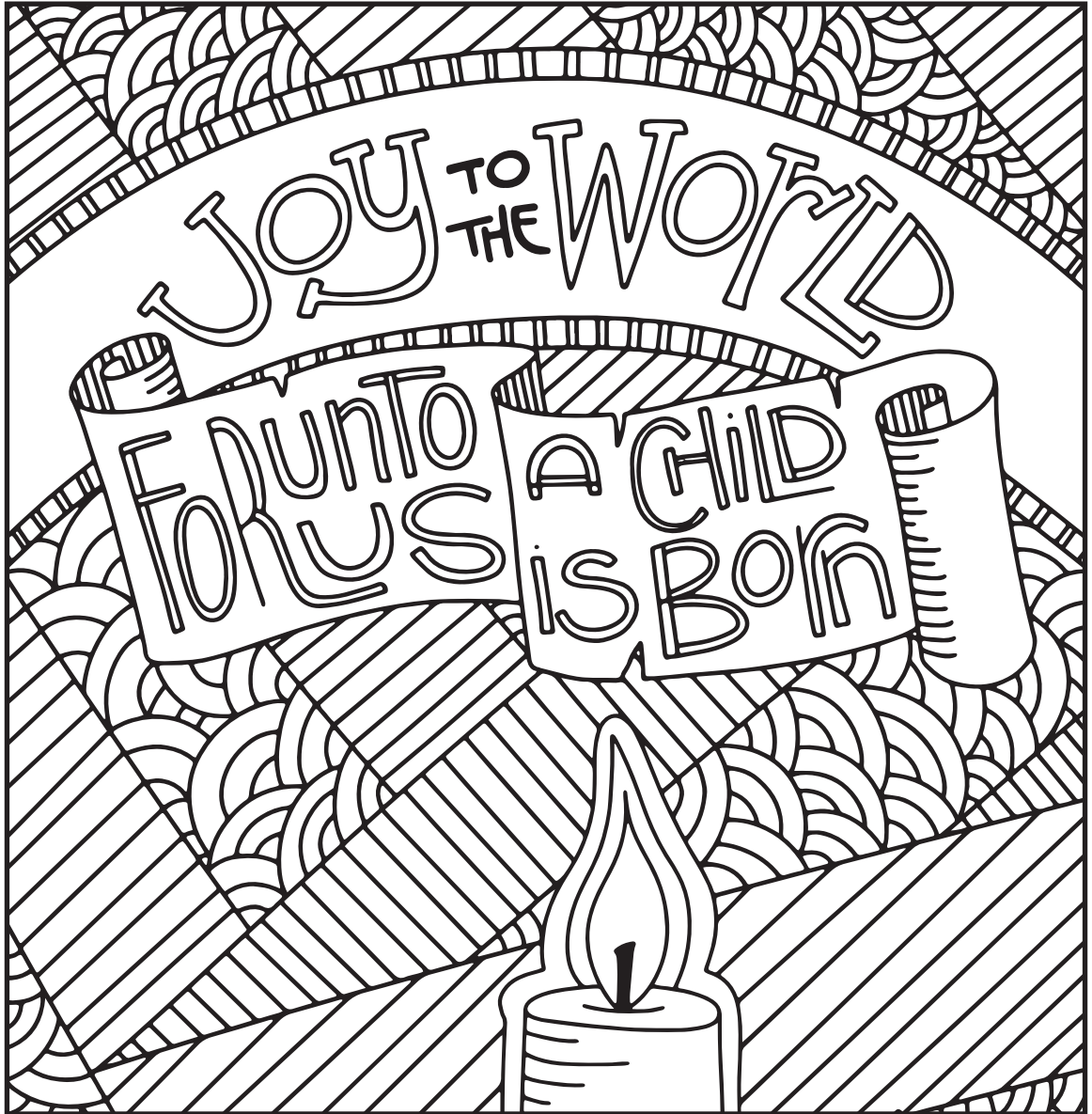




Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2018 • 5 pm



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 (and tonight we expect quite a bit of noise!). On Sundays, if it is your preference, 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 January 12, 2019, at 9 am in the Phillips Lounge. RSVPs are helpful to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for Christmas Eve

Prelude

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come
(Vom Himmel hoch)

Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1703)

Good Christian Friends Rejoice
(In Dulci Jubilo)

Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

Pastoral Symphony
(from Messiah)

George Frideric Handel
(1685-1759)

Welcome and Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Glory to God in the highest!

And hope to every discouraged heart.

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to every conflicted soul.

Glory to God in the highest!

And joy to every lonely spirit.

Glory to God in the highest!

And love to everyone.

Let us sing to God, and to the baby born to us this night!

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

*Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come, and behold him,

Born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation!

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, Glory in the highest!

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

**Baby Jesus, born this night,
full of grace and full of might.
Help us always to follow the star
and to be like the shepherds who traveled so far.
Let us be like the magi who worshipped the king
and let us be like the angels who still celebrate and sing.
We are your children, may we always remember,
so let us be loving, graceful, and tender.
When we've lost our way, we trust you'll be there
shining your light and offering your care.
We're here to adore you, the one born in the hay;
you're changing the world, starting today. (Silent Prayer)**

Kyrie Eleison

St. Louis

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.**

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 Dulci Jubilo

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

*Passing the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*Carol

Mendelssohn

**Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”**

The Christmas Story

Mary and Joseph

Carol

Veni Emmanuel

**O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

The Journey to Bethlehem

Carol

St. Louis

**O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.**

Jesus is Born

Carol

Mueller

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.**

Carol

Greensleeves

**What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom Shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

The Angels Visit the Shepherds

Carol

Gloria

**Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

The Shepherds Visit the Stable

Carol

Gloria

**Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

Carol

The First Nowell

**The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;**

**In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.**

**They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.**

Royal Visitors From the East

Carol

Three Kings of Orient

**We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light!**

Why We Tell the Story

Carol

African-American Spiritual

Refrain:

**Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. (Refrain)**

**Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)**

Prayer

J. Christian Henderson

Carol

Stille Nacht

**Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.**

Presentation of the Offering and the Joy Offering

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

Offertory Anthem

O Holy Night

*Adolph Adam
(1803-1856)*

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining;
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth!
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary soul rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

Truly he taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His Gospel is peace.
Chains shall he break for the slave is our brother
And in his Name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise his holy Name!
Christ is the Lord! O praise his name forever!
His power and glory evermore proclaim!

– *Placide Cappeau de Roquemaure (1808-1877);
trans. John S. Dwight (1812-1893)*

Margaret Macdonald, treble soloist

A Litany of Praise for Christ's Birth

Jennifer Phillips

In a little town, known for nothing much, God's holy child was born.

Welcome the Light!

By the faint light of the moon, Mary and Joseph found their way.

Welcome the Light!

Warm breath of resting beasts, kindly sparkle in their eyes.

Welcome the Light!

In the shadowy stable stall, Joseph kindled a lamp.

Welcome the Light!

There Mary gave birth to Jesus, called God-With-Us.

Welcome the Light!

Angels opened the doors of heaven, sang, "Glory to God in the heights!"

Welcome the Light!

Shepherds saw the sky ablaze, left their sheep and came to see.

Welcome the Light!

In the darkest winter night, God set a brilliant star.

Welcome the Light!

Magi from the East divined God's shining sign.

Welcome the Light!

And on this Christmas night with joy, we greet the Child.

Welcome the Light!

*Carol

Antioch

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare him room,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove

The glories of his righteousness,

And wonders of his love,

And wonders of his love,

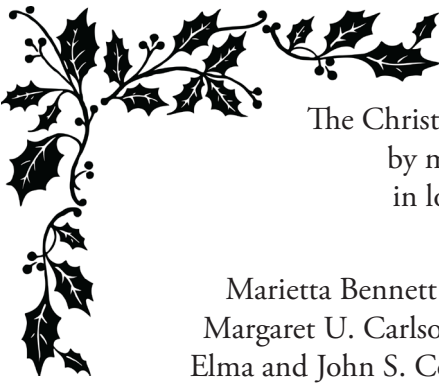
And wonders, wonders of his love.

*Benediction

*Postlude

Good Christian Friends Rejoice
(In Dulci Jubilo)

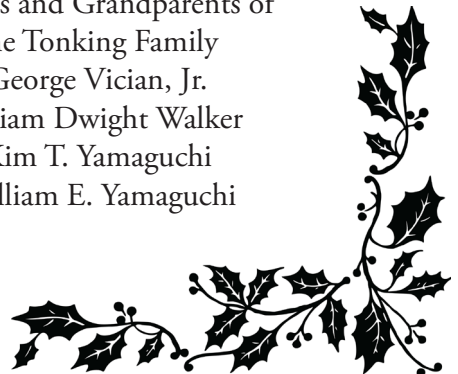
J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)



The Christmas Decorations are given to the glory of God
by members and friends of the congregation
in loving memory of the following persons:

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You Are Invited

Thank you for spending Christmas Eve with us here at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. It is our great joy to celebrate with you. We hope you will return on a Sunday morning or for any of the events and opportunities below. There is a place for you here; we're glad to help you discover that.

Fireside Jazz

Come enjoy a New Orleans inspired menu, a jazz trio, fire in the fireplace, and lively fellowship in the Church House Lobby on January 25 from 6-9 pm. This event is one of our most popular! Childcare is available with advance reservation. The suggested donation for the evening is \$40. Contact Lissette Perez-Eraza at lgp@mapc.com for more details or to sign up.

Church Family Nights

Every month, our entire church family gathers on a Friday evening for dinner, fellowship, and a movie. The gym is also open for kids to play. Our next Church Family Night is January 11. Contact Lissette Perez-Eraza at lgp@mapc.com for more information and to sign up.

Tables of Eight

Beginning in late January, our Senior Pastor, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, will host dinners at the Manse in small groups of eight. Sign up for a fun and relaxing evening with Jenny and seven other MAPC members. More details are provided on the registration form available in the Narthex (forms will be available beginning in early January). You can also download the form online at mapc.com and email it to Lissette Perez-Eraza at lgp@mapc.com. All are welcome — members and non-members alike.

Service and Outreach

MAPC offers several outreach programs to the surrounding community. We house an Overnight Shelter each night for those seeking permanent housing. We are always looking for volunteers, including families, to host the early or late shift. Thursday Nights our Open Table ministry feeds around 125 people. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to sign up. Both ministries create opportunities for volunteers to be in relationship with people who live a world completely different from our own. Contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com for more information.

Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church Day School

Did you know our Day School (ages 2-5) is ranked among the highest in the city? If you are someone you know is searching for the right place for a child get an excellent start to their education, email Becky Simon at admissions@mapc.com for more information or to arrange a tour.

New York City Children's Chorus

This graded choral program for children aged 4-18 in the metropolitan NYC area offers rigorous and rewarding instruction by Mary Huff. The NYCCC is highly sought after and has performed nationally and internationally. Contact Mary Huff at mwh@mapc.com for more information.

Who Do You Say That I Am?

a sermon series about who Jesus is and why he matters today

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt preaching

January 13	Jesus: Son of God
January 20	Jesus: Savior of the World
January 27	Jesus: Teacher of Old Ways, Today
February 3	Jesus: Hometown Prophet
February 10	Jesus: Compelling Leader
February 17	Jesus: Reversing Everything We Know
February 24	Jesus: Unreasonable Expectations
March 3	Jesus: Always Ahead of Us

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

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