson with the Children and Youth

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

*Children's Worship: Preschoolers through 2nd graders are dismissed to the Phillips Lounge.
Children will return during the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.*

New Testament Lesson

Luke 15: 1-10
(NT page 73)

Sermon

Never Lost, Always Found

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn (11:15 am)

In Your Mercy, Lord

Shipston



1. In your mer - cy, Lord, you called me, taught my
2. Lord, I did not free - ly choose you till by
3. Now my heart sets none a - bove you, for your



sin - filled heart and mind, else this world had
grace you set me free; for my heart would
grace a - lone I thirst, know - ing well, that



still en - thrall'd me, and to glo - ry kept me blind.
still re - fuse you had your love not cho - sen me.
if I love you, you, O Lord, have loved me first.

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Music: English Folk Melody, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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*Affirmation of Faith

from *A Declaration of Faith*, PCUSA, 1985

We believe in one true and living God.

God is greater than our understanding.

We do not fully comprehend who God is or how God works.

The Lord's requirements are not always what we think.

The Lord's care for us is not always what we want.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

**We can have confidence in God's coming kingdom
even in the darkest of times.**

Jesus is the long expected Savior.

He was born of woman as is every child,

yet born of God's power as was no other child.

Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection,

**he brings about the relationship between God and humanity
that God always intended.**

The Holy Spirit is God active in the world.

**The Spirit makes real in us what God has done for us.
 As long as we live, we will struggle with sin,
 but the Spirit's presence assures us
 God will complete what has been begun in us.**

**We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help.
 We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power.
 We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God.
 We praise and enjoy God.
 To worship God is highest joy.
 To serve God is perfect freedom. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

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

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Anthem (11:15 am)

When Some Kind Shepherd (1999)

*Early American Hymn
 arr. Alice Parker (b. 1925)*

When some kind shepherd from his fold
 Has lost a straying sheep,
 Through vales, o'er hills he anxious roves
 And climbs the mountains steep.
 But O the joy! The transport sweet,
 When he the wanderer finds;
 Up in his arms he takes his charge
 And to his shoulders binds.

Homeward he hastes to tell his joys
 And make his bliss complete:
 The neighbors hear the news and all
 The joyful shepherd greet.
 Yet how much greater is the joy
 When conscious sinners weep;
 Jesus receives them in his arms
 And owns them for his sheep.

—John Needham (d. 1786)

*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.**

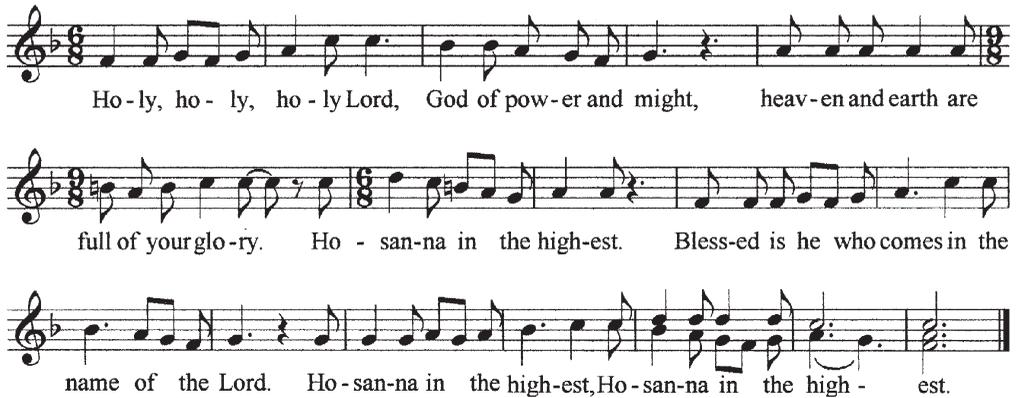
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Sanctus

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.

Those seated in the balcony are asked to come to the main level to receive the elements.

Anthem (11:15 am)

Love Bade Me Welcome (1991)

David Hurd
(b. 1950)

Love bade me welcome, yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lack'd anything.

“A guest,” I answer'd, “worthy to be here”;
Love said, “You shall be he.”

“I, the unkind, the ungrateful? ah my dear,
I cannot look on thee.”

Love took my hand and smiling did reply,
“Who made the eyes but I?”

“Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them; let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.”

“And know you not,” says Love, “who bore the blame?”

“My dear, then I will serve.”

“You must sit down,” says Love, “and taste my meat.”

So I did sit and eat.

—*George Herbert (1593-1633)*

Congregational Song

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

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Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 280

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Weaver



*Postlude

Carillon
(from *24 Pièces en Style Libre*)

Vierne

Worship Details

Cover Art

"The Lost Penny," by Jim Hasse.

Information and Announcements

Adult Education

The Sunday series, "Looking at Luke," continues this morning with a look at the role of women in the gospel. Join Rev. Beverly Bartlett at 10:10 am in the Parish Hall.

Evening Bible Study

The first meeting will be Monday, September 16 at 7 p.m. on the 8th floor. Refreshments will be provided. The first class will be an overview of the gospels, and we will begin with N. T. Wright's book, *Simply Jesus: A New Vision of Who He Was, What He Did and Why He Matters*, at the October 7 meeting. The group will meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.

Shelter Open House

Curious about the room in the basement with 12 beds? Come to the shelter on Sunday, September 22 at 1 pm to learn more about this space and the variety of volunteer opportunities. Please contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com with any questions or concerns.

Senior Fellowship Lunch

MAPC Seniors and friends will have lunch together in the Parish Hall on Sunday, September 22 at 1 pm following fellowship hour. The suggested donation for lunch is \$10.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, September 16

6:00 pm

20s/30s Bible Study

Roof Garden

7:00 pm

Evening Bible Study

8th Floor

Tuesday, September 17

6:00 pm

Stewardship & Development Committee

Pastor's Study

7:00 pm

Congregational Nurture Committee

Phillips Lounge

Wednesday, September 18

8:00 am

Trustees

Phillips Lounge

12:30 pm

Reading Through the Bible

Phillips Lounge

6:00 pm

Cocaine Anonymous

5th Floor

7:00 pm

Christian Education Committee

Phillips Lounge

Thursday, September 19

1:00 pm

Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing Group

James Lenox House

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, September 20

No events scheduled

Saturday, September 21

No events scheduled

Sunday, September 22

9:00 & 11:15 am

Worship

Sanctuary

9:15 & 11:30 am

Children's Worship

Phillips Lounge

10:00 & 12:30 pm

Fellowship Hour

Lobby

10:10 am

Adult Education

Parish Hall

10:20 am

Church Choir Rehearsal

Choir Room

1:00 pm

ESL Teachers Meeting

5th Floor

1:00 pm

Shelter Open House

Shelter Space

1:00 pm

Senior Fellowship Lunch

Parish Hall

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Fall Sermon Series
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Next week's sermon: Friendship Can Save Your Life (Philemon 1-21)

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*

Roger S. Pierce, Jr., *Director of Administration and Finance*

Teresa D. Tynes, *Director of Communication*

The Rev. Dr. Fred R. Anderson, *Pastor Emeritus*

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