



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 13, 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 . . .

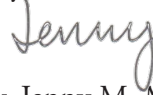
Whether you came with a friend or just wandered in accidentally . . .

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 is being planned. Childcare provided with advance request. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo 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

Cantilène
(from *Suite Brève*, 1947)

Jean Langlais
(1907-1991)

Call to Worship

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

What brings us joy?

What slows us down?

What gives us hope?

What makes us think?

What invites us to wonder?

What makes us grateful?

Might it have something to do with the Holy One?

Let us gather our hearts together and worship God!

*Hymn 455

All Creatures of Our God and King (Stanzas 1, 2 & 6)

Lasst uns erfreuen

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

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

Gracious God,

You have given us more than we deserve,

and, in some ways, more than we know what to do with.

You have showered us in grace and filled us with song.

You have given us not only life, but also purpose.

There is nowhere we can go away from your presence.

When is the last time we stopped to thank you?

Forgive us, O God, for all we have taken for granted,

and for all the times thanksgiving filled our hearts,

but never escaped our mouths.

Show us how gratitude gives birth to more gratitude,

and let it awaken in us a sense of joy. (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 in B-flat major, 4/4 time. The melody is written on three staves with lyrics underneath. 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.'

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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.**

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

(9 am)

Timothy D. Johnson (11:15 am)

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

(OT page 687)

*Psalm 66:1-12

Salzburg



1. Praise our God with shouts of joy; sing the glo - ry of his name:
2. God has tamed the rag - ing seas, carved a high - way through the tide:



join to lift his prais - es high; through the world his love pro - claim!
paid the cost of our re - lease, come him - self to be our guide.



Come and see what God has done by the power of his right hand;
God has put us to the test, bring - ing us through flood and fire



see the bat - tles he has won by his word of swift com - mand!
in - to free - dom, peace and rest, for our good is his de - sire.

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Music: Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702

Lesson with the Children and Youth

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

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 17:11-19

(NT page 75)

Sermon

Gratitude Is a Spiritual Practice

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 554 (11:15 am)

Let All Things Now Living

Ash Grove

*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)

Blessed Be the Lord for His Land (1963)

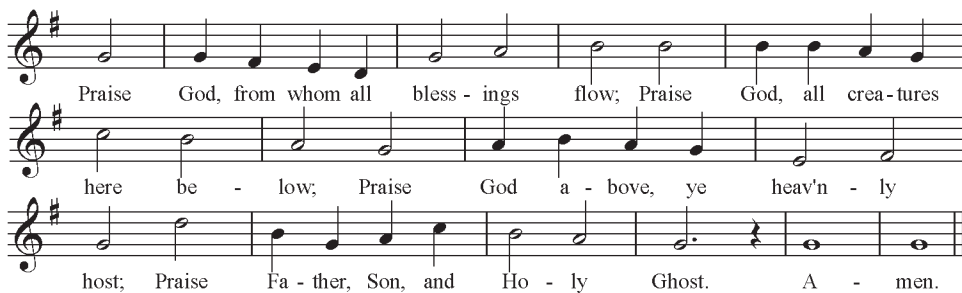
Derek Holman
(1931-2019)

Blessed be the Lord for his land, for the previous things of heaven, for the dew and for the deep that croucheth beneath; for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon; for the choicest gifts of the ancient mountains and the treasures of the everlasting hills. Blessed be the Lord for his land, Alleluia.

—Deuteronomy 33:13-16

*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, 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 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, please come to the main level to receive the elements.

Anthem

Ave Verum Corpus

William Byrd

(1543-1623)

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine:

Vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine:

Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine:

Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu Fili Mariae, miserere mei.

Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary,

Who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals,

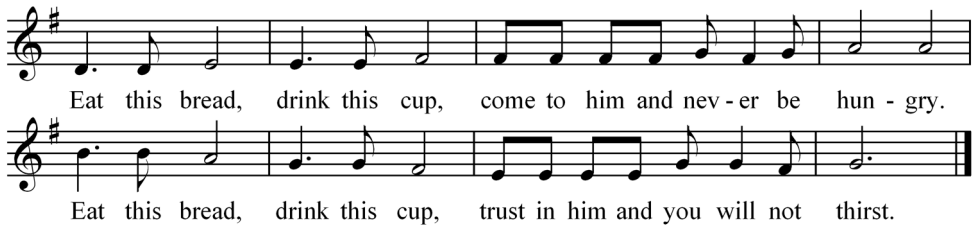
Whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood:

Be for us a foretaste of heaven during our final examining.

O sweet, O pure, O Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy upon me.

—Sequence Hymn for the Feast of Corpus Christi (13th Century)

Congregational Song (11:15 am)



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 429

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Abbot's Leigh

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Weaver



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

*Postlude

Hymne d'action de grâce (Te Deum), Op. 5, No. 3

Langlais

Worship Details

Cover Art

"Saying Grace," by Norman Rockwell, 1951.

Information and Announcements

Adult Education

The October series, "Faithful Living in Challenging Times," continues this morning with "Cultivate Joy." Join Rev. Jenny McDevitt at 10:10 am in the Parish Hall.

Shelter Open House

Interested in our Men's Shelter? Come to the shelter today at 1 pm to learn about volunteer opportunities and our guests who stay in our building each night. The shelter leaders are specifically in need for overnight hosts (8:30 pm – 6:30 am) and are always looking for early shift hosts (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm). Questions? Please contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com.

Music on Madison

The first concert of the Saint Andrew Music Society's 55th Season is on Sunday, October 20 at 3 pm, featuring students from Mannes College—The New School for Music, and guest organist Andrew Henderson, in a program entitled "A Tribute to Felix Mendelssohn." The program includes a host of Mendelssohn's piano and organ works, songs, and the Piano Trio in C minor, along with works by J. S. Bach and Jihwan Yoon's Piano Trio in homage to Mendelssohn. Tickets can be purchased in advance online or at the door (\$25; \$20 – Students/Seniors 62+; children 12 & under: free).

Fridays for Children

On October 25 at 5:15 pm, elementary age children and younger are invited to the 5th floor of the Church House Building for crafts, games and story time. And for 1st graders and older there will be time for music with Mary Huff, the Associate Director of Music at MAPC and Director of the NYC Children's Chorus. At 6:15 pm, join the Church Family Night Halloween Bash in the Parish Hall for dinner and more.

Church Family Night Halloween Bash

Dress up in your Halloween costume and come join in the fun at our annual Church Family Night Halloween Party on Friday, October 25 at 6 pm in the Parish Hall! We'll have a yummy meal, a not-too-spooky Halloween movie, Halloween crafts, and a costume parade in the Sanctuary with spooky Halloween organ music. The suggested donation \$20 for adults and youth over twelve, and a donation of your choosing for younger children. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Memorial Sunday

We are receiving the names of deceased loved ones and friends to be remembered during worship on Memorial Sunday, November 3. It is particularly appropriate to remember those who have died in the last year. If you have someone whose name you would like listed in the worship bulletin and included in the prayers, please contact our Office Manager, Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com. The deadline for submitting names is Tuesday, October 30.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, October 14

6:30 pm	Church House closed - Columbus Day Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
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Tuesday, October 15

No events scheduled

Wednesday, October 16

8:00 am	Trustees	Phillips Lounge
12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Hood Library
5:30 pm	Middle School Youth Wednesdays	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Cocaine Anonymous	5th Floor
6:00 pm	Fall Fellowship Gathering	East 86th Street
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Children & Youth Ministries Committee	Phillips Lounge

Thursday, October 17

1:00 pm	Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing Group	James Lenox House
6:00 pm	20s/30s Bible Study	10th Floor
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 18

No events scheduled

Saturday, October 19

No events scheduled

Sunday, October 20

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: Live in Gratitude	Parish Hall
10:20 am	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
1:00 pm	ESL Classes	5th Floor
3:00 pm	SAMS: Mannes College Concert	Sanctuary

Fall Fellowship Gatherings

All members of the MAPC community are invited to a Fall Fellowship Gathering. Both paper and electronic invitations have been sent out; if you did not receive one or 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-Eraza at lgp@mapc.com to RSVP or get more information.

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

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*