



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 20, 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

*"You mustn't wish for another life. You mustn't want to be somebody else. What you must do is this:
'Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks.'
I am not all the way capable of so much, but those are the right instructions."*
—Wendell Berry, in *Hannah Coulter*

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Prelude in G major, Op. 37

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

We come seeking the presence of God.

We sing in gratitude.

We yearn for healing.

We crave understanding.

We dance in celebration.

We lament what is broken.

We trust what is promised.

We come seeking the presence of God.

And God never leaves us wanting.

*Hymn 489

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Unser Herrscher

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

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

Gracious God,

Few of us misunderstand you all of the time,

but all of us misunderstand you some of the time:

your thoughts on happiness and your perspective on heaven;

your ideas about giving and your response to prayer.

We confess that sometimes we think we know better.

Forgive us our arrogance and our ignorance.

Release us from the need to have all the answers and to hold all the control.

Offer us the gift of trust yet again. (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 in Excelsis

Weaver

Musical notation for the hymn 'Gloria in Excelsis' in 3/2 time. The piece is divided into two parts: Choir and Congregation. The lyrics are: 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 Spir - it 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 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 Curtis L. Field (11:15 am)

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 32:22-31

(OT page 29)

*Psalm 121 (Hymn 234)

Dundee

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 18:1-8

(NT page 76)

Sermon

What's the Point of Prayer?

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

_____ Responding to God's Word _____

*Hymn 403 (11:15 am)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Converse

Natasha Nahir Alarcón, *joining by Confession of Faith*

Lauren “Brie” Kraus, *joining by Reaffirmation of Faith*

Albert Lee Johnson, *joining by Reaffirmation of Faith*

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Aaronic Benediction (11:15 am)

Weaver



Prayers of the People

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

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Anthem (11:15 am)

Be Thou My Vision (2001)

Bob Chilcott
(b. 1955)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day or the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art;
Great heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

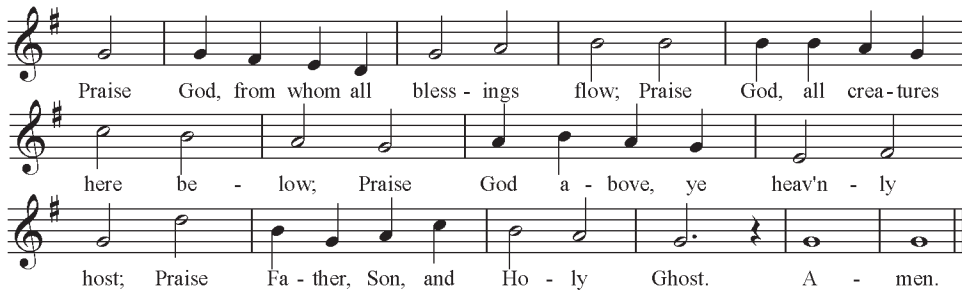
—*Early Irish, trans. Mary Byrne (1880-1931); versified Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)*

Church, High School & Middle School Choirs

Chloe Holgate, soprano

*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.

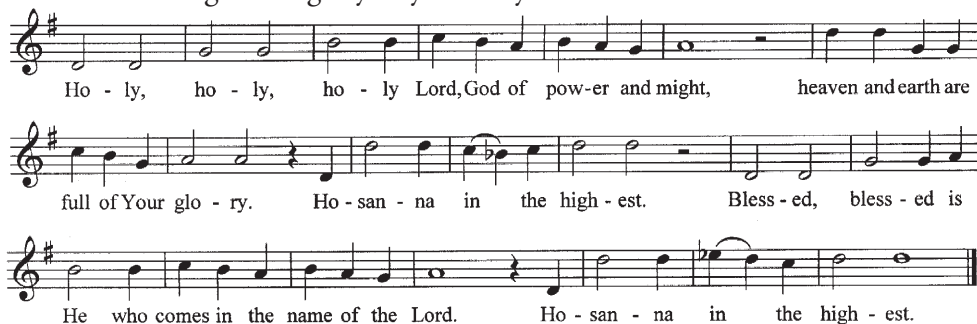
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Weaver

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



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

Weaver

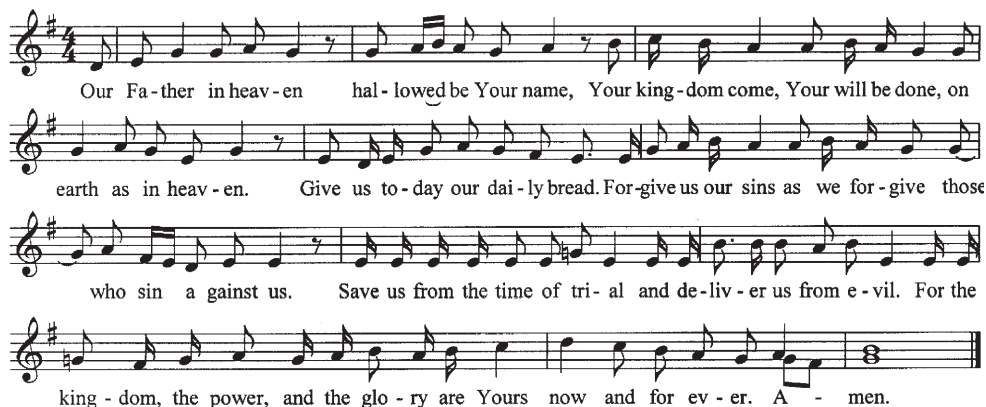
. . . we proclaim the mystery of faith:



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

The Lord's Prayer

Weaver



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.

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
 'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,
 And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,
 To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.
 To turn, turn will be our delight
 'Till by turning, turning, we come round right.

—*Shaker hymn*

Church, High School & Middle School Choirs

Congregational Song



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

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Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 538

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Sicilian Mariners

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Weaver



*Postlude

Fugue in G major

Mendelssohn

Worship Details

Cover Art

"Widow and the Unjust Judge" by Kazakhstan artist Nelly Bube.

Information and Announcements

Adult Education

This coming Sunday continues the Faithful Living in Challenging Times series with the theme, "Live in Gratitude." We will begin a four-week book discussion of *Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks* by Diana Butler Bass. Join Rev. Beverly Bartlett at 10:10 am in the Parish Hall.

Music on Madison

The first concert of the Saint Andrew Music Society's 55th Season is today 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 at the door. (\$25; \$20 for Students/Seniors 62+; children 12 & under are 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. First 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.

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 21

6:30 pm

Overnight Shelter

Shelter Space

7:00 pm

Evening Bible Study

8th Floor

Tuesday, October 22

6:30 pm

Overnight Shelter

Shelter Space

7:00 pm

Session

8th Floor

Wednesday, October 23

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

Day School Committee

8th Floor

6:30 pm

Overnight Shelter

Shelter Space

6:30 pm

Budget Meeting

Parish Hall

Thursday, October 24

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 25

5:15 pm

Fridays for Children

5th Floor

6:00 pm

Church Family Night Halloween Bash

Parish Hall

Saturday, October 26

No events scheduled

Sunday, October 27

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

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

1:00 pm

Senior Fellowship Lunch

Parish Hall

3:00 pm

SAMS: Andrew Henderson, organ

Sanctuary

6:30 pm

Confirmand Dinner

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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-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com to RSVP or get more information.

Remaining gatherings:

Monday, October 28 @ 6-8 pm

Tuesday, October 29 @ 6-8 pm

Monday, November 4 @ 6-8 pm

Sunday, November 10 @ 4-6 pm

East 57th Street

Park Avenue near East 89th Street

Fifth Avenue near East 98th Street

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*