



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

Christ the King Sunday
November 24, 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

To your name, Lord Jesus,
Help me to bow the knee and all its worshipping,
Bow the head and all its thinking,
Bow the will and all its choosing,
Bow the heart and all its loving. Amen.

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Sursum Corda (1911)

John Ireland
(1879-1962)

Call to Worship

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

Blessed be the Lord God, for God has looked favorably upon his people and redeemed them.

God has raised up a mighty savior for us.

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

to give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the way of peace.

In the name of Christ, who reigns above and in each of our hearts,

Let us worship God.

*Hymn 155

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Darwall's 148th

Prayer of Confession

God of righteousness, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.

We confess that we fail to follow him. We are slow to acknowledge Christ's rule.

We give allegiance to the powers of this world,

and fail to be governed by justice and love.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Give us strength that we may walk in righteousness, proclaiming the love of Christ,
trusting in his presence, and living as though he does indeed rule over our hearts.**

(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

Choir

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Congregation

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

Elder Dorothy A. Kleinert (9 am)

Elder William J. Welsh (11:15 am)

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 23:1-6

(OT page 681)

*Canticle (Hymn 602)

Song of Zechariah

Merle's Tune

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.

Epistle Lesson

Colossians 1:11-20

(NT page 188)

Gradual

Your Word Is a Lamp to My Feet

Andrew Henderson

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Give me understanding that I may live.

—*Psalm 119:105, 107b*

Gospel Lesson

Luke 23:33-43

(NT page 83)

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 309 (11:15 am)

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Divinum Mysterium

*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) Let All the World In Every Corner Sing (1928)

*Eric H. Thiman
(1900-1975)*

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly,

The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;

But, above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

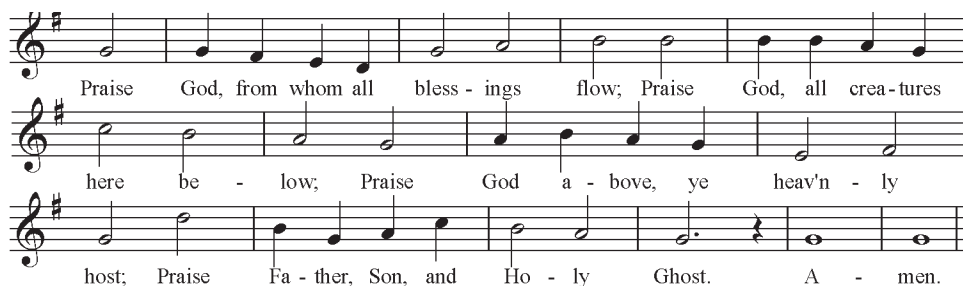
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

—*George Herbert (1593-1633)*

Helen Karloski, soloist

*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.**

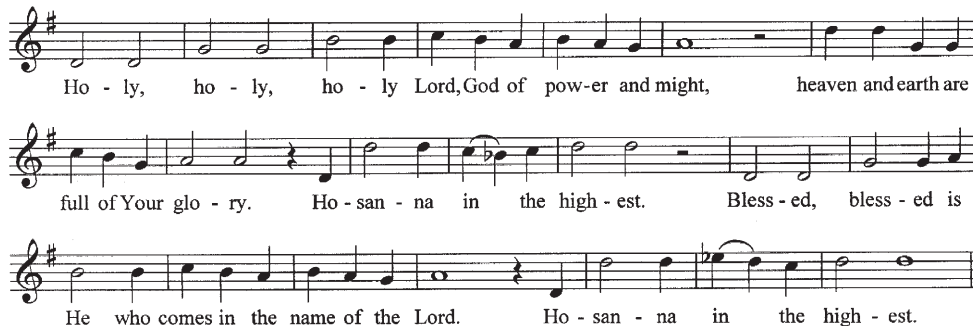
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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:



Acclamation

Weaver

. . . we proclaim the mystery of faith:



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.

Anthem (11:15 am)

O Sacrum Convivium (1937)

Olivier Messiaen
(1908-1992)

O sacrum convivium! In quo Christus
sumitur: recolitur memoria passionis ejus:
mens impletur gratia: et futurae gloriae
nobis pignus datur. Alleluia.

*O sacred banquet in which Christ is received,
the memory of his passion is recalled, the
mind is filled with grace, and the pledge of
future glory is given to us. Alleluia.*

—Antiphon (12th Century), Feast of Corpus Christi

Congregational Song



Jacques Berthier, 1981

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Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 147

Blessing and Honor

O Quanta Qualia

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Weaver



*Postlude

Processional (1964)

William Mathias
(1934-1992)

Worship Details

Cover Art

“Christ the King,” painting by Ronald Patrick Raab, 2015. Image courtesy of the artist.

Ronald Patrick Raab, C.S.C., ministers among the vulnerable and marginalized of society and the Church. He is active as a retreat director, workshop presenter, blogger, and award-winning author. Father Ron serves as pastor of Sacred Heart Church (Tri-Community), Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Father Ron writes: “In my painting. . . , we see that Christ the King received the crown of heaven because he wore the thorns of death on earth. He gave himself for us so that we may empty our pride and start living for other people. Christ the King takes us by the hand and leads us into eternal glory, even when we think we are not worth the effort.”

<https://ronaldraab.com/2015/11/21/our-lord-jesus-christ-king-of-the-universe/>

Announcements

Hood Library Fellowship Annual Book Sale

The Hood Library Fellowship will have tables full of books for sale today in the Church House Lobby during the fellowship hours between services. Please come browse the books while you enjoy coffee, tea, cookies and conversation! You'll find fiction, 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

Today 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, *Christmas in New York*. Admission is \$30; \$25 – Students/Seniors 62+; children 12 & under are free.

Advent Festival

Next Sunday, December 1, all are welcome for lunch in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 am service (the only service next Sunday!) with various activities to follow – Advent wreath-making, 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.

Company of Deacons

The Board of Deacons invites all MAPC members who have previously been ordained as a deacon to the annual "Company of Deacons" gathering on December 4, beginning at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. There will be time for refreshments and fellowship, and Rev. Bartlett will lead a discussion on the themes of Advent and the role they play in our lives. Advent is a season of expectation, waiting and hope, a time of looking to the coming of Christ into the world—as we celebrate his birth and as we expect and hope for the ultimate return of Christ to bring the fulfillment of God's realm, making all things new. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo, lgp@mapc.com

Adult Education: Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes

On Sundays December 8, 15, and 22 at 10:10 in the Parish Hall, we will reflect on the openings of the four gospels—Matthew and Luke that have birth narratives, and Mark and John who take a different approach in telling of Jesus' coming into the world. Rev. Bartlett will lead these classes, using Dr. Cynthia Campbell's book, *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes: An Advent Study*. If you

would like to order the book, it is available from Amazon (or order through your local bookstore), but it is not necessary to read the book to participate in the classes.

Thank you to everyone who has turned in a pledge for 2020. Like ministry itself, we need everyone's participation. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks, in the Narthex, or by calling the church office. You may also pledge or give online at mapc.com/giving.


Weekly Calendar		
Monday, November 25		
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
Tuesday, November 26		
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
Wednesday, November 27		
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
Thursday, November 28		
6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Day - Church House closed Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
Friday, November 29	Day after Thanksgiving - Church House closed	
Saturday, November 30		
9:00 am	Sanctuary Decorating	Sanctuary
Sunday, December 1	First Sunday in Advent Christmas Angel Gifts Due	
9:30 am	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
9:45 am	New Member Reception	8th Floor
10:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:45 am	Children's Worship	Phillips Lounge
11:45 am	Advent Festival	Parish Hall
11:45 am	Confirmation - Advent Festival	Parish Hall
1:00 pm	ESL Classes	5th Floor

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.

Prepare the Way

Worship with us this Advent

Sundays at 9 & 11:15 am



Dec. 1	The Way of the Past: Keep Awake
Dec. 8	The Way of the Prophet: Cry Out
Dec. 15	The Way of the Desert: Rejoice and Blossom
Dec. 22	The Way of Joseph: Dream Big
Dec. 24	The Way of Jesus: Draw Near

Reminder: On Dec. 1, there's only one worship service at 10:30 am.

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*