



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 27, 2019 • 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 . . .

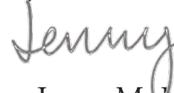
Whether you came with a friend or just wandered in accidentally . . .

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 M. 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. Rev. Jenny McDevitt leads these talks. The next gathering will be held March 2, 2019, at 9 am on the 8th Floor. Childcare provided with advance request. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Eraza at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is despair, hope; and where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive. - Francis of Assisi*

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Adagio for Strings

Samuel Barber
(1910-1981)

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Come to me, Jesus says.

**Come to me all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.**

Follow me, Jesus says.

Deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow me.

Those who lose their life for my sake, will find it.

Trust in me, Jesus says.

To trust in me is to trust in God,

so do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

*Hymn 292

All Beautiful the March of Days

Forest Green

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

Prayer of Confession

Audrey E. Webber

Merciful God, forgive us.

We so often turn away from your teaching.

**Sometimes we truly do not know what you would have us do,
but more often than not,**

we know your will and yet still choose our own.

We let our desires override yours.

We confuse the ideas of 'wants' and 'needs.'

We doubt if your old words hold up in this new world.

We see only scarcity where you have planted seeds of abundance.

Forgive us for these sins and set us free to live in your truth.

(Silent Prayer)

Lord, Have Mercy (Service in G)

John Weaver

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, 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!

*Gloria Patri

Weaver

(Organ) Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the
Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it: as it was in the be - gin - ning, is —
now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Summary of God's Law

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

*Passing the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Our Life Together

Word in Action

Library Awareness Sunday

Deacon Erna Given

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Christina A. Cosby

Old Testament Lesson

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
(OT page 416)

*Psalm 19 (Hymn 166)

Caithness

Lesson with the Children and Youth

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

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

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
(NT page 163)

Gradual

Andrew Henderson

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

—*John 1:14*

Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:14-21
(NT page 57)

Sermon

“Who Do You Say That I Am?”
Jesus: Teacher of Old Ways, Today

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 434 (11:15 am)

Today We Are All Called to Be Disciples

Kingsfold

*Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith; PC(USA)

In life and in death we belong to God.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives;

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children;

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted;

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
and delivering us from death to life eternal.**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Amen.

Prayers of the People

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

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Anthem (11:15 am) The Spirit of the Lord (from *The Apostles*, Op. 49)

Edward Elgar
(1857-1934)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; To give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

– *Isaiah 61:1-3, 11*

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.

Sanctus

Weaver

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

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. Bless - ed, bless - ed is
 He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - 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 (11:15 am) Silent Devotion and Response (from *Sacred Service*)

Ernest Bloch
(1880-1959)

Yih'yu l'ratzon imrei fi, vehegon libi
l'fonecha, Adonai tzuri vegoali.
Amen.

*Let the words of my mouth and the
meditation of my heart be acceptable
to you, O Lord, my rock and my
redeemer. Amen.*

– *Psalm 19:14*

Congregational Song

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are
march - ing in the light of God. We are march - ing
Oo we are march - ing in the light of God.

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Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 440

In Christ There Is No East or West

McKee

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Weaver



*Postlude

Imperial March, Op. 32

Elgar
arranged George C. Martin
(1844-1916)

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Patricia Smith O'Connell
by the Hood Library Fellowship.

Worship Details

Cover Art

Today's cover features a photograph of the scroll of Isaiah from Qumran. In 1947 an Arab shepherd boy was looking for a lost goat in caves in the Judean desert on the west side of the Dead Sea when he chanced upon some of the first Dead Sea Scrolls (often called the Qumran scrolls). He was throwing rocks into the caves to see if the goat was there, and instead he heard the breaking of pottery. The sound frightened him and he ran away, but later he returned to examine the caves and found the broken pots containing manuscripts.

The discovery of several other ancient manuscripts from Qumran shook the scholarly world: one was the Isaiah Scroll and another the Habakkuk Commentary. The scholars at the American School of Oriental Research realized immediately that these scrolls were older than any Old Testament manuscripts to date. At least eleven caves in the vicinity of Qumran held manuscripts of all the biblical books except Esther and Nehemiah. The dates of these manuscripts range from about 250 BC to AD 50.

Information and Announcements

Hood Library Awareness and Appreciation Today

The Hood Library Fellowship would like to show their appreciation for all of you who support and use the library, and today you will find some extra goodies to enjoy during fellowship hour. You will also find a couple of tables full of books in the Church House Lobby—some for borrowing and some for purchasing.

Adult Education: “Jesus from a Muslim Perspective,” 10:10 am, Parish Hall

The Christian tradition clings to Jesus’ teachings as a way of life and a way to relate to God. However, many religious traditions recognize Jesus as a great teacher, including our Muslim brothers and sisters. Dr. Jerusha Rhodes, a professor of Islam and Ministry at Union Theological Seminary, joins us this Sunday for a discussion of Jesus from a Muslim perspective.

Annual Congregational Meeting, February 3rd

The Annual Congregational Meeting will follow the 11:15 am worship service on February 3. The meeting includes the election of officers, a final report of our 2018 finances, a presentation of the 2019 budget, and approving the terms of call for installed pastors. Rev. Jenny McDevitt will provide a brief summary of the past year and share some plans for the year to come. A light lunch and fellowship will follow in the Parish Hall. While only members may vote, all are invited to attend.

MAPC Moms’ Night Out, Thursday, February 7th, 7 pm

The next MAPC Moms’ Night Out is Thursday evening, February 7. The group will meet at 7 pm at an Upper East Side Restaurant to enjoy dinner and conversation together. This is a wonderful way to get to know other MAPC moms and share wisdom and experiences—or talk about something completely non-child related! RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo in the church offices, lgp@mapc.com

Shelter Open House, Sunday, February 10th

Would you like to volunteer for our shelter? Come to the Shelter Open House following the 11:15 am service and learn about volunteer opportunities. If you wish, bring a meal to share, games to play, or a yummy dessert. Questions? Contact Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com.

Stewardship Update

We continue to make progress toward our 2019 stewardship goal of \$750,000. As of January 21, we have received pledges totaling \$638,000. To put this in perspective: if each of our members increased their pledge by only \$200, we would surpass our goal. While many have given, and given generously, we need everyone’s participation to continue our legacy of ministry in and to the city.

Please prayerfully consider a faithful, financial commitment to the work of Jesus Christ through Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. You can pledge online or by calling the church office at 212-288-8920.

For All the Saints

A memorial service will be held for MAPC member **Patricia O'Connell** Saturday, February 2 at 11 am in the Sanctuary. A luncheon/reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Pat died January 23, 2019. We give thanks for the Gospel which reminds us "in life and in death, we belong to God."

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 27

9:15 am	Children's Worship: Youth Worship	Phillips Lounge; Dana Chapel
10:10 am	Adult Education	Parish Hall
10:10 am	High School Fellowship	4th Floor Lounge
10:10 am	Middle School Youth Hour	Youth Lounge
10:20 am	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
11:30 am	Children's Worship: Youth Worship	Phillips Lounge; Dana Chapel
1:00 pm	ESL Classes	5th Floor
4:15 pm	Confirmation Class	Youth Lounge
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Monday, January 28

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study	Phillips Lounge

Tuesday, January 29

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
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Wednesday, January 30

12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Library
4:00 pm	Kids Club	PH, PL, 5th Floor, Gym
4:00 pm	Wee Kids	4th Floor
4:15 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
5:00 pm	T(w)een Club	Youth Lounge
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Thursday, January 31

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table	Parish Hall
7:00 pm	Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal	5th Floor
8:30 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, February 1

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
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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*

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*

Teri D. Tynes, *Director of Communication*

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*