



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 17, 2018 • 10:30am



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, 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 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 8, 2018, at 9:30 am in the Phillips Lounge. RSVPs are helpful to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation, and the young be inspired; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in G major, Op. 37

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

Call to Worship

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

With what shall we come before the Holy One?

And bow ourselves before God on high?

God has shown us what is good. What does the Holy One require of us,

But to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?

*Hymn 456

Awake My Soul, and with the Sun

Morning Hymn

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Merciful God, in your gracious presence

we confess our sin and the sin of the world.

Although Christ is among us as our peace,

we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to a broken world.

The profit and pleasures we pursue

lay waste the land and pollute the seas.

The fears and jealousies that we harbor

set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,

of intellect and reason,

and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal us and forgive us.

Set us free to serve you in the world

as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. (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

John 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

*Passing the Peace

Proclaiming God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Christina A. Cosby

Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 15:34—16:13
OT page 248

*Psalm 20 (Hymn 169)

Samson

Lesson with the Children and Youth

*Children's Worship: Preschool through 3rd grades gather in Phillips Lounge.
They will return during the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.*

Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17
NT page 170

Gospel Lesson

Mark 4:26-34
NT page 36

Sermon

The Value of the Least

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 522

Lord, When I Came Into This Life

Land of Rest

*Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

**sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

**we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

Prayers of the People

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

Our Life Together

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Offertory Anthem

O Lord, Increase My Faith

attr. Orlando Gibbons
(1583-1625)

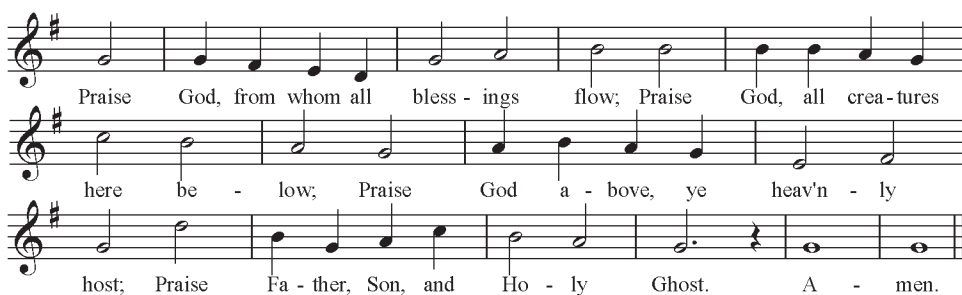
O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me in thy true faith:
endue me with wisdom, charity, and patience in all my adversity.

Sweet Jesus, say Amen.

— Anonymous (16th century)

*Doxology

Old Hundredth



Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

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.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray . . .

. . . 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.

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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

Communion Anthem

View Me, Lord (1963)

Richard Lloyd
(b. 1933)

View me, Lord, a work of thine:
Shall I then lie drown'd in night?
Might thy grace in me but shine,
I should seem made all of light.

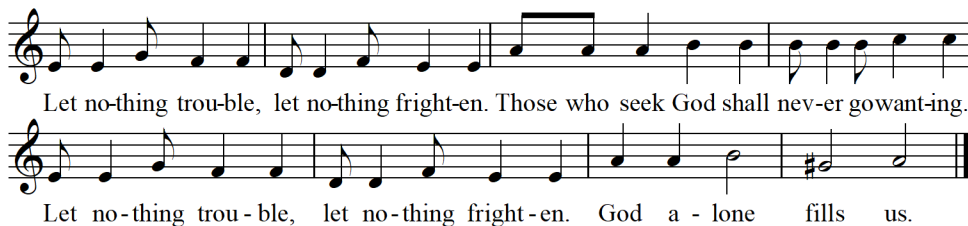
Worldly joys, like shadows, fade
When the heav'nly light appears;
But the cov'nants thou hast made,
Endless, know not days, nor years.

Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel
At thine altar, pure and white;
They that once thy mercies feel,
Gaze no more on earth's delight

In thy word, Lord, is my trust,
To thy mercies fast I fly;
Though I am but clay and dust,
Yes thy grace can lift me high.

— Thomas Campion (1567-1620), from *The First Book of Ayres* (1601)

Congregational Song



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Closing Prayer

*Hymn 399

We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

Dunlap's Creek

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Weaver



*Postlude

Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne, BuxWV 137

Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

Worship Notes

Today's flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God in memory of Jane Stellwagen Polk.

Today's Cover Art

This mural depicting the parable of the mustard seed was created by the children of The Episcopal Church of St. John the Evangelist in Flossmoor, Illinois. It was created and displayed in the church's atrium and later posted on the church's blog (sjenews.blogspot.com). Image used with permission.

Information and Announcements

Summer Choir

You're invited to sing during the summer! Our Summer Choir provides an opportunity for members and friends to sing some beautiful choral music together as leaders of worship. Continuing through Sunday, July 29, the Summer Choir will meet Sundays at 9:30 am to rehearse for our 10:30 am service. Come as you can. Please contact Andrew Henderson at aeh@mapc.com.

Sunday *Lift*, A Christian Education Summer Opportunity

Lift is an intergenerational experience focusing on faith formation and cultivating community through bible study, games, and sharing a meal. All ages are welcome! Join us on the 8th Floor at 9:15 am all Sundays in June.

Faith and Fermentation—An Informal Gathering for Conversation about Faith

On Thursday, June 21st from 6:30 to 8:30 at Ryan's Daughter Pub (350 E. 85th St.), come enjoy a beverage and conversation on faith. The springboard for our conversation will be Krista Tippett's *On Being* interview with Irish priest, author, poet and philosopher John O'Donohue. Listen to the podcast or read the transcript here:

www.onbeing.org/programs/john-odonohue-the-inner-landscape-of-beauty-aug2017/

Everyone will be responsible for their own food and beverages. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be available at each of these gatherings. RSVPs are essential to hold our reservation with adequate space for everyone. Sign up during fellowship hour after worship or through Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

The Church Directory Is Ready!

Our new church directory is ready and available! To access the directory, go online to www.instantchurchdirectory.com/ Click on "Church Member Sign In" then "create a login now." Enter the address you use to receive church communications and create a password. If you are unable to create

a log in, our records are out of date for you. In that case, contact Carmen Olmeda at co@mapc.com with your correct information. If you did not have your photo taken, or would like to provide an updated one, send your photo to Arnaldo Pitre at aap@mapc.com.

The MAPC Book Club

We will meet on Tuesday, June 19, at 4pm in the Hood Library. The group will be discussing *Still Life*, the first book in Louise Penny’s award-winning and wildly-popular Inspector Gamache series. If you have not met Inspector Gamache, his team, family, and the Village of Three Pines, this is a good chance to get acquainted. All are welcome!

Spiritual Growth and Faith Sharing Group, June 21st, 1 pm, James Lenox House

This open group will meet on June 21, at 1 pm, at the James Lenox House. All are welcome to join this time of fellowship, prayer and reflection on a passage of scripture. Beverly Bartlett facilitates the group which is comprised of MAPC members and James Lenox House residents.

Help Needed This Summer for Children’s Worship

We need your help in July and August to teach and assist with ministry! The lessons are straight forward and laid out in detail for you. You will receive them on Thursday afternoon the week you are teaching. Minimum advance perpetation is required as all of the materials are provided, and the space will already be set up for you. All you need to do is familiarize yourself with the weekly lesson and come to worship on the given day.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com or by calling the church office.

Bible Study Opportunities

- Women’s Bible Study, Monday, June 25, at 6:30 pm in the Phillips Lounge
- 20s/30s Bible Study, Thursday, June 28, at 5:30 pm in 10C
- Reading Through the Bible will resume Wednesday, July 11, at 12:30 pm in the Phillips Lounge

This Week’s Calendar

Sunday, June 17

9:15 am	Child Care – 4th Floor
9:15 am	Sunday LIFT Intergeneration Church School Hour – 8AR
9:30 am	Summer Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
10:30 am	Worship – Sanctuary
10:45 am	Children’s Worship – Phillips Lounge
11:45 am	Fellowship Hour – Lobby

Monday, June 18

6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Tuesday, June 19

4:00 pm MAPC Book Club – Library

6:00 pm Stewardship & Development – Library

7:00 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

7:00 pm Congregational Nurture Committee – Phillips Lounge

Wednesday, June 20 – Session Packets Due

8:00 am Trustees – Parish Hall

6:00 pm Cocaine Anonymous – Parish Hall

6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Thursday, June 21

1:00 pm Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing Group – James Lenox House

6:30 pm Thursday Open Table – Parish Hall

6:30 pm Faith & Fermentation – Offsite (Ryan's Daughter Pub)

6:30 pm Recovery Group – Library

6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Friday, June 22

6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Saturday, June 23

Note: NYCCC's Departure for Spain Tour

Sunday, June 24

9:15 am Child Care – 4th Floor

9:15 am New Member Reception – Community Services Room

9:15 am Sunday LIFT Intergeneration Church School Hour – 8AR

9:30 am Summer Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

10:30 am Worship – Sanctuary

10:45 am Children's Worship – Phillips Lounge

11:45 am Fellowship Hour – Lobby

12:00 pm ESL Classes – Parish Hall, Shelter Space, Community Services Room

Current Sermon Series

Encountering the Holy

We don't talk about the Holy Spirit very much. We like to think about our faith, but the Spirit cannot be captured by our intellect. In fact, the Spirit resists every attempt we make to control it, not worrying a bit about our comfort or our carefully constructed plans. And thanks be to God for that. So we have to ask ourselves: what is the Spirit up to today?

May 20	Pentecost: Youth Sunday
May 27	Do We Really Need to Be Born Again?
June 3	Nevertheless, God Persisted
June 10	The Ugly Side of the Spirit
June 17	The Value of the Least (Rev. Beverly Bartlett preaching)

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

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt, *Senior Pastor and Head of Staff*
Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Paula V. Cooper, *Phillips Talbot Global Ministry Fellow*
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