



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

Transfiguration of the Lord
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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 . . .

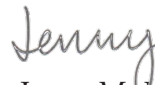
Whether you came with a friend or just wandered in accidentally . . .

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 April 13, 2019, at 9 am in the Phillips Lounge. Childcare provided with advance request. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

Stir up our hearts, O God, until we are lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Adagio (from *Sonata No. 1*)

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Come, all you who seek to trust in God.

We commit ourselves to living as Jesus would.

Come, all you who delight in the wonder of God.

We do not worry, but open ourselves up to God's heart.

*Hymn 462

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Ratisbon

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

Prayer of Confession

Christina A. Cosby

Inescapable God, we confess that we are often hesitant to come near you.

For then, you might see our faces twist in anger as we speak hurtful words.

You might hear the silence of our fearful hearts as we turn away from those in need.

You might touch the broken places our lives that we are not ready to heal.

We confess that we are also often hesitant to come near to one another.

Reveal to us the mystery of your grace, O God,

And pour out your mercy upon us.

Remind us that your love is unyielding and unchanging. (Silent prayer)

Lord, Have Mercy

James MacMillan

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

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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!

*Response of Praise

Lasst uns erfreuen

All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us
sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn-ingsun with golden
beam, Thou sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1225; trans. William H. Draper, 1910
Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

*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

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 34:29-35 (OT page 78)

*Psalm 99

O Filii et Filiae

1. You, Lord, are King, the peo - ple quake, You
2. From old our peo - ple called on you, Our
3. A Migh - ty King, God loves the right, Cre -
4. O Lord, Our God, you an - swer still, For -
sit en - throned, the moun - tains shake, Ex -
pro - phets, priests, our lead - ers too, You
a - ting just - ice day and night, Come
giv - ing, yet you do your will, Come

al - ted for your own name's sake.
 an - swered with your sta - tutes true.
 wor - ship and pro - claim God's might.
 wor - ship at God's ho - ly hill

Praise to your name, O Ho - ly One.
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 Praise to your name, O Ho - ly One.

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 Music: French, 15th Century.

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

Chesna E. Hinkley
 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (NT page 169)

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 9:28-36 (37-43)
 (NT page 65)

Sermon

“Who Do You Say That I Am?”
 Jesus: Always Ahead of Us

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 74 (11:15 am)

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

Mowsley

*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

O Nata Lux (from *Lux Aeterna*, 1997)

Morten Lauridsen
(b. 1943)

O nata lux de lumine,
Jesu redemptor saeculi,
Dignare clemens supplicum
Laudes preces que sumere.

*O born light of light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
mercifully deem worthy and accept
the praises and prayers of your supplicants.*

Qui carne quondam contegi
Dignatus es pro perditis.
Nos membra confer effici,
Tui beati corporis.

*You, who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for
the sake of the lost ones,
grant us to be made members
of your holy body.*

– Office Hymn, Feast of the Transfiguration (10th Century)

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

MacMillan

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

(Organ) Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly
 Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bles - sed is he, O bles - sed 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

. . . 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.

Prayers for Healing and Wholeness

Anthem (11:15 am)

Beautiful Savior

*F. Melius Christiansen
(1866-1926)*

Fair are the meadows,
Fairer the woodlands,
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior!
Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!

—*Anonymous (1677); trans. Joseph A. Seiss (1823-1904)*

Congregational Song

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dore you!
San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!
 Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res, Se - ñor!

—Traditional Argentine

Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 75

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

Deo Gracias

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

John Weaver

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

*Postlude

Allegro Moderato Maestoso

Mendelssohn

Worship Details

Cover Art

Today's cover art is the painting "Transfiguration" by Lewis Bowmann. He writes: "I created this painting based on scripture when Jesus took Peter, James and John on top of a high mountain. The scripture described his appearance being transformed into the brightness of the sun white as light. My goal in this painting was to keep it very abstract because it's really impossible to visually understand what that scene would look like if you were not there."

Information and Announcements

Adult Education

C. Clifton Black, Otto A. Piper Professor of Biblical Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, will lead Adult Education this morning at 10:10 am in the Parish Hall. Dr. Black will draw upon his recently published commentary, *The Lord's Prayer* (2018), to introduce dynamics of Christian prayer and basic elements of the prayer Jesus taught his disciples.

Shelter Open House

Interested in our Men's Shelter? Come to the shelter today at 1 pm to learn about volunteer opportunities and our guests who stay in our building each night. The shelter leaders are specifically in need for overnight hosts (8:30 pm – 6:30 am) as well as early shift hosts (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm), if that works better for you. Questions? Please contact Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com.

Music on Madison: Bach and Arensky

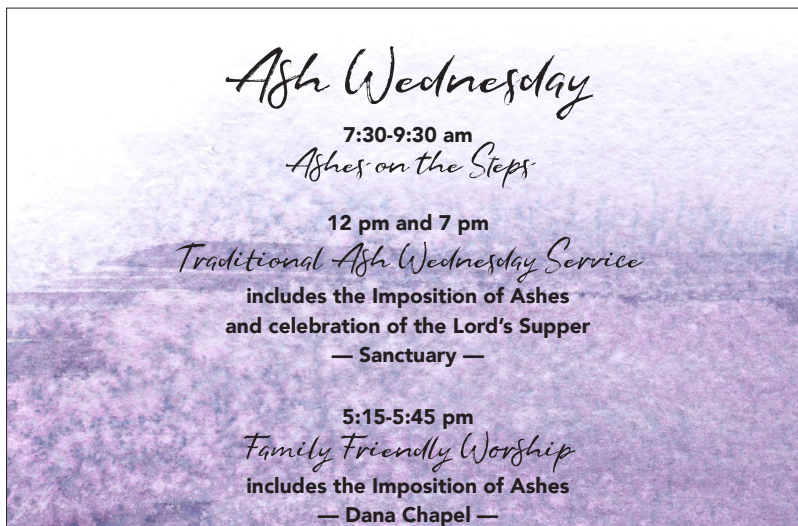
The Saint Andrew Music Society's *Music on Madison* season continues today at 3 pm, with pianist Peter Vinograde, violinist Setsuko Nagata and cellist Michael Kannen. From Baroque virtuosity to rhapsodic Russian Late Romanticism: four Bach keyboard Toccatas, and the Arensky *Piano Trio No. 1 in D minor*. Admission to the concerts is \$25 (\$20 – students/seniors); children 12 and under are free. Will Call reservations may be made online in advance using a credit card, or admission can be paid at the door.

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-Eraza at lgp@mapc.com.

Youth Fundraiser Luncheon for Triennium

The High School youth planning to attend Triennium are hosting a spaghetti luncheon at 1 pm on Sunday, March 17th to help cover the cost of their 2019 summer trip. There is no set cost to attend; instead, the youth have elected to offer the lunch for a free-will donation. To sign-up, please email or call Lissette Perez-Eraza at lgp@mapc.com or 212-288-8920.

A graphic with a purple and blue textured background. The text is centered and includes the title 'Ash Wednesday' in a large, elegant script font. Below it, the time '7:30-9:30 am' is written in a smaller, simpler font, followed by the subtitle 'Ashes on the Steps' in the same script font. Further down, the times '12 pm and 7 pm' are listed, followed by the title 'Traditional Ash Wednesday Service' in script. Below that, the text 'includes the Imposition of Ashes and celebration of the Lord's Supper' is written in a bold, sans-serif font, with '— Sanctuary —' underneath. At the bottom, the time '5:15-5:45 pm' is listed, followed by the title 'Family Friendly Worship' in script, and 'includes the Imposition of Ashes' in bold sans-serif, with '— Dana Chapel —' at the very bottom.

Ash Wednesday
7:30-9:30 am
Ashes on the Steps

12 pm and 7 pm
Traditional Ash Wednesday Service
includes the Imposition of Ashes
and celebration of the Lord's Supper
— Sanctuary —

5:15-5:45 pm
Family Friendly Worship
includes the Imposition of Ashes
— Dana Chapel —

Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 4

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
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Tuesday, March 5

5:00 pm	Hood Library Fellowship	Hood Library
6:00 pm	ESL Evening Classes	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Personnel Committee	Pastor's Study
7:00 pm	Deacons	8th Floor

Wednesday, March 6

7:30 am	Ashes on the Church Steps	Sanctuary Steps
12:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
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	Phillips Lounge
5:15 pm	Family-friendly Service	Dana Chapel
6:00 pm	Cocaine Anonymous	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary

Thursday, March 7

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 8

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

Saturday, March 9

No events scheduled

Sunday, March 10

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

Lenten Sermon Series

reLent

[ri-lent], verb

1. to become less severe or to relinquish
2. to become more compassionate or to soften

Ash Wednesday	“receive”	Rev. Rebecca Heilman preaching
March 10	“resist”	Rev. Beverly Bartlett preaching
March 17	“reconsider”	Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching
March 24	“repent”	Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching
March 31	“reconcile”	Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching
April 7	“recreate”	Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching
April 14	“recreate”	Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching
Maundy Thursday	“remember”	worship at 7 pm
Good Friday	“release”	worship at 12 pm, 4:30 pm, and 7:30 pm
Easter Sunday	“relief”	Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

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*
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