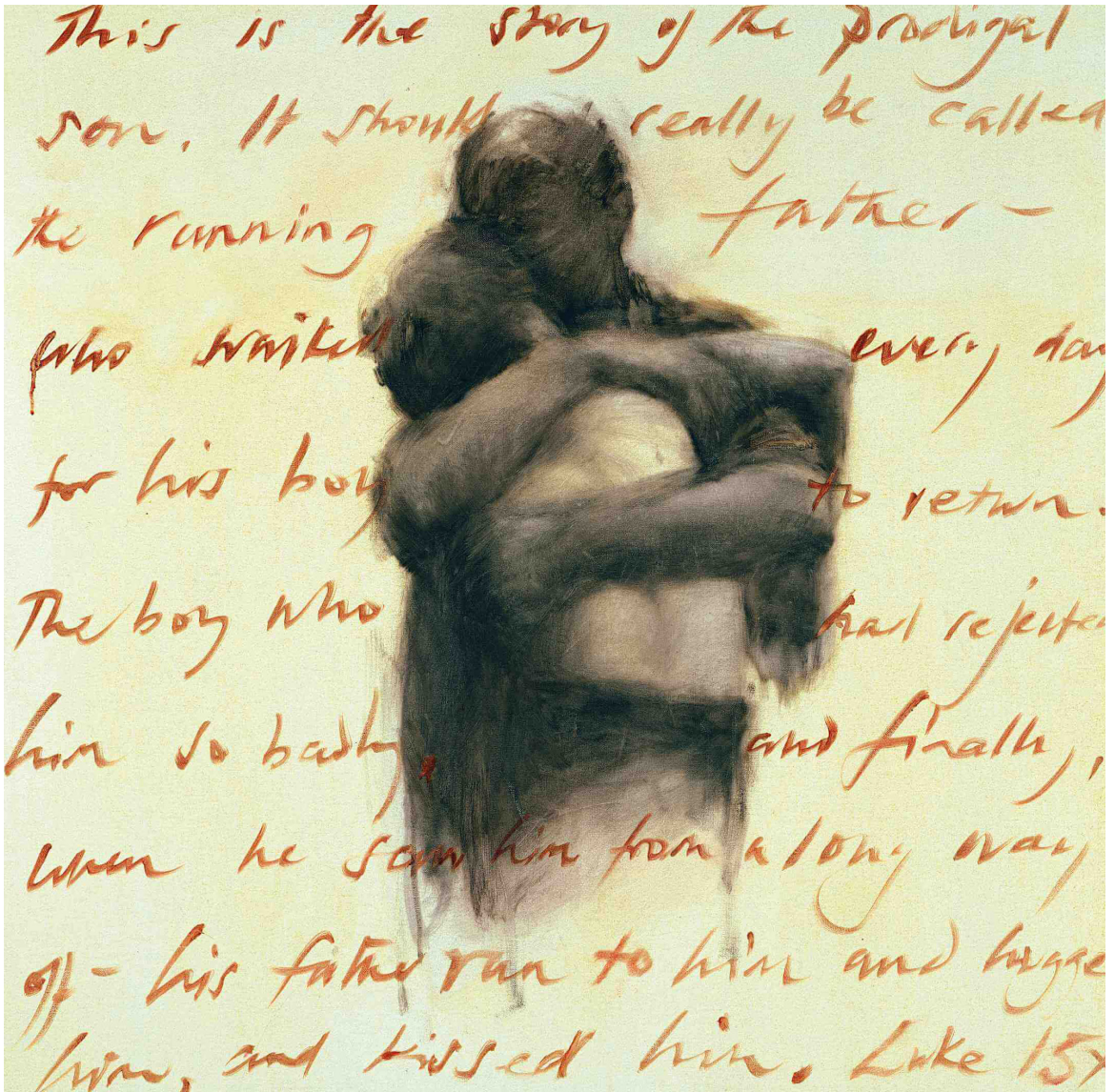




Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday in Lent
March 31, 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 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

Quiet our hearts, O God.

For we long to hear what it sounds like when you mend the world.

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Prelude in B minor, BWV 544 (11:15 am)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund, BWV 621 (9 & 11:15 am)

(1685-1750)

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Return to the Lord your God,

for God is gracious.

Confess to the Lord your God,

for God is merciful.

Repent to the Lord your God,

for God is slow to anger.

Praise the Lord your God,

for God abounds in steadfast love.

Worship the Lord your God.

Together, let us worship God!

*Hymn 356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

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

Prayer of Confession

Christina A. Cosby

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

Franz Schubert

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

*Response of Praise

Wondrous Love

What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
 What won - drous love is this, O my soul!
 What won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 To bear the heav - y cross for my soul, for my soul,
 To bear the heav - y cross for my soul!

Text: American Folk Hymn, c. 1811
 Music: Anonymous, from Walker's *Southern Harmony* (1835)

*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. Rebecca M. Heilman

Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:16-21(NT page 17)

Lesson with the Children and Youth

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

Gospel Lesson

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (NT page 73)

Sermon

reLent: reconcile

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn (11:15 am)

What Is the World Like

New World



- 1. What is the world like when God's will is done?
- 2. What is the world like when God's will is done?
- 3. What is the world like when God's will is done?
- 4. What is the world like when God's will is done?
- 5. These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,



Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:
 Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;
 No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;
 Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,
 filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.



roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
 watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.
 peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.
 tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.
 Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts.



This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.____
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.____
 This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.____
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.____
 this is a new world where God's will is done.____

**We believe in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.**

**And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Chesna E. Hinkley

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

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Anthem

Amazing Grace (2011)

*arr. Will Todd
(b. 1970)*

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me.
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

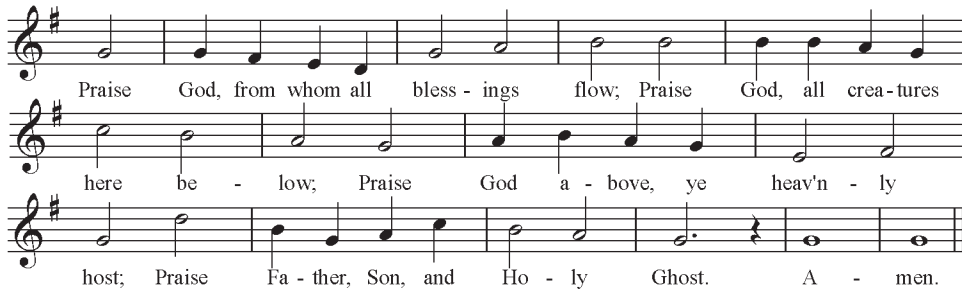
Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far,
and Grace will lead me home.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who call'd me here below,
Will be for ever mine.

—John Newton (1725-1807)

*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

Schubert

... 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 (9 am)

There's a Wideness In God's Mercy (1977)

*Calvin Hampton
(1938-1984)*

Anthem (11:15 am)

Author of Life Divine (1981)

*Peter Aston
(1938-2013)*

Author of life divine,
Who hast a table spread,
Furnished with mystic wine
And everlasting bread,
Preserve the life Thyself hast given,
And feed and train us up for heaven.

Our needy souls sustain
With fresh supplies of love,
Till all Thy life we gain
And all Thy fullness prove,
And, strengthened by Thy perfect grace,
Behold without a veil Thy face.

—Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Congregational Song (11:15 am)



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an-swer me. O



Lord hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me. O

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Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 507

I Come with Joy

Dove of Peace

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

John Weaver



*Postlude

Fugue in B minor, BWV 544

Bach

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of William P. Given, MD.

Worship Details

Cover Art

“Prodigal Son” by British artist Charlie Mackesy

Information and Announcements

Adult Education

Today at 10:10 am in the Parish Hall, Christina A. Cosby will lead an interactive session on the spiritual practice of creating and using a labyrinth in daily prayer.

Moms’ Night Out

On April 1st at 7 pm, MAPC moms will gather at an Upper East Side restaurant to enjoy dinner and conversation together. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo, lgp@mapc.com, in the church office.

Lenten Class Series

Cultivating & Letting Go, a class series for Lent, meets Wednesdays in the Parish Hall from 7-8:30 pm. The Parish Hall will be open at 6:30 pm for gathering time with coffee and cookies provided. Rev. Jenny McDevitt leads the classes.

April 3: Do You Have Time? Or Does Time Have You?: Analyzing Our Calendars

April 10: Your Place in the Story: How Scripture Influences Our Choices

Saint Andrew Chorale & Orchestra: Works by Britten and Vaughan Williams

On Sunday, April 7 at 3 pm, the Saint Andrew Chorale and Orchestra, along with 80 singers from our New York City Children’s Chorus, will perform two major works composed in England during the early 20th century. Vaughan Williams considered his *Sancta Civitas* (The Holy City) to be his favorite large choral work, written for double chorus, children’s chorus, soloists and orchestra, based on texts he selected from the book of Revelation. Originally conceived for performance on BBC radio, Benjamin Britten’s *The World of the Spirit* for chorus, soloists, narrators, and orchestra is a piece of similarly large proportions, which was not heard in concert performance until 1998. This concert will be the Saint Andrew Music Society’s most ambitious concert undertaking in our 54 seasons, with 120 singers drawn from our Saint Andrew Chorale & New York City Children’s Chorus, plus the Saint Andrew Orchestra, comprising 40 of NYC’s finest freelance players! Admission is \$30 (\$25 – students/seniors 62+); Children 12 and under are free. Will Call tickets are available in advance online.

Donations Needed for Hygiene Kits

On Palm Sunday, MAPC will be assembling Hygiene Kits for people all over the world. Donate items now via our Amazon Wishlist. To access the link, please see the recent Pastoral Staff Letter on mapc.com or visit the MAPC Facebook page. All items need to arrive at the church by April 9th.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, April 1

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Moms' Night Out	Upper East Side

Tuesday, April 2

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

Wednesday, April 3

4:00 pm	Kids Club and Wee Kids	PH, PL, 4th Floor, 5th Floor, Gym
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
6:00 pm	Deacons	8th Floor
6:30 pm	Lenten Adult Education	Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Thursday, April 4

1:00 pm	Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing Group	James Lenox House
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table	Parish Hall
7:00 pm	Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, April 5

3:30 pm	Saint Andrew Orchestra Rehearsal	Phillips Building, Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Saturday, April 6

9:30 am	Saint Andrew Chorale & Orchestra Rehearsal	Phillips Building, Sanctuary
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Sunday, April 7

9:00 & 11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
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
1:00 pm	Confirmation 2019-2020 Parents Meeting	8th Floor, Parish Hall
11:30 am	Children's Worship; Youth Worship	Phillips Lounge; Dana Chapel
3:00 pm	Concert: Saint Andrew Chorale & Orchestra	Sanctuary
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	“rejoice”	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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