



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

Christ the King Sunday
November 25, 2018 • 9 & 11:15am



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

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

*Warm our spirits, O God, and enflame our hearts,
that we might serve you with the passion you deserve.*

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

A Fancie (from *My Ladye Nevells Booke*)

*William Byrd
(1543-1623)*

Call to Worship

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

God is beyond time as we understand it.

God is Alpha and Omega, the past, present, and future;

the One who settled in Christ to bring hope;

the One who is, who was, and who is to come;

the One who sees our lives and our living.

And no matter how hard we push away,

God is infused into our own past, present, and future.

*Hymn 155

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Darwall's 148th

** Please stand in body or in spirit. For hymns, stand when the choir stands.*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Lord God,

Our culture flirts with systems of authority.

We lift people up to create hierarchies that hurt those left below.

It has become so ingrained in us, we barely notice what we are doing.

We do it for control — we control time, tasks, and even people,

so that we can be certain of what will happen next.

We long for an assurance of power.

Help us to let go and look to you.

For we forget that you control all things and are in all things,

and you will not leave us behind. (Silent Prayer)

Lord, Have Mercy (Service in F)

John Weaver



Assurance of God's Grace

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

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Gloria in Excelsis

Weaver

(Cantor)



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 Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

*Summary of God's Law

*Passing 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

Christina A. Cosby

Old Testament Lesson

2 Samuel 23:1-7
(OT page 286)

*Psalm 132

Munich



1. O Lord, re - mem - ber Da - vid, The hard - ship he en - dured.
2. In Eph - ra - thah we heard it, Word ran through-out the land.
3. Rise up, O Lord, and go forth To your own rest - ing place,
4. You swore an oath to Da - vid, A pro - mise he did own:



The vow he swore be - fore you; The vow, O Lord, you heard.
In Ja - ar's fields we found it, The ark there - in did stand.
You and your ark of pre - sence, Your mer - cy seat of grace.
"A son from your own bo - dy Will sit up - on your throne.



"My house I will not en - ter, Nor rest my - self af - ford,
Thus now we seek your dwell - ing, Our wor - ship to af - ford,
Your priest be clothed in just - ice, And joy your faith - ful's way,
If they will keep my cov' - nant And heed my own de - crees,



Un - til I find a sure place, A dwell - ing for the Lord."
To bow be - fore your foot - stool And praise you, Liv - ing Lord.
For Da - vid's sake we pray you, Turn not your face a - way.
Their sons shall al - so fol - low, His throne theirs too shall be."

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Music: Neuvermehrtes Meiningsches Gesangbuch (1693);
adapted Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Lesson with the Children and Youth

Children's Worship: Preschool through 3rd grades are dismissed to the Phillips Lounge.

Youth Worship: 4th through 8th grades are dismissed to the Dana Chapel.

They will return during the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.

Epistle Lesson

Revelation 1:4b-8
(NT page 230)

Gospel Lesson

John 18:33-37
(NT page 106)

Sermon

The Faithful Witness:
Who Is He For Us?

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 306 (11:15 am)

Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusaders' Hymn

*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

Offertory Anthem (11:15 am)

The Last Words of David (1949)

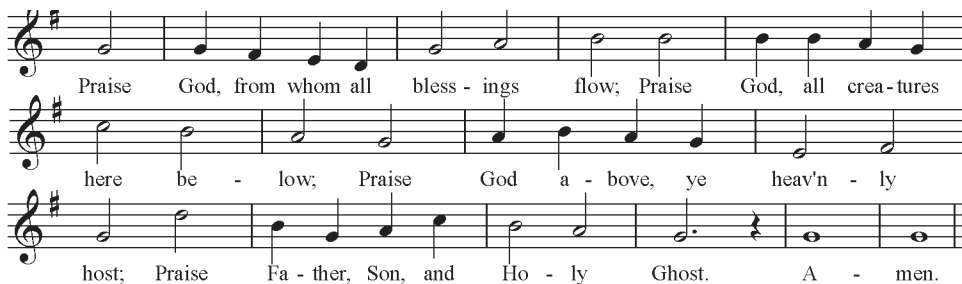
Randall Thompson
(1899-1984)

He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And they shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun rises, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain. Alleluia. Amen.

—2 Samuel 23:3-4

*Doxology

Old Hundredth



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.

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

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Acclamation

Weaver

. . . we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a-gain.

The Lord's Prayer

Weaver

. . . we pray the way Jesus taught us:

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your name, your
king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us to-day our
dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-against us.
Save us from the time of tri-al and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the
king-dom, the pow'r and the glo-ry are yours now and for-ev-er. A-men.

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.

Hymn 306 (9 am)

Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusaders' Hymn

Please join the choir in singing after returning to your pew.

Anthem (11:15 am)

My Lord What a Morning

arr. Harry T. Burleigh
(1866-1949)

My Lord what a mroning when the stars begin to fall.
Done quit all my worldly ways, join that heavenly band.

—*African American Spiritual*

Congregational Song (11:15 am)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 147

Blessing and Honor

O Quanta Qualia

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Weaver

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

*Postlude

Rigaudon (from *Idoménée*, 1712)

André Campra (1660-1744)
arr. Virgil Fox (1912-1980)

Worship Details

Cover Art

Today's cover art, "Look, He's With the Clouds" (2014), is painted by Anthony Falbo. It is the artist's interpretation of the first seven chapters of Revelation. Falbo was born and raised in Flint, Michigan. He uses a "fluency of colors" to portray truth and bring harmony to his work. He is best known for his Cubstraction series. Falbo currently resides in Silver Springs, Florida.

Information and Announcements

Annual Advent Craft Workshop

All ages are invited to join us on the 5th floor at 10:10 am today to create your own advent candles. Advent is a church season dedicated to waiting in hopeful anticipation of Christ's coming. As we wait for Christ's light to enter the world, we light candles that remind us of hope, peace, joy, and love.

Church Family Night

Come enjoy an early holiday party at the November 30th Church Family Night! We'll have a Christmas craft and movie and help decorate the Church House Lobby along with a delicious meal. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo in the church office, lgp@mapc.com. The suggested donation is \$20 for adults and a donation of your choice for children under 12. Church Family Night is for all members of the MAPC family — married, single, young, old, and everyone in between.

Day-Long Advent Retreat @ MAPC

Give yourself a day of reflection and quiet on December 1, led by Rev. Beverly Bartlett. There will be time for group reflection, silence, devotions, and fellowship, including a chance to prayerfully walk a labyrinth, a circuitous meditative tool. We'll gather from 9 am to 3 pm, with lunch provided. A suggested donation of \$20 helps cover the costs of food and materials. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo in the church office, lgp@mapc.com.

"Let There Be Color" Advent Devotional Guide

Pick up a copy of "Let There Be Color," an advent devotional guide that accompanies our "Let There Be Light" sermon series. The devotional is written for adults, but includes reflective activities that can readily be adapted for families. Copies are available in the Narthex.

"And Thy Neighbor": An Early History of MAPC

Have you read this short manuscript about the earliest days of our church? In 1953, James and Gertrude Hunter wrote an account of the ministry of Rev. Henry Sloane Coffin, Jr., the congregation's first pastor. Join Rev. Jenny McDevitt at 10:10 am on Sunday, December 9, in the Parish Hall, to explore this manuscript and the lessons it can teach us today about vision, leadership, and community engagement. Download the manuscript for free at www.mapc.com/about-mapc/history/

Thank you to everyone who has turned in a pledge for 2019. We are off to a strong start, but much like ministry itself, we need everyone's participation. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks, in the Narthex, or by calling the church office. You may also pledge or give online at mapc.com/giving/.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, November 26

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study	Phillips Lounge
7:00 pm	Long Term Planning Committee	Room 608

Tuesday, November 27

1:00 pm	NY Presbytery Meeting	Offsite
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Session	Parish Hall

Wednesday, November 28

12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Phillips Lounge
3:45 pm	Kids Club	PH, PL, 5th Floor, Gym
3:45 pm	Wee Kids	4th Floor
4:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
5:00 pm	T(w)een Club	Youth Lounge
6:00 pm	Cocaine Anonymous	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Thursday, November 29

6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table	Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Recovery Group	Library
7:00 pm	Carol Sing Rehearsal	Sanctuary
8:30 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, November 30

6:00 pm	Church Family Night	Parish Hall, Gym
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Saturday, December 1

9:00 am	Advent/Quiet Day Retreat	Parish Hall
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Advent and Christmas 2018 • more info at mapc.com

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*

Christina A. Cosby, *Director of Christian Formation*

Laura Graham, *Director of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church Day School*

The Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman, *Pastoral Resident*

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*

Chesna E. Hinkley, *Seminary Intern*

Audrey E. Webber, *Seminary Intern*

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

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