



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

1st Sunday after Christmas Day
December 30, 2018 • 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 Jan. 12, 2019, 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

*Though Christmas Day has come and gone,
help us to keep the spirit of Christmas in our hearts
and help us to keep the work of Christmas alive and well in the world.*

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Esta noche Jesús ha nacido

*Traditional Peruvian
arr. Arturo Caldas/Douglas Brown*

Call to Worship

Christina A. Cosby

We who followed the star—

Let us shine with God's light!

We who knelt at the stable—

Let us kneel in the temple of the Lord.

We who welcomed the Christ child—

Let us sing with glad hearts, and rejoice that God is in our midst.

*Hymn 22

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Regent Square

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

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

Gracious God,

Christmas has come and gone.

We sang of your coming,

but we were too distracted in our preparations to notice you in our midst.

We greatly anticipated the day of Jesus' birth,

yet we neglect to see you in the world around us.

Forgive us, we pray;

when we do not feel your warmth in our lives,

when we pay so much attention to the holidays

forgetting that you are in the normal days as well,

and when we expectantly await your coming

but fail to be your light in the world.

In these moments uphold us,

granting us courage to find your comfort and encouraging presence in our lives.

(Silent Prayer)

**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!**

*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

Audrey E. Webber

Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
(OT page 235)

*Psalm 148 (Hymn 256)

Salzburg

Lesson with the Children and Youth

Epistle Lesson

Colossians 3:12-17
(NT page 190)

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 53

What Child Is This

Greensleeves

*Affirmation of Faith

A Christmas Creed from Latin America

We believe in Jesus Christ and in the power of the Gospel which began in Bethlehem.

**We believe in the One whose spirit glorified a small village,
of whose coming the shepherds saw the sign,
and for whom there was no room in the inn.**

**We believe in the One whose life changed the course of history,
for whom the kings of the earth had no power,
and who was not understood by the proud.**

**We believe in the One to whom the poor, the oppressed, the discouraged,
the afflicted, the sick, the blind and the leprous gave welcome
and accepted as Savior.**

**We believe in the One who, with love, changed the hearts of the proud,
and with his life, showed that it is more important to serve than to be served,
and that the greatest joy is in giving your life for others.**

**We believe in peace, which means justice among all peoples and nations
and love among all.**

We believe in reconciliation, forgiveness and the transforming power of the gospel.

**We believe that Christmas is strength and power, and that this world can change
if, with humility and faith, we kneel before the manger. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

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

Presenting Our Offerings to God

In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan,
 Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.
 Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 In the bleak midwinter long ago.
 Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain.
 Heaven and earth shall flee away, when he comes to reign.
 In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed,
 The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.
 Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day,
 A breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay.
 Enough for him, whom angels fall down before,
 The ox and ass and camel which adore.
 What can I give him, poor as I am?
 If I were a shepherd, I would give a lamb.
 If I were a wise man, I would do my part.
 Yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

– Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Chloe Holgate, soprano; Tommy Wazelle, tenor

*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 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 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

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.

Anthem

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Polish Carol

arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Infant holy, Infant lowly,
For his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, Little knowing
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging Angels singing,
Nowells ringing, Tidings bringing,
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new;
Saw the glory, Heard the story,
Tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow,
Praises voicing, Greet the morrow,
Christ the Babe was born for you!

– trans. Edith M. Reed (1885-1933)

Congregational Song

Raise a song of glad-ness, peo-ples of the earth. Christ has come,
bring-ing peace, joy to ev -'ry heart. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
joy to ev -'ry heart! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev -'ry heart!

Jacques Berthier, *Songs and Prayers of Taizé*

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Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 49

Once In Royal David's City

Irby

*Benediction

Information and Announcements

Church Family Night, Friday, January 11, 2019 , 6 pm in the Parish Hall

Come enjoy a delicious dinner in the Parish Hall, conversation, a craft activity, movie and playtime in the gym—you can do it all, or simply enjoy sitting with friends. This is for everyone in the MAPC church family, not just families with kids at home! The suggested donation for adults is \$20, and a donation of your choice for children under 12. Chef Jim needs to know how many to cook for, so please let us know you are coming. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo in the church offices, lgp@mapc.com.

Shelter Open House, Sunday, January 13th

Would you like to volunteer for our shelter? Come to the Shelter Open House on January 13th following the 11:15 am service and learn more about volunteer opportunities! Bring a meal to share, games to play, or a yummy dessert. We hope you will be able to volunteer after the New Year! If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Heilman, rmh@mapc.com.

MAPC Book Club, Tuesday, January 15th, 2019 at 4 pm in the Hood Library

For their January meeting, the MAPC Book Club will discuss Jane Austen's beloved classic, *Pride and Prejudice*. If you haven't read it since high school or college, here is your opportunity to re-visit the Bennets, Bingleys and Mr. Darcy. All are welcome!

Annual January Fellowship Event Friday, Night Fireside Jazz, January 25, 6 - 9 pm

Come enjoy an evening of good food, great music and lively fellowship in the Church House Lobby. Chef Jim is preparing a New Orleans inspired menu, the jazz trio is booked, there will be a fire in the fireplace, and childcare will be offered on the 5th Floor. The suggested donation for the evening is \$40, and we ask for a donation of \$15 per child if you need childcare. You'll be able to sign up in the Church House Lobby after worship on Sundays in January, or you can respond to Lissette Perez-Erazo in the church offices, lgp@mapc.com. Please indicate if you will need childcare. This is an evening you won't want to miss!

Weekly Calendar

Monday, December 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

1:00 pm	Church House Closes	MAPC
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Tuesday, January 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY

All Day	Church House Closed	
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Wednesday, January 2

Note: No Reading Through the Bible, Kids Club, Wee Kids, T(w)een Club

1:30 pm	Shelter Leaders	Shelter Space
6:00 pm	Cocaine Anonymous	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Thursday, January 3

1:00 pm	Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing Group	James Lenox House
6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table (MAPC Serves)	Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Recovery Group	Library
7:00 pm	Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal	5th Floor
8:30 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, January 4

5:00 pm	Barba/Hill Wedding Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Saturday, January 5

6:00 pm	Kevin Barba/Joshua Hill Wedding	Sanctuary
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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

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*

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Audrey E. Webber, *Seminary Intern*

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