



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 18, 2019 • 10:30am



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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 on Sundays, 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. The next gathering is being planned. Childcare provided with advance request. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

Nurture us in this time of worship, O God. Make room in our hearts for compassion and generosity.

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Cloister-Garth

*Herbert Brewer
(1865-1928)*

Call to Worship

Rev. Jordan A. Tarwater

The One who commands the clouds
calls us to be poured out for others.

**By the power of the Holy Spirit,
we can be the waters of peace
to quench the fires of hatred and despair.**

The One who offers mercy and hope
intends for us to know both justice and grace.

**The One who speaks with strong words
offers a love that is stronger still.**

*Hymn 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

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

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Merciful God, forgive us.

You ask us to do justice,

but our world is flooded by violence.

You ask us to love kindness,

but the cries of the mistreated are plentiful.

You ask us to walk humbly with you,

but we nurture our own best interest.

We have not lived our faith to the fullest.

Grant us the grace of another day

and another chance, we pray.

(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

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

... "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment?" Jesus said to him:

"You shall love the Lord your God

with all your heart and with all your soul

and with all your mind and with all your strength.

This is the first and greatest commandment.

And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

*Passing of 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

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 5:1-7
(OT page 596)

*Psalm 80 (Hymn 206)

Vineyard Haven

Lesson with the Children and Youth

Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 11:29-12:2
(NT page 212)

Gospel Lesson

Luke 12:49-56
(NT page 71)

Sermon

Gentle Jesus? Meek and Mild?

Rev. Jordan A. Tarwater

_____ Responding to God's Word _____

*Hymn 452

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

St. Michael

*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

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

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Solo

The Holy City (1892)

*Stephen Adams
(1841-1913)*

Last night I lay asleeping, there came a dream so fair,
I stood in old Jerusalem beside the temple there.
I heard the children singing, and ever as they sang,
Methought the voice of Angels from Heav'n in answer rang;
Jerusalem! Jerusalem!
Lift up your gates and sing,
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to your King!

And then methought my dream was changed, the streets no longer rang
Hushed were the glad Hosannas the little children sang.
The sun grew dark with mystery, the morn was cold and chill,
As the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill.
Jerusalem! Jerusalem!
Hark! How the Angels sing,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King.

And once again the scene was changed, new earth there seemed to be,
I saw the Holy City beside the tide-less sea;
The light of God was on its streets, the gates were open wide,
And all who would might enter, and no one was denied,
No need of moon or stars by night, or sun to shine by day,
It was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away,
Jerusalem! Jerusalem!
Sing for the night is o'er!
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna for evermore!

– Frederic Weatherly (1848-1929)

Desirée Baxter, soloist

*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.

Solo

My Lord, What A Morning

*arr. Harry T. Burleigh
(1866-1949)*

My Lord what a morning when the stars begin to fall.
Done quit all my worldly ways, join that heavenly band.

—African-American Spiritual

Desirée Baxter, soloist

Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn

Judge Eternal, Throned In Splendor

Rhuddlan



1. Judge E - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and
2. Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that
3. Crown, O God, your own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness



King of kings, with your liv - ing fire of judg - ment
brings re - lease, and the cit - y's crowd - ed clang - or
with your sword; feed the faith - less and the hun - gry



purge this land of bit - ter things; so - lace all its
cries a - loud for sin to cease, and the home - steads
with the rich - ness of your word; cleanse the bod - y



wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of your wings.
and the wood - lands plead in si - lence for their peace.
of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

Text: Henry Scott Holland (1902), alt.; public domain
Music: Welsh melody

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

John Weaver



*Postlude

Allegro in D

John Stanley
(1713-1786)

Worship Details

Guest Preacher

Rev. Jordan A. Tarwater currently serves as the Executive Director and Minister of the Urban Outreach Center at Jan Hus Presbyterian Church in New York City.

Soloists

During the month of August and on Labor Day weekend soloists from our professional octet are providing solos at our 10:30 am worship services. Desirée Baxter, a native of Virginia, is active in theatrical roles, musical theater, opera, and oratorio, and has been a member of MAPC's professional octet since 1998. The Church Choir will return on Sunday, September 8, when the regular Sunday morning services resumes, with services at 9 and 11:15 am.

Information and Announcements

September 8: Two Worship Services, Blessing of the Backpacks, and Picnic in the Park
On Sunday, September 8, we return to our academic year schedule with worship at 9 am and 11:15 am and an adult education hour at 10:10 am. Students, children, and adults, bring your backpacks or bookbags to worship on September 8 to receive a blessing. At 1 pm, we'll gather for a picnic in Central Park (location to be announced). RSVP to Lissette Perez-Eraza at lgp@mapc.com. (In the event of rain or extreme heat, we'll gather in the Parish Hall.)

SAMS Tickets Now on Sale

The Saint Andrew Music Society's 55th Season brochure is in the mail, and extra copies will soon be available in the narthex and Church House Lobby. Peruse all fourteen concerts taking place this season on our website at www.mapc.com/music/sams/concerts, ranging from performances by our very own choral society – the Saint Andrew Chorale & Orchestra; MAPC's community children's chorus program – the New York City Children's Chorus; students from The Juilliard School, Mannes College, and the Manhattan School of Music; and a host of recitals featuring vocalists and chamber ensembles.

Singing at MAPC

Are you interested in singing with the Church Choir, or our choral society, the Saint Andrew Chorale? The Church Choir sings anthems and provides musical leadership for the 11:15 am services and special liturgies from September through May. The Saint Andrew Chorale sings concerts as a part of the Saint Andrew Music Society concert season, often joined by orchestras and accompanied by professional instrumentalists. Rehearsals for both the Church Choir and Saint Andrew Chorale resume on Thursday, September 5. If interested, visit the Choirs page on our website, or contact Andrew Henderson: aeh@mapc.com, or 212-288-8920.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, August 19

No events scheduled

Tuesday, August 20

No events scheduled

Wednesday, August 21

12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Phillips Lounge
6:00 pm	Cocaine Anonymous	5th Floor

Thursday, August 22

6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table	Parish Hall
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Friday, August 23

4:00 pm	Kelley & Pflug Wedding Rehearsal	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Vela & Kirsh Wedding Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Saturday, August 24

2:30 pm	Vela & Kirsh Wedding	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Kelley & Pflug Wedding	Sanctuary

Sunday, August 25

10:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:45 am	Fellowship Hour	Parish Hall
12:00 pm	ESL Classes	5th Floor

immerse yourself in worship this summer 10:30 am

June 9	Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt
June 16	Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett
June 23	Rev. Jessica E. Tate, 2007 David H. C. Read Scholar
June 30	Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett
July 7	Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt
July 14	Rev. Brian D. Ellison, 1999 David H. C. Read Scholar
July 21	Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman
July 28	Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman
August 4	Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt
August 11	Rev. Carmen C. Goetschius, Inaugural Global Ministry Fellow
August 18	Rev. Jordan A. Tarwater, Director of the Urban Outreach Center
August 25	Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman
September 1	Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

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*

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

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Roger S. Pierce, Jr., *Director of Administration and Finance*

Teresa D. Tynes, *Director of Communication*

The Rev. Dr. Fred R. Anderson, *Pastor Emeritus*

Dr. John B. Weaver, *Director of Music and Organist Emeritus*