



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

1st Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2019 • 9 & 11:15am



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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 . . .

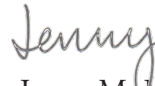
Whether you came with a friend or just wandered in accidentally . . .

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

*In the silence of our hearts, in the journey through Lent, make us your own.
Mold us, shape us, transform us, that we may live wholly for you and all your children.*

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude (11:15 am) Prelude in E minor, BWV 548 *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Wenn wir in Höchsten Nöthen sein, BWV 644 (1685-1750)

Call to Worship Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
Will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."
In the wilderness of Lent and the dry places of our lives
We call upon God's name, trusting in God's guidance and love.
In the name of the One who made us, redeems us, and will never let us go,
Let us worship God.

*Hymn 77 Forty Days and Forty Nights *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*
** Please stand in body or in spirit. For hymns, stand when the choir stands.*

Prayer of Confession Audrey E. Webber

Merciful God,
In the light of your holiness, we see ourselves clearly.
We confess our need for forgiveness:
We hold ourselves and others to impossible standards.
We fear our neighbors and turn away from those who are in need.
We overload our schedules, but leave little time for you.
We are suspicious of joy.
We cling so tightly to the treasures of this world,
we cannot open our hands to receive blessings from above.
Deal with us not as we deserve, but according to your mercy;
not because we are worthy, but because you are gracious.
Remind us that while this world is relentless,
so too is your love. (Silent prayer)

Lord, Have Mercy *John Weaver*



Assurance of God's Grace


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

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

*Gloria in Excelsis


Weaver

(Cantor)




Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.


(Congregation)



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.




Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we




wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.




Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;




You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our



prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

*Summary of God's Law

*Passing the Peace

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

Anthem (11:15 am)

Hear My Words

Stephen Paulus
(1949-2014)

Hear my words, O gracious Lord, to my thoughts attentive be:
Hear my cry, my King, my God. I will make my prayer to thee.
With the morning light O Lord, thou shalt hear my voice arise;
And expectant I will bring prayer as morning sacrifice.
Thou art Holy O my God, thou delightest not in sin;
Evil shall not dwell with thee, nor the proud thy favor win.

— *Psalm 5, as paraphrased in The Psalter (1912)*

Children's & Cherub Choirs

Our Life Together

————— Proclaiming God's Word —————

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
(OT page 174)

*Psalm 91 (Hymn 212)

Abbey

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

Romans:10:8b-13
(NT page 150)

Gradual

Andrew Henderson

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable unto you,

O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

—*Psalm 19:14*

Sermon

reLent: resist

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

 Responding to God's Word

*Hymn (11:15 am)

O Love How Deep

Puer nobis nascitur

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high, How pass - ing
 2. For us bap - tized, for us He bore His ho - ly
 3. For us to e - vil power be - trayed, Scourged, mocked, in
 4. For us He rose from death a - gain; For us He
 5. All glo - ry to our Lord and God For love so
 thought and fan - ta - sy, That God, the Son of
 fast and hun - gered sore; For us temp - ta - tions
 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, He bore the shame - ful
 went on high to reign; For us he sent the
 deep, so high, so broad: The Trin - i - ty whom
 God, should take Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 sharp He knew, For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 cross and death, For us gave up His dy - ing breath.
 Spir - it here To guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 we a - dore For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

Text: attributed to Thomas à Kempis (1380-1471)

Translated by Benjamin Webb and John Mason Neale, 1851

Music: Trier manuscript, 15th Century

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

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

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Anthem (11:15 am) For He Shall Give His Angels (*from Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

For he shall give his angels charge over thee: that they shall protect thee in all the ways thou goest.
That their hands shall uphold and guide thee, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

– *Psalms 91:11, 12*

*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.**

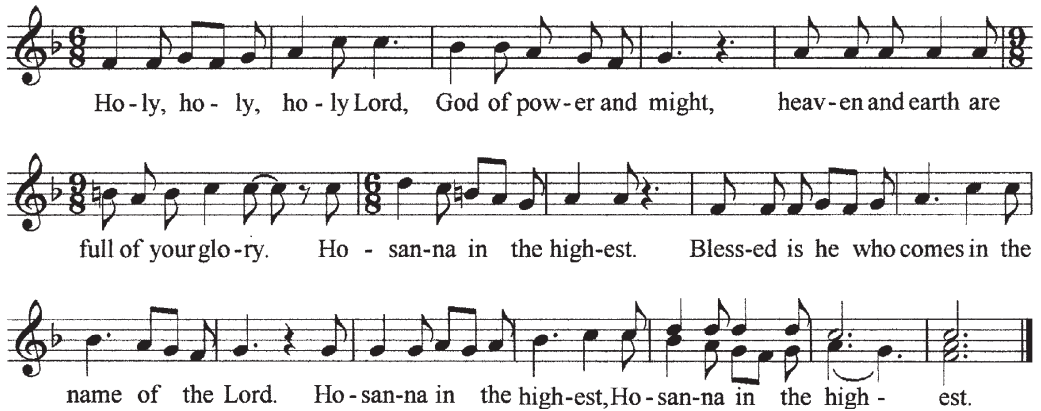
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

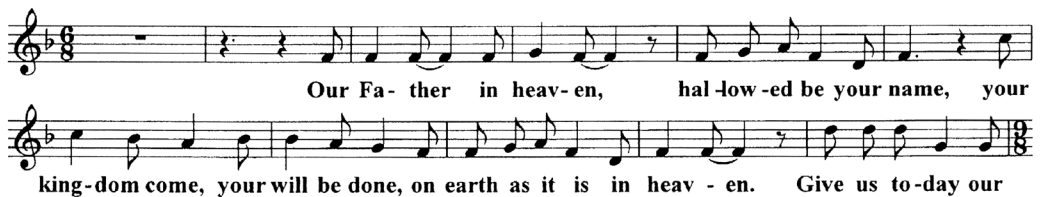
Acclamation

. . . we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - low - ed be your name, your
king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us to - day our

dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
 Save us from the time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the
 king - dom, the pow'r and the glo - ry are yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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)

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

*arr. William L. Dawson
(1899-1990)*

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself. Oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself. I must go and stand my trial, I've got to stand it by yourself. Oh, nobody else can stand it for me. I've got to stand it by myself.

—African-American Spiritual

Congregational Song

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.
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Jacques Berthier, 1981

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Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 81

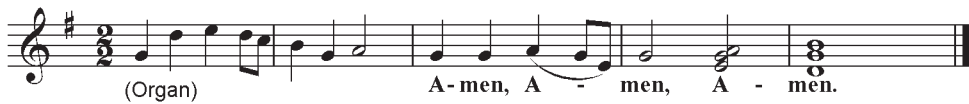
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

St. Flavian

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Weaver



*Postlude

Fugue in E minor, BWV 548

Bach

Worship Details

Cover Art

The cover image is a detail of “Temptation in the Wilderness” by Briton Rivière (1840-1920), from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

Information and Announcements

GIFT: Growing in Faith Together

People of all ages are invited to come to the Parish Hall today at 10:10 am to explore the temptations Jesus faced and the temptations of daily life. Christina Cosby will lead a time of story, play, and worship along with a shared meal. Participants will reflect on two stories of temptation, one from Luke’s gospel and another by Dr. Seuss.

Music on Madison: Bach and Arensky

The Saint Andrew Music Society’s *Music on Madison* season continues today at 3 pm. In celebration of Women’s History Month, the Neave Piano Trio will perform works by four distinguished women composers spanning the Romantic era through the modern day, including Rebecca Clarke’s *Piano Trio*; Amy Beach’s *Piano Trio in A minor*, Op. 150; Cécile Chaminade’s *Piano Trio No. 1*, Op. 11; and Jennifer Higdon’s *Piano Trio*. Since forming in 2010, the Neave Trio – violinist Anna Williams, cellist Mikhail Veselov, and pianist Eri Nakamura – has earned enormous praise for its engaging, cutting-edge performances. Admission to the Music on Madison 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.

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. You may make a gift of support at any time by visiting mapc.com.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 11

6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study	Hood Library
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Tuesday, March 12

6:00 pm	ESL Evening Classes	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee	Youth Lounge
7:00 pm	Outreach Committee	Hood Library

Wednesday, March 13

7:30 am	Evangelism Committee	Phillips Lounge
12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Phillips Lounge
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
6:00 pm	Cocaine Anonymous	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Lenten Adult Education	Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Thursday, March 14

6:00 pm	20s/30s 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	Sanctuary
8:30 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, March 15

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
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Saturday, March 16

No events scheduled

Sunday, March 17

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
1:00 pm	Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser	Parish Hall
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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