



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25, 2019 • 10:30am



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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, and they are welcome to stay with you in worship. Little ones can't help but make a bit of noise from time to time. If it is your preference, however, 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 will be held September 28, 2019 at 9 am in the Phillips Lounge. Childcare provided with advance request. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Eraza at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

"You, you, God thinks about you. God was thinking of you long before your debut."

– Matthew Paul Turner

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in B major, Op. 99

Camille Saint-Saëns
(1835-1921)

Call to Worship

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

Before God made you:

God knew about our smiles and laughter.

God knew about our imagination and dreams.

Before God formed each part of you:

God knew about our wiggles and squirms.

God knew about our attentive ears and watchful eyes.

Before you grew to who you are today:

God knew we would be playful and eagerly helpful.

God knew we would one day dance, run, or fly.

Before God made you, God knew the world needed someone exactly like you.

*Hymn 456

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

Morning Hymn

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Loving God,

at the beginning of each week,

our hearts are centered by you through worship and praise.

We hear about your compassion, your image, and even your humor.

We hear about your language of love and acceptance.

And we hear about who you call into your midst

and how you wish for us to treat them.

So often we see these qualities, seemingly simple,

in the acts of children.

They laugh and play. They love and accept with little judgement.
 We so often forget those actions taught to us years ago.
 We so often struggle to hear your words of love without any questions or doubts.
 We so often resist keeping a childlike mind.
 When we forget what it's like to live out your language of love and acceptance,
 may we center our hearts
 and reflect back to a time when it was a bit easier. (Silent prayer)

Lord, Have Mercy

Franz Schubert

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

Assurance of God's Grace

... Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Response of Praise

Lasst uns erfreuen

All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us
 sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn-ingsun with golden
 beam, Thou sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam, Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1225; trans. William H. Draper, 1910
 Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

*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 David E. Carleton

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 1:4-10

(OT page 656)

*Psalm 71

Irish



1. To you, O Lord, I come for help, For re - fuge in your name.

2. From wick-ed ones with cru - el pow'rs, Lord, res - cue me as proof,

3. You are my hope, my trust, O Lord, Sal - va - tion in this hour.



In right - eous - ness now hear my cry, And keep me safe from shame.

That you a - lone are hope and strength, My sa - vior from my youth.

On you, Lord, I have leaned from birth, You nur - ture me each hour.

Text: Fred R. Anderson © 2004, all rights reserved
Music: From *A Collection of Hymns and Sacred Poems*, 1749

Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 12:18-29
(NT page 213)

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:1-5
(NT page 18)

Sermon

The One Who Welcomes the Children

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

————— Responding to God's Word —————

*Hymn 426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Canonbury

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Solo

O For the Wings of a Dove

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

O for the wings, for the wings of a dove! Far away would I rove!
In the wilderness build me a nest, and remain there forever at rest.

—Psalm 55:6-7, adapted by William Bartholomew

Chloe Holgate, soloist

*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

Schubert

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - sa - na in the
high - est. Ho - sa - 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.

Solo

En Prière (1890)

Gabriel Fauré

(1845-1924)

Si la voix d'un enfant peut monter jusqu'à vous, Ô mon Père,
Écoutez de Jésus, devant vous à genoux, la prière!
Si vous m'avez choisi pour enseigner vos lois, sur la terre,
Je saurai vous servir, auguste roi des rois, Ô lumière!
Sur mes lèvres, Seigneur, mettez la vérité salutare,
Pour que celui qui doute, avec humilité vous révère!
Ne m'abandonnez pas, donnez-moi la douceur nécessaire,
Pour apaiser les maux, soulager la douleur, la misère!
Révélez vous à moi, Seigneur en qui je crois et j'espère:
Pour vous je veux souffrir et mourir sur la croix, au calvaire!

*If the voice of a child could reach up to you, O my Father,
To be heard by Jesus, kneeling before you, a prayer!
If you have chosen me to teach your laws on earth,
I would know how to serve you, august king of kings, O light!
On my lips, Lord, place the salutary truth,
So that those who doubt, with humility will revere you!
Do not abandon me, but give me the grace necessary
To overcome evils, and to relieve pain & misery!
Reveal yourself to me, Lord in whom I believe and hope!
For you I want to suffer and die on the cross, on calvary!*

—Stéphan Bordèse

(1847-1919)

Chloe Holgate, soloist

Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 412

Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds

Forest Green

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

John Weaver



*Postlude

Fugue in C minor, BWV 582

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Worship Details

Cover Art

"Let the Children Come to Me," by Deborah Nell.

Guest Organist

Today we are pleased to welcome guest organist Colin MacKnight, a C.V. Starr Doctoral Fellow at The Juilliard School. Colin currently serves as Associate Organist and Choirmaster at Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City, Long Island. Prior to Incarnation, Colin was Assistant Organist and Music Theory Teacher at St. Thomas Fifth Avenue and Assistant Organist at Church of the Resurrection, both in New York City.

Soloists

During the month of August and on Labor Day weekend soloists from our professional octet are providing solos at our 10:30 am worship services. Since graduating from Carnegie Mellon University, soprano Chloe Holgate has had a busy singing career in New York City, is a member of the early music group, Pomerium, and has been a member of MAPC's professional octet since 2018. The Church Choir will return on Sunday, September 8, when the regular Sunday morning services resumes, with services at 9 and 11:15 am.

Information and Announcements

September 8: Two Worship Services, Blessing of the Backpacks, and Picnic in the Park
On Sunday, September 8, we return to our academic year schedule with worship at 9 am and 11:15 am and an adult education hour at 10:10 am. Students, children, and adults, bring your backpacks or bookbags to worship on September 8 to receive a blessing. At 12:45 pm, we'll gather at E. 72nd Street and Fifth Avenue for a picnic in Central Park. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Eraza at lgp@mapc.com. (In the event of rain or extreme heat, we'll gather in the Parish Hall.)

SAMS Tickets Now on Sale

The Saint Andrew Music Society's 55th Season brochure is in the mail, and extra copies will soon be available in the narthex and Church House Lobby. Peruse all fourteen concerts taking place this season on our website at www.mapc.com/music/sams/concerts, ranging from performances by our very own choral society – the Saint Andrew Chorale & Orchestra; MAPC's community children's chorus program – the New York City Children's Chorus; students from The Juilliard School, Mannes College, and the Manhattan School of Music; and a host of recitals featuring vocalists and chamber ensembles.

Singing at MAPC

Are you interested in singing with the Church Choir, or our choral society, the Saint Andrew Chorale? The Church Choir sings anthems and provides musical leadership for the 11:15 am services and special liturgies from September through May. The Saint Andrew Chorale sings concerts as a part of the Saint Andrew Music Society concert season, often joined by orchestras and accompanied by professional instrumentalists. Rehearsals for both the Church Choir and Saint Andrew Chorale resume on Thursday, September 5. If interested, visit the Choirs page on our website, or contact Andrew Henderson: aeh@mapc.com, or 212-288-8920.

Baptism

We're looking forward to the baptisms scheduled for the months ahead. If you are interested in having your child baptized at the church, contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com about attending an orientation session. Baptisms are then scheduled in conversation with Senior Pastor Rev. Jenny McDevitt to ensure the timing meets the needs of your family.

Confirmation 2019-2020

Calling all 8th and 9th graders (and families)! Plans are already underway for this year's Confirmation class. Rev. Jenny McDevitt is looking forward to leading this time with you, beginning in October and concluding in April. Classes will take place following the 11:15 am worship service and lunch will be provided. If you or a family member has not yet indicated interest, email Jenny at jmm@mapc.com. She needs an email address for your parent or guardian, and the best way to be in touch with you. A gathering for all prospective Confirmands is scheduled for September 15 at 10:10 am in the Dana Chapel. Information will be sent to parents before the end of August.

immerse yourself in worship this summer 10:30 am

June 9	Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt
June 16	Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett
June 23	Rev. Jessica E. Tate, 2007 David H. C. Read Scholar
June 30	Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett
July 7	Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt
July 14	Rev. Brian D. Ellison, 1999 David H. C. Read Scholar
July 21	Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman
July 28	Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman
August 4	Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt
August 11	Rev. Carmen C. Goetschius, Inaugural Global Ministry Fellow
August 18	Rev. Jordan A. Tarwater, Director of the Urban Outreach Center
August 25	Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman
September 1	Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

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*

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

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