



# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017 at 9 and 11:15 am

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### SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

#### Word and Sacrament

*Please silence your cellular telephones and other electronic devices.  
We encourage you to begin this time of worship in silent prayer.*

#### Prayer of Preparation

God of all peoples, your servant John came baptizing and calling for repentance. Help us to hear his voice of judgment that we may also rejoice in his word of promise, and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace. Amen.

**PRELUDE (9 am)**

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland

*Dieterich Buxtehude*

BuxWV 211

(1637-1707)

(11:15 am)

From *Messiah*

*G. F. Handel*

(1685-1759)

*Recitative:* Comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

*Air:* Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry mountain and hill made low: the crooked straight, and the rough places plain. *(Isaiah 40:1-3; 4)*

**Marc Molomot, tenor; Jorge Ávila, violin**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Eric O. Springsted**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Jesus says: I am coming soon.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

**Burgher Family (9 am)**

**Baier Family (11:15 am)**

Pastor: In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

**People: Let us worship God.**

\*Let all who are able stand.

**\*HYMN 10**

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

*Winchester New*

**CONFession OF SIN (*unison*)**

**Beverly A. Bartlett**

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.**

*(Silence for personal confession)*

## LORD, HAVE MERCY (*from Deutsche Messe*)

Franz Schubert

Musical notation for 'Lord, Have Mercy' in G major, 2/4 time. The lyrics are repeated three times: 'Lord, have mercy.' The music consists of three staves of four measures each.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Hyfrydol*

Musical notation for 'Come, Thou long-expected Jesus' in G major, 2/4 time. The lyrics are: 'Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.' The music consists of five staves of four measures each.

Text: Charles Wesley (1744)  
Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard (1831)

## \*SUMMARY OF THE LAW

## \*PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: Since we have been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ,  
let us be reconciled to one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.

*Please greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you,"  
responding, "And also with you."*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

John Weaver  
(b. 1937)

Third "O" Antiphon

O Root of Jesse, a sign for all the peoples, before you earthly rulers will keep silent and nations give you honor. Come quickly to deliver us.

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 40:1-11 (nrsv, page 627 OT)

**Christina A. Cosby**

*(Following the final stanza of the psalm, children and young people are invited to come forward, gathering around the Baptismal Font for the Lesson for Young Christians.)*

# \*PSALM 85

*Song 1*



1. Lord God, you once showed fa - vor to your land, Ja - cob's own for - tunes  
2. O sav - ing God, re - store us once a - gain. Your in - dig - na - tion  
3. Let me now hear what you, Lord God, will say. Speak peace to us, your  
4. Your stead - fast love and faith - ful - ness will meet; True right - eous - ness and



once you did re - store. The peo - ple's own in - iq - ui - ty for - giv'n, toward us put a - side. Will your hot an - ger not be turned a - way? peo - ple, your own band, Un - to the faith - ful whose own hearts re - turn, peace will then em - brace. Then from the ground your faith - ful - ness will spring,



You par - doned all their sin, and so much more. In gra - cious love you Will our own chil - dren's chil - dren thus a - bide? In stead - fast love re - Your pow'r to save is con - stant - ly at hand. To those who trust your And right - eous - ness shine forth from your own face. So to our land, Lord,



turned a - way your wrath. Your an - ger hot a - gainst them did not last. vive us, hear our voice! That we in your sal - va - tion may re - joice. ways and in them stand; That your own glo - ry may dwell in our land. give a good in - crease, And right-eous - ness now pave your steps in peace.

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Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

## LESSON FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S & YOUTH WORSHIP

**Dr. Springsted**

*Children's Worship – Children preschool through 3rd grade may exit to the Phillips Lounge.*

*Youth Worship – Young people 4th grade to 8th grade may exit to the Dana Chapel.*

*The Children & Youth return to the Sanctuary at the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.*

## EPISTLE LESSON

2 Peter 3:8-15a  
(nrsv, page 224 NT)

**Ms. Bartlett**

## GRADUAL

Fourth "O" Antiphon

*Weaver*

O Key of David, Scepter of the House of Israel, you open and no one can close, you close and no one can open. Come to set free the prisoners who live in darkness and the shadow of death.

## GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:1-8  
(nrsv, page 32 NT)

**Andrew D. Smothers**

## SERMON

**"Where Righteousness Is at Home"**

**Dr. Springsted**

## \*HYMN 3

*(11:15 am)*

Comfort, Comfort You My People

*Psalm 42*

## \*THE NICENE CREED

Ms. Bartlett

**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

Mr. Smothers

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

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

## PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

## Prepare the Way, O Zion

from *Then Swenska Psalmboken* (1697)

*arr. Ken Dake*

(b. 1961)

*The text may be found at Hymn 13, stanzas 1 & 2, in the Presbyterian Hymnal.*

Jorge Ávila, violin

### \*DOXOLOGY

## *Old Hundredth*

A musical score for three voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor) in G major. The vocal parts are arranged in three staves. The lyrics are as follows:  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.  
A - men.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*(The table of our Lord Jesus Christ is open to all who are baptized. Those who do not wish to take Communion are invited to remain seated in prayer. You are asked to join in the responses as indicated.)*

## INVITATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you

**People:** And also with you

Pastor: Lift up your hearts

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

**People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise

## COMMUNION PRAYER

*“...who forever sing to the glory of your name.”*

### SANCTUS

*Schubert*

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.

*(Communion Prayer continues) “... the mystery of faith.”*

### ACCLAMATION

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### 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.**

### BREAKING BREAD & SHARING THE CUP

Pastor: Gifts of God for the people of God.

**People: Let us keep the feast.**

### DISTRIBUTION

*When the pastors take their serving places, please come forward, using the center aisle, beginning with the front row. The white bread is made from wheat; darker bread in the center is gluten-free rice bread. The bronze chalices contain wine; the glass chalices contain grape juice. Hold out your hands, one open palm placed on the other, and bread will be placed in your hand. For rice bread, please take it yourself, exercising care not to touch other pieces. You may eat the bread and move to the cup of wine to drink or dip your bread before eating, or move to the cup of juice and dip your bread, exercising care not to touch the liquid or cup with your fingers. Those unable to come forward will be served in their pews. If not communing, please remain in your pew in prayer.*

### COMMUNION ANTHEM (11:15 am)

From *Messiah*

*G. F. Handel*

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for  
the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

*(Isaiah 40:5)*

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG

A musical score for a hymn. The top line shows a melody in G major with lyrics: "Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre - pare the way of the Lord," followed by a repeat sign. The bottom line shows a melody with lyrics: "and all peo - ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God." The music consists of two staves of eight measures each.

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## CLOSING PRAYER

\*HYMN 8              Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates              Truro

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Dr. Springsted

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Weaver*

Musical score for organ, page 10, measures 11-12. The score consists of two staves. The top staff shows a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. It contains six measures of music. The bottom staff shows a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. It contains three measures of music. The lyrics "A-men, A-men, A-men." are written below the notes.

**\*POSTLUDE**      March on a Theme of Handel,      *Alexandre Guilmant*  
 “Lift up Your Heads,” Op. 15, No. 2 (1861)      (1837-1911)

**Welcome!** We're glad you've joined us for worship today. We pray that you experience Christ in our midst, and that his presence will sustain you in the week ahead. We invite you to place your name and contact information on one of the pew pads. If our pastors can assist you in some special way, indicate this in the space provided and they will be in touch with you. If you are considering becoming Christian or looking for a church home, our pastors would be delighted to talk with you about it.

**Have children?** Children and families are always welcome in the Sanctuary to worship. Children three and under may be taken to the Nursery on the 4th Floor or remain with their parents. The Narthex or the Children's Library, adjacent to the Sanctuary, are also available for families and have speakers that provide audio of the service.

## **MAPC 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.

## Pastoral Staff

**The Rev. Dr. Eric O. Springsted, Interim Pastor**  
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**The Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett, Associate Pastor**

**The Rev. Andrew D. Smothers, Interim Associate Pastor**  
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