



# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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World Communion Sunday  
October 6, 2019 • 9 & 11:15 am



And the table  
will be wide.  
And the welcome  
will be wide.  
And the arms  
will open wide  
to gather us in.  
And our hearts  
will open wide  
to receive.

And we will come  
as children who trust  
there is enough.  
And we will come  
unhindered and free.  
And our aching  
will be met  
with bread.  
And our sorrow  
will be met  
with wine.

And we will open our hands  
to the feast  
without shame.  
And we will turn  
toward each other  
without fear.  
And we will give up  
our appetite  
for despair.  
And we will taste  
and know  
of delight.

And we will become bread  
for a hungry world.  
And we will become drink  
for those who thirst.  
And the blessed  
will become the blessing.  
And everywhere  
will be the feast.

# 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 . . .

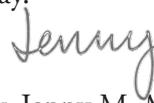
Whether you came with a friend or just wandered in accidentally . . .

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 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

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

—*Westminster Confession Question 1*

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## Gathering in God's Name

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Prelude

Mode de Ré  
(from *8 Préludes Modales*, 1956)

*Jean Langlais*  
(1907-1991)

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

It is for community that we have come to this place, O God.

**We long for connection with you and with one another.**

It is by faith that we are willing to trust our neighbor.

**You never intended for us to travel through life on our own.**

It is out of necessity that we lean on one another.

**It is impossible to be Christian by ourselves.**

When we forget who we are, O God, send us your messengers.

**We are your children, your beloved creation.**

**Our purpose is to praise you and show others your love.**

\*Hymn 474

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

*Puer Nobis Nascitur*

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

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett (11:15 am)

**Merciful God,**

**Forgive us when we misunderstand the world.**

**We try to stand on our own two feet,  
thinking that's what strength looks like.**

**We struggle to find every answer,  
believing that's what wisdom looks like.**

**We question those who think differently than we do,  
suggesting that's what faith looks like.**

**We jump in first and take what we need,  
assuming that's what courage looks like.**

Teach us again, O God, what your kingdom looks like,  
and help us to live as though we believe it is coming. (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*

Musical notation for the Gloria Patri by Paul Vasile. The music is written on three staves in treble clef, 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is a simple, flowing line. The lyrics are: "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.**



1. By Ba - by - lon's ri - vers we gath - ered to meet And in great des - pair we all  
2. Lord, how could we lift up our voi - ces in song, to praise you in this for - eign  
3. By Ba - by - lon's ri - vers in ex - ile we weep, and filled with re - pen - tance we



wept, re - mem - ber - ing Zi - on, your most ho - ly hill The  
land? If e - ver Je - ru - sa - lem I should for - get, Then  
pray: For - give the trans - gres - sions that drive us from home and



place where our hopes were all kept. When asked to sing prais - es of  
wi - ther and blight my right hand! And let my tongue cling to the  
bring us harsh judg - ment each day. Re - store us, O Lord, bring us



Zi - on, our home, and lift up our voi - ces in song, On limbs of the  
roof of my mouth, should I not re - mem - ber that place, Je - ru - sa - lem,  
back to your land, and there we will serve you a - lone! We'll take up our



wil - lows we hung up our harps In pro - test de - fi - ant and strong.  
ci - ty of my high - est joy, The home of the God of all grace.  
harps then and sing this new song: "Je - ru - sa - lem, our com - mon home."

*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

2 Timothy 1:1-14  
(NT page 199)

Sermon

It Takes a Village

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

————— Responding to God's Word —————

\*Hymn 522 (11:15 am)

Lord, When I Came Into This Life

*Land of Rest*

\*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)

Kindle the Gift of God

*Gerre Hancock  
(1934-2012)*

Kindle the gift of God which is in thee by the laying on of my hands.  
For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of love; for God did not give  
us a spirit of fear, but of power.

*—Adapted from 2 Timothy 1:6-7*

## \*Doxology

*Old Hundredth*

Musical notation for the Doxology "Old Hundredth". The music is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures 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, heaven and earth are  
full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed is  
He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

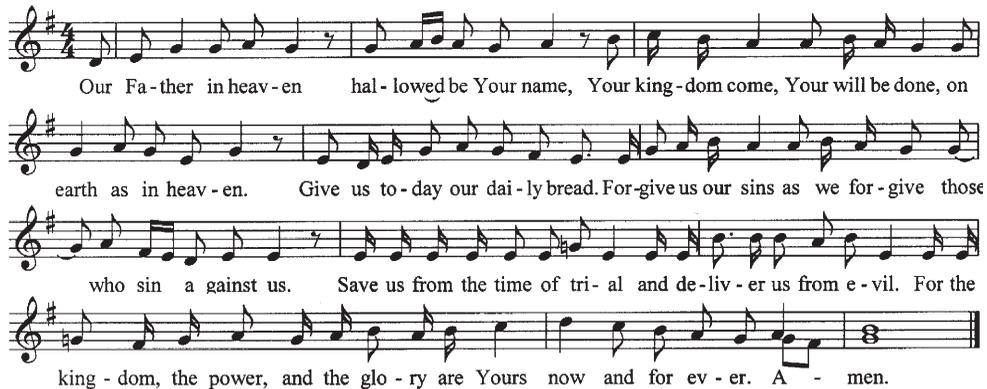
## Acclamation

... we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died, Christ is ri-sen, Christ will come a - gain.

## The Lord's Prayer



Our Fa-ther in heav-en hal-lowed be Your name, Your king-dom come, Your will be done, on  
earth as 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 power, 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.*

*Those seated in the balcony, please come to the main level to receive the elements.*

# Prayers of Healing and Wholeness

Anthem (11:15 am)

Super Flumina Babylonis

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

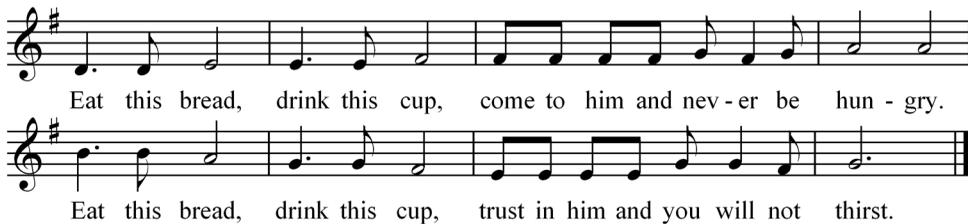
(c. 1525-1595)

Super flumina Babylonis, illic sedimus  
et flevimus, dum recordaremur tui,  
Sion. In salicibus in medio ejus  
suspendimus organa nostra.

*By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat and  
wept, when we remembered Zion. On the  
willows there we hung up our harps.*

—Psalm 137:1-2

## Congregational Song



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev - er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

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## Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

\*Hymn 507

I Come With Joy

Dove of Peace

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response

Weaver



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

\*Postlude

Con Moto Maestoso  
(from *Sonata No. 3 in A major*)

Felix Mendelssohn

(1809-1847)

## Worship Details

Cover Art

"And the Table Will Be Wide," a poem by Jan Richardson.

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## Information and Announcements

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### Adult Education

A new Sunday series, "Faithful Living in Challenging Times," begins this morning with "Act in Hope." Join Rev. Beverly Bartlett at 10:10 am in the Parish Hall.

### Roof Garden Play & Fellowship

Families with children - and everyone else in the church family - are invited to come up to the Roof Garden between services this morning for playtime and fellowship. Bagels, fruit, and juice will be provided.

### Meet the Director of Youth Ministry

Middle and high schoolers are invited to meet April Martin, MAPC's Director of Youth Ministry, at 10:10 am on the 5th Floor. April attended Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Asheville, NC as a child and First Presbyterian Church in Burlington, NC as a youth and young adult. April holds degrees from Maryville College and the Cleveland Institute of Music.

### Fall Fellowship Gatherings

All members of the MAPC community are invited to a Fall Fellowship Gathering. Both paper and electronic invitations are being sent out; if you cannot attend the gathering you were assigned, please contact us and we will help find a date and time that work for you. Come together in the more intimate setting of a member's home, meet some new friends, and have a chance to hear from Rev. Jenny McDevitt. Members of the Stewardship Committee will also be present. Contact Lissette Perez-Erao at [lgp@mapc.com](mailto:lgp@mapc.com) to RSVP or get more information.

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|-----------------------|--------|------------------------------------|
| Wednesday, October 16 | 6-8 pm | East 86th Street                   |
| Monday, October 28    | 6-8 pm | East 57th Street                   |
| Tuesday, October 29   | 6-8 pm | Park Avenue near East 89th Street  |
| Monday, November 4    | 6-8 pm | Fifth Avenue near East 98th Street |
| Sunday, November 10   | 4-6 pm | West 92nd Street                   |

### Evening Bible Study

Please join us for this new evening bible study on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7 pm on the 8th Floor. For the next meeting on October 7, the group will begin reading N.T. Wright's book, *Simply Jesus: A New Vision of Who He Was, What He Did and Why He Matters*. You may order the book on Amazon or from your local bookstore. If you have any questions, please email Rev. Beverly Bartlett at [bab@mapc.com](mailto:bab@mapc.com).

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## Weekly Calendar

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### Monday, October 7

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| 10:00 am | Shelter Leaders   | Shelter Space |
| 6:30 pm  | Overnight Shelter | Shelter Space |

7:00 pm

Evening Bible Study

8th Floor

Tuesday, October 8

6:00 pm

Stewardship & Development Committee

Pastor's Study

6:30 pm

Congregational Nurture Committee

5th Floor

6:30 pm

Overnight Shelter

Shelter Space

6:30 pm

East Side Synagogue High Holy Days

Sanctuary

7:00 pm

Outreach Committee

Hood Library

Wednesday, October 9

7:30 am

Evangelism Committee

Hood Library

9:45 am

East Side Synagogue High Holy Days

Sanctuary

12:30 pm

Reading Through the Bible

Hood Library

6:00 pm

Cocaine Anonymous

5th Floor

6:30 pm

Overnight Shelter

Shelter Space

6:30 pm

Adult Education Committee

8th Floor

7:00 pm

Worship & Music Committee

Pastor's Study

Thursday, October 10

6:30 pm

Thursday Open Table

Parish Hall

6:30 pm

Overnight Shelter

Shelter Space

7:00 pm

Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal

Sanctuary

8:30 pm

Church Choir Rehearsal

Choir Room

Friday, October 11

No events scheduled

Saturday, October 12

No events scheduled

Sunday, October 13

9:00 & 11:15 am

Worship

Sanctuary

9:15 & 11:30 am

Children's Worship

Phillips Lounge

10:10 & 12:30 pm

Fellowship Hour

Lobby

10:10 am

New Member Reception

8th Floor

10:10 am

Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grade)

5th Floor

10:10 am

Adult Education: Cultivate Joy

Parish Hall

10:20 am

Church Choir Rehearsal

Choir Room

1:00 pm

ESL Classes

5th Floor

1:00 pm

Confirmation Class

Phillips Lounge

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Next week's sermon: Gratitude Is a Spiritual Practice (Luke 17:11-19)

### 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*

Teresa D. Tynes, *Director of Communications*

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

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