

# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
July 8, 2018 • 10:30am



# Welcome to Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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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

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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

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

# Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

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*God of the covenant, in our baptism you called us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom.  
Give us courage like you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace  
in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.*

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## Gathering in God's Name

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Prelude

Moderato, from *Drei Tonstücke*

*Neils Gade*  
(1817-1890)

Call to Worship

Christina A. Cosby

Take off your shoes!

**We are standing on holy ground.**

Shake off the dust!

**We are ready to start afresh.**

Let us worship God and receive Christ's teachings,

**that we may be renewed and strengthened**

to share God's love with the world.

\*Hymn 361

How Firm a Foundation

*Foundation*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

**God of grace,**

**Time and again we think that we are too young, too small,  
or too weak to make a difference:**

**and we forget the narratives of scripture that tell of the least becoming great.**

**We rely on our own strength and power to bring about change for our world:  
and we forget to rely on your Word for strength.**

**We look around as we accuse others of being foolish:**

**and we fail to recall that the Good News of the Gospel  
calls us to live upside-down lives.**

**This morning, allow us to hear your Word with new ears:**

**let it serve as a reminder that when we feel weak,  
your grace makes us strong. (Silent prayer)**

# Lord, Have Mercy

*Richard Proulx*

Musical score for 'Lord, Have Mercy' in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of two staves. The first staff is for the Cantor and the second is for the All. The lyrics are: 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!**

## \*Response of Praise

*In Babilone*

Musical score for 'Response of Praise' in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of four staves. The lyrics are: There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea; There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heav'n; There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind - ly judg - ment given.

Text: Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.  
Music: Dutch Melody, arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)

## \*Summary of God's Law

## \*Passing the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

————— Proclaiming God's Word —————

## Prayer for Illumination

\*Psalm 123

*Wie lieblich der Maien*



1. To you en - throned in heav - en, To you we turn our eye,  
2. Have mer - cy on us, Lord God, Your mer - cy to us send;  
3. Have mer - cy on us, Lord God, Have mer - cy with - out end.



Like ser - vants with their mas - ters, As maids to mis - tress sigh;  
For we have known con - tempt, Lord, De - ri - sion with - out end.  
Look down on us in pit - y, Your great com - pas - sion send.



To you we look, O Lord God, Our mas - ter in the heav'ns,  
Our souls are o - ver - bur - dened By scorn from those at ease,  
Our eyes look to you on - ly For mer - cy and re - lease.



Un - til you give us mer - cy, Un - til our hard - ship ends.  
Who heap con - tempt up - on us While do - ing as they please.  
You are the Lord, Most Ho - ly; In mer - cy, give us peace.

Text: Fred R. Anderson, © 2011, *all rights reserved*  
Music: Johann Steuerlein (1546-1613)

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

Elder John T. Carr III  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
NT page 174

Gospel Lesson

Mark 6:1-13  
NT page 38

Sermon

Foolishness or Good News?

Christina A. Cosby

Responding to God's Word

\*Hymn 380

O Christ, the Healer

*Erhalt uns, Herr*

\*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.**

Commissioning Service for Sent By Love

Prayers of the People

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

Our Life Together

# Presenting Our Offerings to God

Offertory Anthem

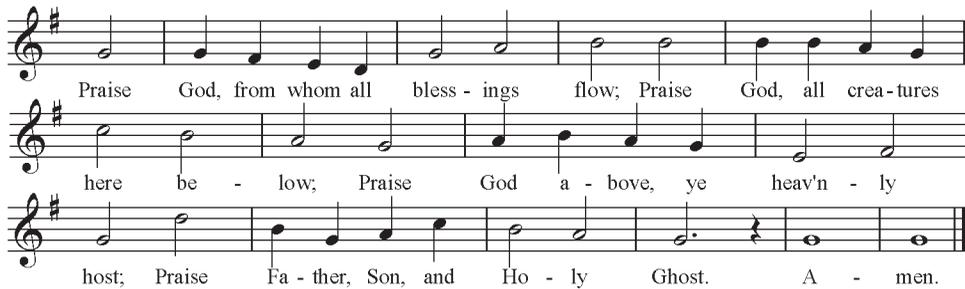
We Wait for Thy Loving Kindness

*William McKie  
(1901-1983)*

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God: in the midst of thy temple. Alleluya.  
O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end.  
Thy right hand is full of righteousness. Alleluya.  
O Lord send us now prosperity. Amen.  
—Psalm 48:8-9; Psalm 118:25

\*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 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:

Sanctus

*Proulx*



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. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Blessed 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 the Cup

### Communion Anthem

### God Be In My Head

*John Rutter*  
(b. 1945)

God be in my head and in my understanding.

God be in mine eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking.

God be in mine heart and in my thinking.

God be at mine end and at my departing.

— from *The Sarum Primer* (1538)

## Congregational Song



In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -  
joyce. 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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## Concluding Prayer

\*Hymn 429

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

*Abbot's Leigh*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response

*John Weaver*



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

\*Postlude

Fanfare, from *La Péri* (1913)

*Paul Dukas*  
(1865-1935)

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## Worship Details

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Paolo Bordignon, Guest Organist

Today we welcome Paolo Bordignon as our guest organist, who serves as harpsichordist for the New York Philharmonic and is a busy freelance organist, harpsichordist and conductor. Dr. Bordignon, a native of Toronto, Ontario, holds degrees from the Curtis Institute of Music and The Juilliard School.

Today's Cover Art

The "Hand of God" is a fresco detail of the vault of the apse of Sant Climent de Taüll, in Barcelona Spain. From *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=55257> [retrieved June 25, 2018]

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## Information and Announcements

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### Summer Choir

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.

### Hood Library Checkout

Remember that you can check books out of the Hood Library for the entire summer—they are not due back until September 9th. The Library Fellowship also welcomes your donations. They may be left on the desk of the library.

### Sent By Love – Youth Mission Trip to Iowa

On Thursday, July 12, a delegation of 7 MAPC members, staff, and youth are traveling to Lakeshore Iowa to serve communities along the Iowa/South Dakota border. The theme for this year's trip is centered on 2 Corinthians 12:12-27, "One Body with Many Parts". Please pray for the safety of our group, the relationships they will cultivate and everyone they will be serving.

### MAPC Hosting Presbytery

On Saturday, July 28, MAPC will serve as host for the meeting of the Presbytery of New York City. In order to extend a gracious welcome and hospitality, we will need a few volunteers that day. Keep an eye out for an email with more information and a list of opportunities.

### Bible Study Opportunities

- Women's Bible Study, Monday, July 9, at 6:30 pm in the Library
- Reading Through the Bible, Wednesday, July 11 at 12:30 pm in the Phillips Lounge
- 20s/30s Bible Study, Thursday, August 9, at 5:30 pm in 10C

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## This Week's Calendar

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### Sunday, July 8

9:15 am	Child Care – 4th Floor
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 Service Room
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Monday, July 9

6:30 pm Women's Bible Study – Library  
6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Tuesday, July 10

6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Wednesday, July 11

12:30 pm Reading Through the Bible – Phillips Lounge  
6:00 pm Cocaine Anonymous – Parish Hall  
6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Thursday, July 12

Note: MAPC Youth Mission Trip to Iowa Departs  
6:30 pm Thursday Open Table – Parish Hall  
6:30 pm Recovery Group – Library  
6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Friday, July 13

6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Saturday, July 14

No Events Scheduled – Church House Closed  
6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Sunday, July 15

9:15 am Child Care – 4th Floor  
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

# Summer Sermons

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June 24	Rev. Jenny McDevitt: <i>On Mark and Miracles</i>
July 1	Rev. Jenny McDevitt: <i>What Does It Really Mean To Be Free?</i>
<b>July 8</b>	<b>Christina Cosby: <i>Foolishness or Good News?</i></b>
July 15	Rev. Beverly Bartlett
July 22	Christina Cosby
July 29	Rev. Beverly Bartlett
August 5	Rev. Jenny McDevitt: <i>These Are Not Childish Times</i>
August 12	Rev. Jenny McDevitt: <i>It's Okay To Be Angry</i>
August 19	Rev. Jenny McDevitt: <i>It's Essential To Be Wise</i>
August 26	Christina Cosby
September 2	Pastoral Resident

## Mission Statement

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*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

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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*  
Christina A. Cosby, *Director of Christian Formation*  
Laura Graham, *Director of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church Day School*  
Dr. Andrew E. Henderson, *Director of Music and Organist*  
Mary W. Huff, *Associate Director of Music and Director of the NYC Children's Chorus*  
Roger S. Pierce, Jr., *Director of Administration and Finance*  
Rev. Dr. Richard W. Shoup, *Pastoral Counselor*  
Rev. Dr. Fred R. Anderson, *Pastor Emeritus*  
Dr. John B. Weaver, *Director of Music and Organist Emeritus*