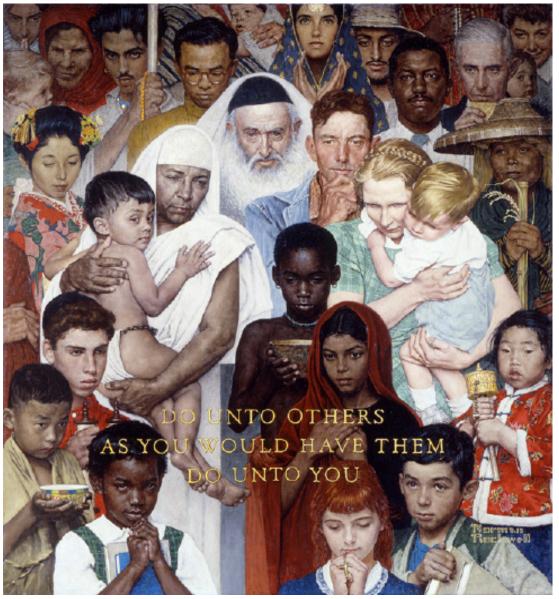


Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 24, 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 sessions. 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-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

May I love, seek, and hold on to what is good.

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Dialog: Prelude with Choral (1992)

Ester Mägi (b. 1922)

Call to Worship

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

We come with listening ears wondering what Christ might tell us.

He tells us to love our enemies, do good, and share what we have.

We come with open arms and giving hands wondering what Christ might ask us to do.

He asks us to do unto others as we would have them do unto us.

We come with loving hearts wondering how Christ might want us to live our lives.

He wants us to forgive and have compassion, to love and to bless.

*Hymn 424

O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising

Charterhouse

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

God of compassion and grace, we long to be made right.

We do not listen; open our ears to different ideas.

We criticize; inspire our minds to offer validation.

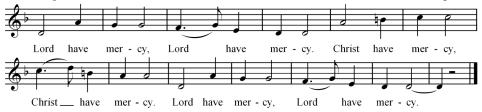
We are slow to forgive; guide our hearts to the small reconciliations.

We ignore those in need; show us other ways to give.

Give us courage to be gentle with ourselves when we can't do all these things. (Silent prayer)

Lord, Have Mercy

James MacMillan



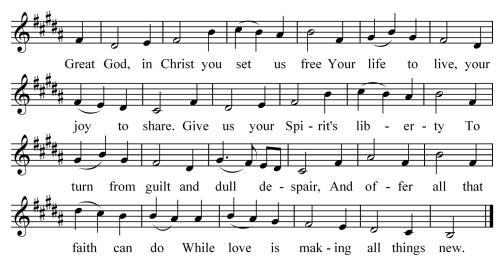
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Assurance of God's Grace

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

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

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



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*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

Genesis 45:3-11, 15 (OT page 40)

*Psalm 37 (Hymn 286)

St. Bride

Lesson with the Children and Youth

Christina A. Cosby

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 15:35-38, 42-50 (NT page 166)

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 6:27-38 (NT page 60)

Sermon

"Who Do You Say That I Am?" Jesus: Unreasonable Expectations Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn (11:15 am)

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis



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.

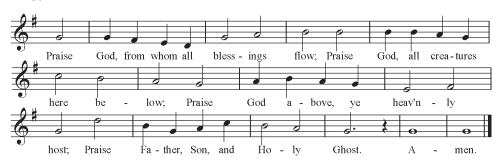
Presenting Our Offerings to God

Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauren mit Trauren, sei stille, wie Gott es fügt, so sei vergnügt mein Wille! Was willst du heute sorgen auf morgen? Der Eine steht allem für, der gibt auch dir das Deine. Sei nur in allem Handel ohn Wandel, steh feste, was Gott beschleußt, das ist und heißt das Beste. Amen. Do not be sorrowful or regretful; Be calm, as God has ordained, and thus my will shall be content. What do you want to worry about from day to day? There is One who stands above all who gives you, too, what is yours. Only be steadfast in all you do, stand firm; what God has decided, that is and must be the best. Amen

—Paul Flemming (1609-1640)

*Doxology

Old Hundredth



Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

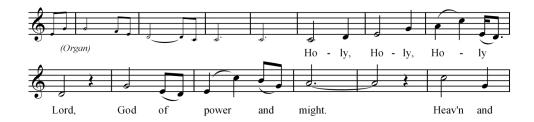
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

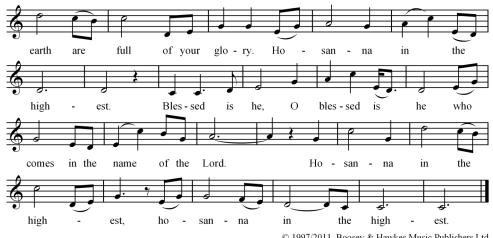
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus *MacMillan*

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



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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

Oculi Omnium

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Oculi omnium in te sperant Domine: et tu das illis escam in tempore opportuno. Gloria tibi Domine. Amen. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.
Glory be to you, O Lord. Amen.

-Psalm 145:15

Congregational Song (11:15 am)



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Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 289

O God of Every Nation

Llangloffan

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

John Weaver



*Postlude

Praeludium in E minor

Nicolaus Bruhns

(1665-1697)

------ Worship Details ------

Cover Art

Norman Rockwell's large mosaic titled *Golden Rule*, on display at the United Nations headquarters, portrays a group of people of different religions, races, and ethnicity with the words "Do Unto Other as You Would Have Them Do Unto You." Rockwell referenced traditional clothing and accessories by studying photographs from his 1955 round-the-world advertising campaign trip for Pan American Airlines. Rockwell was a compassionate man, and this simple phrase reflected his philosophy. Rockwell writes, "I'd been reading up on comparative religion. The thing is that all major religions have the Golden Rule in Common. 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.' Not always the same words but the same meaning." (*The Norman Rockwell Album*).

Information and Announcements

Adult Education

Audrey E. Webber, seminary intern, will lead an interactive class today at 10:10 am in the Parish Hall titled *Finding New Ways to Speak: Responding to Christ's Words* through Bible Journaling. Everyone is invited to explore new ways to communicate with Christ through a process called Bible Journaling. This practice is done by creating art in the pages of the Bible as a form of creative worship. All supplies will be provided to the participants.

Music on Madison

The Saint Andrew Music Society's *Music on Madison* season continues today at 3 pm with a performance by the Russian Chamber Chorus of New York, featuring Taneyev's cantata *John of Damascus*, Arensky's *Three Quartets* for chorus and cello, an arrangement of Rachmaninoff's *Vocalise* for cello and chorus, and Tchaikovsky's rarely heard cantata, *Nature and Love*. Admission is \$25 (\$20 – students/seniors): children 12 and under are free.

A Lenten Feast: Mini-Retreat in Preparation for Lent

The Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett will lead a morning of reflection, conversation and prayer on Saturday, March 2nd from 9 am to 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Please RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Church Family Night

The next Church Family Night is Friday, March 8th at 6 pm in the Parish Hall. Enjoy a hearty meal, a movie, a craft, play time in the gym, and conversation. This is a great time to get to know other members of the MAPC family. All members of the MAPC community are invited, whether there are children at home or not. Suggested donation is \$20 for adults, and a donation of choice for children under 12. Please RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

	Weekly Calendar	
Monday, February 25		
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
Tuesday, February 26		
6:00 pm	ESL Evening Classes	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Session Meeting	Parish Hall
Wednesday, February 27		
12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Hood 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
6:00 pm	T(w)een Club	Phillips Lounge
6:00 pm	Cocaine Anonymous	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
Thursday, February 28		
6:00 pm	20's/30's Bible Study	10th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table	Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Recovery Group	Hood Library
7:00 pm	Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal	5th Floor
8:30 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Friday, March 1		
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
Saturday, March 2		
9:00 am	Tell Me More About MAPC	8th Floor
9:00 am	Lenten Mini-Retreat	Parish Hall
Sunday, March 3		
9:15 am	Children's Worship; Youth Worship	Phillips Lounge; Dana Chapel
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Lobby
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
10:10 am	Church School	5th Floor
1:00 pm	ESL Classes	5th Floor
11:30 am	Children's Worship; Youth Worship	Phillips Lounge; Dana Chapel
4:15 pm	Confirmation Class	Youth Lounge
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

"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

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

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