



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

Pledge Dedication Sunday
November 17, 2019 • 9 & 11:15 am



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 . . .

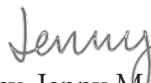
Whether you came with a friend or just wandered in accidentally . . .

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

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Prelude on 'Beach Spring' (1996)

John Weaver
(b. 1937)

Call to Worship

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

God of the past,
who whispered in prophets' ears,
who rescued us from captivity
and led us out of the wilderness:
we are here to thank you.

God of the future,
who promises us a new day,
who will tear down what is broken
and open wide the gates of heaven:
we are here because we trust you.

God of this day,
who is present with us now,
who sets the table
and invites us to join the feast:
we are here to praise you.

*Hymn 422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Beach Spring

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

Gracious God,
Your faithfulness startles us.
We complain, wander, and stumble;
you shine a light to guide our way.
We are broken, wounded, and afraid;
you gather us in and take on our burdens.
We are full of questions, doubt, and indignation;

you offer us a place at your table.
We wonder how this could be possible, and through it all:
you show us love everlasting and life eternal.
Help us, O God, be as faithful to you as you are to us. (Silent prayer)

Lord, Have Mercy

James MacMillan

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy,
 Christ — have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

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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

Weaver

(Organ) Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the
 Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it: as it was in the be - gin - ning, is —
 now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. A - men. A - men.

*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

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Julian C. Schroeder

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 65:17-25

(OT page 654)

*Canticle

First Song of Isaiah

Rendez à Dieu



1. Sure - ly the Lord is my sal - va - tion, Trust God and
2. Sing praise to God, whose works are glo - rious, Through all the
do not be a - fraid. Lord God, you are my con - so - la - tion,
earth let this be known; Shout loud, and sing for joy, O Zi - on,
True source of strength, my con - stant aid. Joy - ful, we drink of your sal -
Great is the Ho - ly One a - lone. Call on God's name in a - do -
va - tion, a cup of trust that drives out fear. Glad - ly we
ra - tion give thanks in ev - 'ry thought and deed, Shout loud and
say to ev - 'ry na - tion: "Great is our Lord who's al - ways near."
sing for joy, O Zi - on: "Great is the Lord, our God, in - deed!"

Text: Fred R. Anderson, © 2006, *all rights reserved*, based on Isaiah 12:2-6

Tune: Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Lesson with the Children

*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.*

Sermon

May I Suggest the Fish?

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

————— Responding to God’s Word —————

*Hymn 375 (11:15 am)

Lord of All Good

Toulon

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Anthem (11:15 am)

With a Voice of Singing (1923)

*Martin Shaw
(1875-1958)*

With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people,

Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

Church, High School & Middle School Choirs

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

MacMillan

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

(Organ) Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly
 Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bles - sed is he, O bles - sed 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, please come to the main level to receive the elements.

Anthem

Ave Verum Corpus, K. 618 (1791)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
(1756-1791)

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 clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.

Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary, which in anguish to redeem us suffered upon the cross, from whose side, when pierced, there came forth both water and blood. Be to us at our last hour the source of consolation. O loving, O holy, O Jesus, son of Mary.

—Sequence Hymn for the Feast of Corpus Christi
(14th Century)

Church, High School & Middle School Choirs

Congregational Song (11:15 am)

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -
joice. Look to God, do not be a - fraid: lift up your voi - ces, the
Lord is near; lift up your voi - ces, the Lord is near.

Jacques Berthier, *Songs and Prayers of Taizé*
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Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 555

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun danket alle Gott

*Dedication of Stewardship Commitments

Once you have completed your 2020 Stewardship Pledge Card, bring it forward and place it in the baptismal font. All are invited to join us in the Parish Hall for brunch following worship.

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Weaver

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

*Postlude

Marche Triomphale 'Nun danket alle Gott'
(from *Choral-Improvisationen*, Op. 65)

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
(1879 -1933)

Today's chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Esther Minton Stellwagen.

Worship Details

Cover Art

"Fish and Pita," by Mark Hewitt.

Information and Announcements

NYCCC Benefit and CD Release

The 7th Annual New York City Children's Chorus Benefit and the CD release of the chorus's new recording, *Christmas in New York*, is Friday, November 22 from 6 to 8:30 pm in the Church House Lobby and Sanctuary. Enjoy holiday fare, participate in silent and live auctions, and listen to special performances by the Allegro, Concert Choir, and In Harmony ensembles. Early bird tickets (through November 17) are \$60 and may be purchased online at biddingforgood.com/nycchildrenschorus. CDs can be ordered at nycchildrenschorus.org or wherever you download your favorite music.

Hood Library Fellowship Annual Book Sale

On Sunday, November 24, the Hood Library Fellowship will have tables full of books for sale in the Church House Lobby during the fellowship hours between services. Please come browse the books while you enjoy your coffee, tea, cookies and conversation! You'll find fiction and non-fiction, and "coffee table" books. Come buy Christmas gifts for the readers and book lovers on your list, or stock up on your own reading material for the winter months. The proceeds for the book sale will go to support Open Table.

Saint Andrew Chorale and Orchestra

On Sunday, November 24 at 3 pm, the Saint Andrew Chorale and Orchestra will open their 55th season with two mid-twentieth century choral masterworks: Poulenc's *Gloria* and the ebullient, full orchestration of Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*. Choristers from the New York City Children's chorus will perform Randall Thompson's *The Place of the Blest* for treble chorus and orchestra, which is featured on their soon-to-be-released recording. Admission is \$30; \$25 – Students/Seniors 62+; children 12 & under are free.

Advent Festival

On Sunday, December 1, all are welcome for lunch in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 am service (the only service that Sunday!) with various activities to follow – Advent wreath-making, paper-lace banners for the church, ornament making, cookie decorating, and a service project. The labyrinth will be available in the gym for reflective prayer, and Advent calendars and devotions will be distributed to use at home as we wait for light to enter the world. We'll close the festival with an Advent devotion. A free-will offering will be received for lunch, and there will be a minimal suggested donation for wreath-making to help cover the cost of materials.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, November 18

10:00 am	Shelter Leaders Committee	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Evening Bible Study	8th Floor

Tuesday, November 19

5:30 pm	Stewardship & Development Committee	7th Floor
7:00 pm	Session	8th Floor

Wednesday, November 20

8:00 am	Trustees	Phillips Lounge
12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Phillips Lounge
5:30 pm	Middle School Choir & Fellowship	Choir Room; PL
6:30 pm	Adult Education Committee	8th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Children & Youth Ministries Committee	Phillips Lounge

Thursday, November 21

1:00 pm	Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing Group	James Lenox House
6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table	Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, November 22

6:00 pm	NYCCC Benefit	Sanctuary; Lobby
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Saturday, November 23

9:30 am	Saint Andrew Chorale & Orchestra Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Sunday, November 24

9:00 & 11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:15 & 11:30 am	Children's Worship	Phillips Lounge
10:00 am	Hood Library Fellowship Annual Book Sale	Hood Library
10:20 am	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
1:00 pm	ESL Classes	5th Floor
3:00 pm	Saint Andrew Chorale & Orchestra	Sanctuary

A number of recovery groups meet regularly at the church throughout the week. For a current list of groups and meeting times, please see mapc.com/supportgroups.



Come to the Table

October 27

All You Can Eat

November 3

A Taste of Paradise

November 10

___ Accepts with Pleasure; ___ Declines with Regret

November 17

May I Suggest the Fish?

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*