



# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## Second Sunday after Christmas

January 3, 2016 at 9 and 11:15 am

### SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

#### Word and Sacrament

*Please silence your cellular telephones.*

*We encourage you to begin this time of worship in silent prayer.*

#### Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, you have filled us with the light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of faith shine in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### PRELUDE

Prelude on 'Divinum Mysterium'

*Wilbur Held  
(1914-2015)*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Andrew D. Smothers**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
full of grace and truth.

**People: We have beheld his glory. Alleluia!**

Pastor: In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

**People: Let us worship God.**

\*Let all who are able stand.

#### \*HYMN 38

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

*Carol*

#### CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

**Donald B. Wahlig**

**God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you have come among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, nor trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to your glory in our midst, hoping for little, and expecting less.**

**Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

*(Silence for personal confession)*

#### LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Service in G*)

*John Weaver*



#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: ... Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

# \*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 THE LAW

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: Since we have been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ,  
let us be reconciled to one another.  
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.

*Please greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you,"  
responding, "And also with you."*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Christina A. Cosby

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

(nrsv, page 690 OT)

Jeremiah 31:7-14

## \*PSALM 147 (Hymn 255)

St. Anne

*(During the last stanza of the psalm, children and young people are invited to come forward, gathering around the Baptismal Font for the Lesson for Young Christians.)*

## LESSON FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Mr. Smothers

## DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

*Children's Worship – Children preschool through 3rd grade may exit to the Phillips Lounge*

*Youth Worship – No Youth Worship today.*

*The Children & Youth return to the Sanctuary at the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.*

EPISTLE LESSON                      Ephesians 1:3-14                      **Mr. Wahlig**  
*(nrsv, page 180 NT)*

GOSPEL LESSON                      John 1:1-18                      **Mr. Smothers**  
*(nrsv, page 86 NT)*

SERMON                      **“God Seated Beside You”**                      **Mr. Smothers**

\*HYMN 36                      In the Bleak Midwinter                      *Cranham*  
*(11:15 am)*

\*THE NICENE CREED                      **Mr. Wahlig**

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

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

## PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO *(11:15 am)*

I Wonder As I Wander                      *John Jacob Niles*  
*(1892-1980)*

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,  
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die  
For poor on'ry people like you and like I ...  
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall,  
 With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.  
 But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,  
 And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,  
 A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,  
 Or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing,  
 He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

*(Appalachian Carol, collected by John Jacob Niles)*

**Katherine Wessinger, soprano**

**\*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.

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*(The table of our Lord Jesus Christ is open to all who are baptized. Those who do not wish to take Communion are invited to remain seated in prayer. You are asked to join in the responses as indicated.)*

**INVITATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

*"...who forever sing to the glory of your name:"*

**SANCTUS**

*Weaver*

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.

*(Communion Prayer continues) "...therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:"*

**ACCLAMATION**

*Weaver*

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

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**



## *Welcome!*

We're glad you've joined us for worship today. We pray that you experience Christ in our midst, and that his presence will sustain you in the week ahead. We invite you to place your name and contact information on one of the pew pads. If our pastors can assist you in some special way, indicate this in the space provided and they will be in touch with you. If you are considering becoming Christian or looking for a church home, our pastors would be delighted to talk with you about it. We urge you to consider becoming a member of this congregation and hope you will make MAPC your church home in this city.

**Have children?** Children and families are always welcome in the Sanctuary to worship. Children three and under may be taken to the Nursery on the 4th Floor or remain with their parents. The Narthex or the Children's Library, adjacent to the Sanctuary, are also available for families and have speakers that provide audio of the service.

### **MAPC 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.

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