



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 5, 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 Sept. 8, 2018, at 9:00 am in the Phillips Lounge. RSVPs are helpful to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

God of all time and every place, be with us in this time and in this place.

*Quiet the busyness of our minds and calm the anxieties of our hearts,
that we might come into your presence and be changed by your love.*

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Mode de Ré (from *8 Préludes Modales*, 1956)

Jean Langlais
(1907-1991)

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

When the temperatures soar and the city streets steam,

we come here to let the Word of God renew us like a cool cup of water.

When the news cycles are unending and conflict is ever-increasing.

we come invited by the One who says, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you."

We come here not to ignore the world, but to learn how to be more faithful in it.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn 298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

In Babilone

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

You are the author of mercy and grace.

Help us to be more like you.

For we are too fluent with jealousy and competition.

We are too intimate with insecurity and fear.

We are too confident in our sense of justice,

and we are too attached to the idea that life is supposed to be fair.

All of this comes from a place of vulnerability, O God.

Our hearts are so very fragile, and we want desperately to belong.

So remind us again that your love is not first come, first serve,

but rather an open table with unlimited seating.

Whisper your words of resurrection in our ears over and over again,

until it becomes the standard by which we live our lives and measure our days.

(Silent Prayer)

Lord, Have Mercy (from *Deutsche Messe*)

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

*Passing the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Proclaiming God's Word

*Psalm 51 (Hymn 195)

Promey

Lesson with the Children and Youth

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

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 4:1-16

NT page 182

Gospel Lesson

John 6:24-35

NT page 92

Sermon

These Are Not Childish Times

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 503

Come, Risen Lord

Sursum Corda

*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.

Our Life Together

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Offertory Solo

Simple Song (from *Mass*)

Leonard Bernstein
(1918-1990)

Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laude ...	I will sing the Lord a new song
Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laude ...	To praise him, to bless him, to bless the Lord.
Sing like you like to sing.	I will sing his praises while I live
God loves all simple things,	All of my days.
For God is the simplest of all.	

*Doxology

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures
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

Schubert

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 _____ 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

Prayers for Healing and Wholeness

Communion Solo

Panis Angelicus (from *Mass in A*, Op. 12)

César Franck
(1822-1890)

Panis angelicus, fit panis hominum.
Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum.

*The bread of angels becomes the bread
of men, the heavenly bread gives an end
to early forms.*

O res mirabilis: manducat Dominum
pauper, servus, et humilis.

*O marvelous and wondrous sacrament:
the poor, a slave, and the humble one all
receive the Lord.*

—Thomas Aquinas (c. 1225-1275)

Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 501

Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed

Arfon

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

John Weaver



*Postlude

Rondeau (from *Suite de Symphonies*, 1729)

Jean-Joseph Mouret

Worship Details

Musical Leadership

The Church Choir is on hiatus during the month of August and on Labor Day weekend, with special music provided by soloists from our professional octet on Sunday mornings. This Sunday's soloist is mezzo-soprano Helen Karloski, a member of MAPC's octet since 2011 and the Program Director of MAPC's New York City Children's Chorus. Helen is a graduate of Carnegie-Mellon University and won the 2015 Lyndon Woodside Oratorio Competition. The Church Choir will return on Sunday, September 9, when the regular Sunday morning schedule resumes, with services at 9 and 11:15 am.

Today's Cover Art

This iconic mural of Mister Rogers is painted on the outside wall of Homeslice Pizza in Austin, Texas, at 1415 S. Congress. The mural is 10 feet by 10 feet and is frequently visited and photographed by tourists.

Information and Announcements

Fellowship Hour in the Parish Hall

Fellowship Hour this week will take place in the Parish Hall due to sprinkler installation work occurring in the Church House Lobby.

Hood Library

The Hood Library Committee reminds everyone that books are available for check-out over the summer. There's still time to get some more summer reading done! However, due to the sprinkler installation, the library is closed this Sunday. The library should be open by next Sunday, August 12, to check out books and to receive any book donations you may wish to offer.

Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing Group

This small group meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month and is continuing through the summer. Join us in the James House Lenox library (just around the corner from the church on 73rd Street) on August 16 at 1 pm. We will reflect on a passage of scripture, both silently and in conversation. The September dates are 9/6 and 9/20.

Fall Picnic in the Park

Save the date! We return to our regular worship schedule and kick off our Fall Sermon Series, Faces of Our Faith, on Sunday, September 9. We'll celebrate with a picnic in Central Park at 1 pm. Sandwiches, salad, and chips will be provided by the church. But no picnic is complete without dessert, so those who are able, bring some dessert to share. More details coming soon. Come and enjoy a relaxed

afternoon in the park with MAPC — and this is a great and non-threatening event to invite some friends to join you!

Installation Service for Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Jenny will be installed as our senior pastor and head of staff on Sunday, September 23, at 3 pm in the Sanctuary. Rev. Tom Are, Jr., senior pastor of Village Presbyterian Church (Jenny's previous congregation) will preach. Additional leadership will be provided by friends, members of Presbytery, and members of MAPC. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Come and celebrate this next season of life in our church.

All-Church Retreat

September 28-29 at Holmes Camp and Conference Center

The all-church retreat at Holmes Camp and Conference Center will be here before you know it, so, start signing up now! The cost for those coming overnight is \$90 (includes lodging, three meals, and day use fee on Saturday), and the cost for those coming up on Saturday is \$30 (includes morning coffee and snacks, lunch and day use fee). We have reserved a bus for those coming for the day on Saturday. The cost of transportation is additional. The roundtrip cost for the bus is \$50. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo, lgp@mapc.com, or sign up in the Church House Lobby after worship.

Bible Study Opportunities

- Women's Bible Study, Monday, August 13 at 6:30 pm in the Phillips Lounge
- 20s/30s Bible Study, Thursday, August 9 at 5:30 pm in 10C

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, August 5

- 9:30 am Child Care – 4th Floor
- 10:30 am Worship – Sanctuary
- 10:45 am Children's Worship – Phillips Lounge
- 11:45 am Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
- 12:00 pm ESL Classes – Shelter Space, Community Services Room
- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Monday, August 6

- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Tuesday, August 7

- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Wednesday, August 8

- 6:00 pm Cocaine Anonymous – Parish Hall
- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Thursday, August 9

- 5:30 pm 20s/30s Bible Study – 10C
- 6:30 pm Thursday Open Table – Parish Hall
- 6:30 pm Recovery Group – Library
- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Friday, August 10

- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Saturday, August 11

No Events Scheduled – Church House Closed

Sunday, August 12

- 9:30 am Child Care – 4th Floor
- 10:30 am Worship – Sanctuary
- 10:45 am Children's Worship – Phillips Lounge
- 11:45 am Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Summer Sermons

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>
July 8	Christina Cosby: <i>Foolishness or Good News?</i>
July 15	Rev. Beverly Bartlett: <i>To Save Face, or Embrace Faith?</i>
July 22	Christina Cosby: <i>Gather Around</i>
July 29	Rev. Beverly Bartlett: <i>“All the Fullness of God”</i>
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	Rev. Rebecca Heilman

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