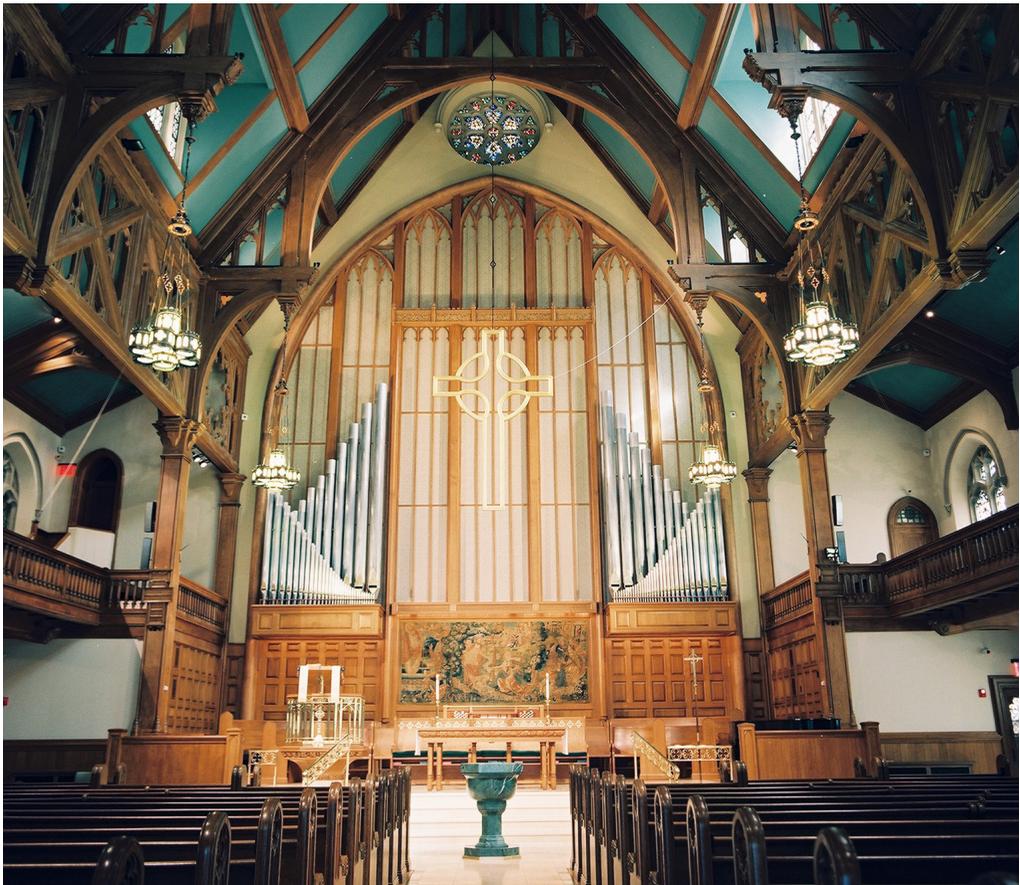


The Presbytery of
New York City
&
Madison Avenue
Presbyterian Church

welcome you to
a Service of Installation of
The Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt
as Senior Pastor and Head of Staff



3 pm • September 23, 2018

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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 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 on Sunday mornings, 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. The next gathering will be held Oct. 27, 2018, at 9 am in the Phillips Lounge. RSVPs are helpful to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Freedom Trilogy

Paul Halley (b. 1952)

Kyrie (from *Missa de Angelis*, 16th Century)

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona/Siyahamba (South African, collected by Anders Nyberg, b. 1955)

Amazing Grace (John Newton, 1725-1807)

In Harmony of the New York City Children's Chorus

Welcome

Elder Brunhilda Sanders-Lane

Call to Worship

Rev. Christopher de la Cruz

We gather wondering if grace is real and if hope can be trusted.

**Here we encounter old stories of our tradition
and new stories of transformation.**

We gather asking if healing is possible or if faith is in vain.

**Here we discover a community that holds us up
and a Spirit that is always at work.**

We gather wanting to know where we belong and who will claim us.

**Here we find a font full of water, a table filled with bread, and a God who says,
"My love for you is unending. I have called you by name, and you are mine."**

*Hymn 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

Prayer of Confession

Elder Chibuze Okori

Gracious God, there are moments when we think too much of ourselves.

But there are also days when we simply cannot believe

a God like you could use people like us.

Forgive us our feeble faith.

Have mercy on us when our insecurity interrupts your efforts,

and be playful with us when we take ourselves too seriously.

Melt the cynicism the world has constructed in us,

and make us hopeful enough to greet each day with joyful expectation.

Give us arms to help hold each other up.

Give us ears that can hear what is not being said.

Give us hearts that are sturdy enough to risk being fragile.

And when we doubt ourselves or doubt you, give us grace. (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

St. Petersburg

Great God, in Christ you set us free Your life to live, your
 joy to share. Give us your Spi - rit's lib - er - ty To
 turn from guilt and dull de - spair, And of - fer all that
 faith can do While love is mak - ing all things new.

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 Music: Dimitri S. Bortniansky, 1825

*Summary of God's Law

Rev. Christopher de la Cruz

*Passing the Peace

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

————— Proclaiming God's Word —————

Prayer for Illumination

Emily Patterson

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7, 16-19 (OT page 631)

Lesson with the Children and Youth

Christina A. Cosby

Gospel Lesson

James Tse
Luke 1:46-55 (NT page 53)

Gradual

Your Word is a Lamp to My Feet

Andrew Henderson

Epistle Lesson

Philippians 1:1-11 (NT page 185)

Sermon

A Tomorrow We Have Yet to Know

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

————— Responding to God’s Word —————

*Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation

Ar hyd y nos



1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Service of Installation

Statement on Ministry

Elder Brunhilda Sanders-Lane

Presentation of the Pastor

Elder Kate Baier

Constitutional Questions to the Pastor

Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

Prayer of Installation

Rev. Dr. Flora Wilson Bridges

Charge to the Newly Installed

Rev. Meg Peery McLaughlin

Charge to the Congregation

Rev. Dr. Robert E. Dunham

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Elder Jeremiah Rosario

*This afternoon's offering is given to the Presbytery of New York City's Parish Pension Fund.
This fund is used to help congregations with pension arrearages.*

Offertory

Unclouded Day

*J. K. Alwood (1828-1909)
arr. Shawn Kirchner (b. 1970)*

O they tell me of a home far beyond the skies,
They tell me of a home far away,
And they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise:
O they tell me of an unclouded day.

*O the land of cloudless days,
O the land of an unclouded sky,
O they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise:
O they tell me of an unclouded day.*

O they tell me of a home where my friends have gone,
O they tell me of that land far away,
Where the tree of life in eternal bloom
Sheds its fragrance through the unclouded day.

O they tell me of a King in his beauty there,
They tell me that mine eyes shall behold
Where he sits on the throne that is bright as the sun,
In the city that is made of gold.

*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

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett
Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

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.

Let us pray . . .

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

Sanctus

MacMillan

(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.

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Acclamation

Therefore 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

Communion is being served by the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee.

Anthem

The Road Home

*Stephen Paulus
(1949-2014)*

Tell me where is the road I can call my own,

That I left, that I lost, so long ago?

All these years I have wandered, oh when will I know

There's a way, there's a road that will lead me home?

After wind, after rain, when the dark is done,

As I wake from a dream in the gold of day,

Through the air there's a calling from far away,

There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me, come away is the call,
With the love in your heart as the only song;
There is no such beauty as where you belong,
Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.

— *Michael Dennis Browne (b. 1940)*

Katherine Wessinger, soprano

Congregational Song

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -
joyce. Look to God, do not be a - fraid: lift up your voi - ces, the
Lord is near; lift up your voi - ces, the Lord is near.

Jacques Berthier, *Songs and Prayers of Taizé*

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Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 464

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

*Benediction

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

*Congregational Response

John Weaver

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

*Postlude

Finale (from *Symphonie No. 1*, Op. 14)

Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)

Installation Commission

Rev. Dr. Flora Wilson Bridges is the Pastor of Rendall Memorial Presbyterian Church in Manhattan.

Rev. Christopher de la Cruz is the Associate Pastor of First Jamaica Presbyterian Church in Queens. Before being ordained, he served for several years at MAPC specializing in youth ministry.

Rev. Dr. Robert E. Dunham is the Interim Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. He and Jenny knew each other for years before moving to the city within weeks of one other.

Chibuze Okori is a Ruling Elder at Church of Gethsemane in Brooklyn.

Jeremiah Rosario is a Ruling Elder at Rutgers Presbyterian Church in Manhattan.

Brunhilda Sanders-Lane is a Commissioned Pastor and Moderator of the Presbytery of New York City.

James Tse is a Ruling Elder at Queens Chinese Presbyterian Church in Queens.

Guests of the Commission

Rev. Tom Are, Jr. is the Senior Pastor of Village Presbyterian Church outside of Kansas City, where Jenny previously served. Most of what Jenny knows about church, she learned from Tom.

Dr. Elisa Bickers is the Associate Director of Music and Principal Organist at Village Presbyterian Church. She is one of the most creative people Jenny knows.

Rev. Meg Peery McLaughlin is a Senior Co-Pastor at Burke Presbyterian Church outside of Washington DC. Meg and Jenny served together as Pastors of Pastoral Care at Village.

Congregational Participants

Kate Baier is the Clerk of Session.

Rev. Beverly A. Barlett is the Associate Pastor of Congregational Life.

Christina A. Cosby is the Director of Christian Formation.

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman is the Pastoral Resident.

Dr. Andrew E. Henderson is the Director of Music and Organist.

Mary W. Huff is the Associate Director of Music and Director of the New York City Children's Chorus.

Emily Patterson is a newly-confirmed member of MAPC. On Youth Sunday, Emily preached one of the best sermons on Romans Jenny has ever heard.

Members of the Pastor Nominating Committee: Susan Andrews, David Carleton, Nickie Christin, Kristin Hohmann, Meg Connor Johnson, Roy Lennox, Laura MacDonald, Kunbi Oni, and Julian Schroeder.

The Choir of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

The New York City Children's Chorus is a ministry of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church.

An Abridged History of MAPC

Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, since its inception in 1843, has been grounded in and nourished by a solid base of Trinitarian theology expressed in Reformed worship, preaching, Christian education and ministry to its members, the surrounding community, New York City, and the world at large. Begun in a sparsely settled Lower East Side neighborhood of Manhattan Island, the congregation went through several mergers with other Presbyterian assemblies as it followed the trend of city growth northward. In 1864 it settled on 55th Street between Lexington and Third Avenues. Under the leadership of Dr. Charles S. Robinson, the congregation outgrew its facilities and several years later moved to 53rd and Madison where it became known as Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church (MAPC). Continuing growth included many who were living in the emerging Upper East Side of the city. Under the influence of these members, the congregation established its first outreach ministry, the Good Will Chapel on East 82nd Street, to minister to the ever-increasing numbers of European immigrants living in that area.

In 1858, another congregation, the downtown Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church, established a similar outreach ministry on the corner of Madison Avenue and 73rd Street. Named The Phillips Church, it was built on a plot of land given by James Lenox, famous New York City citizen and staunch Presbyterian. Opportunities for increased ministry in this rapidly emerging portion of the city led to conversations between MAPC and the Phillips Church which resulted in the merger of the two in 1898. The Madison Avenue and 55th Street property was sold with the proceeds used to build a new sanctuary on the Madison Avenue and 73rd Street site. The newly merged congregation took the name Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church and began its ministry at this location upon the completion of the sanctuary in 1901.

In 1905 the congregation called **Henry Sloane Coffin, Jr.**, a young pastor who had grown up in New York City and was educated at Yale Divinity School and St. Andrew's Divinity School in Scotland. Mr. Coffin was then engaged in a successful urban ministry in the Bronx and ready for a larger congregation and its challenges. Having grown up the son of an affluent New York attorney, and a member of a successful business and merchandising family, Coffin, who had initially considered professional Y.M.C.A. service, discovered in seminary a passion for the social gospel movement and its insistence that the Christian message minister to people's physical as well as spiritual needs. True to Reformed principles, he was a staunch advocate for insuring that theology be informed by the new knowledge emerging out of science as well as the critical study of scripture. He accepted the challenge of a call to MAPC for the staggering sum of one dollar a year on the provision that the church's leadership would be open to his innovative vision for ministry. The leadership's acceptance of his pastorate signaled a willingness to minister more aggressively among the people living to the east of what is now Park Avenue—then a ditch that was the main line track-bed of the New York Central Rail Road—intending not only to minister to their needs, but also to incorporate them into the membership of the congregation. Dr. Coffin was called from the MAPC pulpit to the role of President at Union Theological Seminary.

Dr. Coffin's successor was **George Arthur Buttrick**, called to MAPC in 1927. A solid biblical scholar with a centrist theology and commitment to outreach, Buttrick was first and foremost an eloquent and passionate preacher. Yet, scarcely had Dr. Buttrick settled into his New York City pastorate than the city and nation found themselves engulfed in the Great Depression. Not unlike his predecessor, Buttrick found it "irreconcilable with Christianity that 10 percent of the American people owned 95 percent of the nation's wealth." It was not lost on him that many of that 10 percent were within his own congregation! The church faced the

Depression as an opportunity for ministry, helping hundreds of families with food, clothing, housing, and job resources. In addition, worship began to be as important to the congregation's life as its ministry of outreach. It not only became known as a center of Reformed Worship, with music a central part of the service—served by several notable church musicians—it was also known as a center for the finest Reformed preaching in the country. By 1939, MAPC was the largest Presbyterian congregation in New York City, with a membership of 2,857. At the end of the twentieth century, Dr. Buttrick was listed as the third most important and influential 20th century preacher in the world, preceded only by Billy Graham and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In 1956, just before his 30th year of service, Dr. Buttrick accepted a call to be Preacher to the Memorial Chapel of Harvard University and Professor of Homiletics at its Divinity School.

Dr. Buttrick's departure opened the way for the church's third prominent pastor of the twentieth century, the Scottish preacher **David H.C. Read**. Dr. Read, ordained shortly before World War II, had been a British Army Reserve Chaplain who was activated and captured by the Germans in June 1940. "A guest of the Third Reich," as he often said, David Read saw his confinement as an opportunity for ministry, preaching, teaching, caring for and representing the British officers to their captors. Soon, his sermons and lectures were smuggled out of prison camps and finding their way to publishers, so that upon his liberation in April 1945, he discovered himself with a wide readership and in great demand as a conference preacher. In 1956, while he was on a preaching tour of the United States, the newly formed pastoral search committee at MAPC heard him preach, and within a few weeks extended a call to Dr. Read. He readily accepted, becoming MAPC's third pastor. The rapid and deep changes that reshaped American society in the wake of World War II found themselves reflected in the ministry of MAPC. Not only did a Day School become a substantial part of the church's outreach, radio now became an important ministry as well. This medium had come to have an astonishing impact across the nation, as preachers filled the airwaves. A leading preacher on the National Radio Pulpit, he gave eloquent voice to the message of the gospel from a Reformed perspective. His weekly radio, and later television, programs drew a wide and appreciative audience. In 1979, Time Magazine named Dr. Read one of the ten princes of the American Pulpit. Dr. Read retired in December of 1989.

Fred R. Anderson took up his call to MAPC on March 1, 1992. He brought with him wide experience as a preacher, worship leader, educator, liturgical theologian, administrator and hymn text writer, as well as one experienced in developing community ministry. Addressing the decline in membership experienced in the previous two decades, he instituted an innovative and aggressive program of evangelism, utilizing not only the traditional mediums of newspapers and radio, but the Internet as well. In 1994, the congregation was one of the first to launch a website, which included an archive of Dr. Anderson's sermons in print and audio format. In response to the large, heavily-used facilities showing signs of aging and disrepair, Dr. Anderson led MAPC through two significant capital campaigns. He guided an expansion of the Day School and the creation of the Phillips Talbot Global Ministry Fellow, broadening MAPC's outreach internationally. Beyond Dr. Anderson's responsibilities as Pastor at MAPC, other institutions benefited from his leadership skills. He served as a trustee for Princeton Theological Seminary, Chair of the Board of Trustees at the Center of Theological Inquiry, and as a trustee of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation. He was also a member of the team that leads the annual Conference on Religion and Public Life at the U.S. State Department's Foreign Service Institute in Arlington, Virginia. Dr. Anderson retired in May, 2015.

On January 21, 2018, after a search of over two years, MAPC called **Jenny M. McDevitt** as the church's fifth Senior Pastor. She began her ministry here on April 8, 2018.