

Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 10, 2018 • 10:30am



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, 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 June 16, 2018, at 9:30 am in the Phillips Lounge. RSVPs are helpful to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

God, all we have, we offer to you.

Take our feet, though they are hesitant and stumbling. Take our hands, though they are weak and empty.

Take our minds, though they are rational and proud.

Take our hearts, though they are broken and guarded. Take our lives, which we give to you this day.

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

From *Suite du Deuxième Ton*
Plein Jeu—Duo—Trio

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault
(1676-1749)

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Jesus says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

"And I will ask the Father to give you another Advocate, to be with you forever."

This Spirit, this Advocate, Jesus says, will call us to live differently than the world lives.

This Spirit, this Advocate, will be with us and in us.

"I will not leave you orphaned," Jesus promises.

"The Spirit will teach you everything, and remind you of everything I have said to you."

"Peace I leave with you," Jesus says, "My peace I give to you."

"Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

—from John 14

*Hymn 325

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

Nun danket all'

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

Merciful God, forgive us.

You call us to follow you,

but we prefer our own path.

You gift us with the Spirit,

but we trust our own instincts.

You invite us to live fearlessly,

but we are afraid of how the world will respond.

You ask us to change our priorities and amend our ways,

but we prefer what is familiar.

We have fallen short of your hopes for us, O God,

but do not give up on us.

Come alongside of us, speak to us again, and lead us toward life. (Silent prayer)

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!

*Gloria Patri

John Weaver

(Organ) Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the
 Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it: as it was in the be - gin - ning, is —
 now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Summary of God's Law

*Passing the Peace

————— Proclaiming God's Word —————

Prayer for Illumination

Christina A. Cosby

Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 8:4-20
 OT page 239

*Psalm 138 (Hymn 247)

Herr Jesu Christ

Lesson with the Youth and Children

*Children's Worship: Preschool through 3rd grades gather in Phillips Lounge.
They will return during the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.*

Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:16—5:1

NT page 170

Gospel Lesson

Mark 3:20-35

NT page 35

Sermon

The Ugly Side of the Spirit

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 443

O Christ, the Great Foundation

Aurelia

Reception of New Members

Elder Dorothy Kleinert

Sally Cunningham, *by letter of transfer from Central Presbyterian in Summit, NJ*

Deborah Keith, *by reaffirmation of faith*

Josh Berhow, *by reaffirmation of faith*

Natalie Berhow, *by reaffirmation of faith*

Miranda Zhou, *by profession of faith and the sacrament of baptism*

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended to heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Aaronic Benediction

Weaver



The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine up - on you and be gra-cious un - to you; — the Lord lift up — his coun - te - nance up - on you, and give you peace. A - men.

Prayers of the People

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

Our Life Together

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Offertory Anthem

Locus iste

Anton Bruckner
(1824-1896)

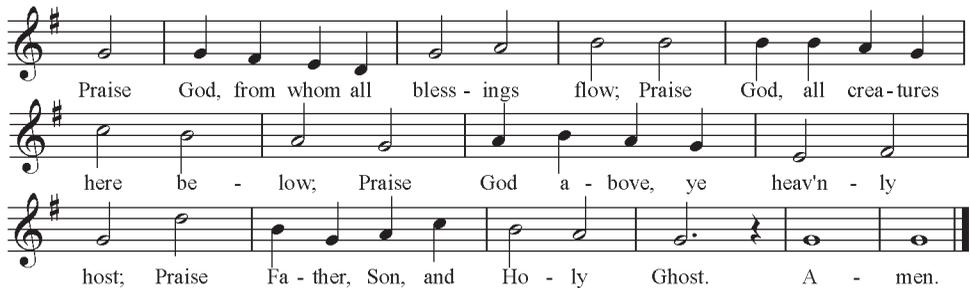
Locus iste a Deo factus est,
inaestimabile sacramentum,
irreprehensibilis est.

*This place was made by God,
a priceless, holy place,
it is without fault.*

— Gradual for the Dedication of a Church

*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 Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

. . . 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 Anthem

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Richard Farrant
(c. 1525-1580)

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk with a perfect heart before Thee now and evermore.
— from John Bull's *Christian Prayers and Holy Meditations* (1568)

Congregational Song



Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

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Closing Prayer

*Hymn 307

Fight the Good Fight

Duke Street

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Weaver



*Postlude

Caprice sur les Grands Jeux

Clérambault

Worship Details

Paolo Bordignon, Guest Organist

Today we welcome Paolo Bordignon as our guest organist, who serves as harpsichordist for the New York Philharmonic and is a busy freelance organist, harpsichordist and conductor. Dr. Bordignon, a native of Toronto, Ontario, holds degrees from the Curtis Institute of Music and The Juilliard School.

Today's Cover Art

The “Throne of St. Peter” is the central work of art in the apse of St. Peter’s Basilica in Vatican City. Designed by Gian Lorenzo Bernini and finished in 1666, the chair (visible at the edges of the bulletin cover image) is made of bronze. The throne takes up the entire space at the front of the Basilica, and at the center of it all is the pictured stained glass window. The window is titled “Dove of the Holy Spirit.” The dove’s wingspan is six feet wide, and the light rays shift from brighter to darker as they move away from the dove, thereby illustrating God the Holy Spirit as the source of light. The window was likely completed around 1660. Image used with permission.

Information and Announcements

Summer Choir

You’re invited to sing during the summer! Our Summer Choir provides an opportunity for members and friends to sing some beautiful choral music together as leaders of worship. Continuing through Sunday, July 29, the Summer Choir will meet Sundays at 9:30 am to rehearse for our 10:30 am service. Come as you can. Please contact Andrew Henderson at aeh@mapc.com.

Sunday Lift, A Christian Education Summer Opportunity

Lift is an intergenerational experience focusing on faith formation and cultivating community through bible study, games, and sharing a meal. All ages are welcome! Join us on the 8th Floor at 9:15 am all Sundays in June.

Faith and Fermentation—An Informal Gathering for Conversation about Faith

On Thursday, June 21st from 6:30 to 8:30 at Ryan's Daughter Pub (350 E. 85th St.), come enjoy a beverage and conversation on faith. The springboard for our conversation will be Krista Tippett's *On Being* interview with Irish priest, author, poet and philosopher John O'Donohue. Listen to the podcast or read the transcript here:

www.onbeing.org/programs/john-odonohue-the-inner-landscape-of-beauty-aug2017/

Everyone will be responsible for their own food and beverages. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be available at each of these gatherings. RSVPs are essential to hold our reservation with adequate space for everyone. Sign up during fellowship hour after worship or through Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

The Church Directory Is Ready!

Our new church directory is ready and available to members of MAPC! To access the directory, go online to www.instantchurchdirectory.com/ Click on "Church Member Sign In" then click on "create a login now." Enter the address you use to receive church communications and create a password. If you are blocked from creating a log in, it means our records are out of date for you. In that case, contact Carmen Olmeda at co@mapc.com with your correct email address. If any of your other information is incorrect or out of date, please send that information to Carmen, as well. If you did not have your photo taken, or would like to provide an updated one, send your photo to Arnaldo Pitre at aap@mapc.com. The directory is a tool to help us know one another better and communicate more effectively. Please keep this directory confidential to the MAPC community, and refrain from using it for any marketing or solicitation purposes.

Bible Study Opportunities

- Women's Bible Study, Monday, June 11 at 6:30 pm in the Phillips Lounge
- Reading through the Bible, Wednesday, June 13 at 12:30 pm in the Phillips Lounge
- 20s/30s Bible Study, Thursday, June 14, at 5:30 pm in 10C

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, June 10

9:15 am	Child Care – 4th Floor
9:15 am	Sunday LIFT Intergeneration Church School Hour – 8AR
9:30 am	Summer Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
10:30 am	Worship – Sanctuary
10:45 am	Children's Worship – Phillips Lounge
11:45 am	Fellowship Hour – Lobby
12:00 pm	ESL Classes – Parish Hall, Shelter Space, Comm. Services Room

Monday, June 11

6:30 pm Women's Bible Study – Phillips Lounge
6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Tuesday, June 12

8:00 am Finance Committee – Library
6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space
7:00 pm CE Committee – Phillips Lounge
7:00 pm Outreach Committee – Library

Wednesday, June 13

12:30 pm Reading Through the Bible – Phillips Lounge
6:00 pm Cocaine Anonymous – 5th Floor
6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space
6:30 pm Evangelism Committee – Off site

Thursday, June 14

5:30 pm 20s/30s Bible Study – Apt 10C
6:30 pm Thursday Open Table – Parish Hall
6:30 pm Recovery Group – Library
6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Friday, June 15

6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Saturday, June 16

9:30 am Tell Me More About MAPC – Phillips Lounge

Sunday, June 17

9:15 am Child Care – 4th Floor
9:15 am Sunday LIFT Intergeneration Church School Hour – 8AR
9:30 am Summer Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
10:30 am Worship – Sanctuary
10:45 am Children's Worship – Phillips Lounge
11:45 am Fellowship Hour – Lobby

Current Sermon Series

Encountering the Holy

We don't talk about the Holy Spirit very much. We like to think about our faith, but the Spirit cannot be captured by our intellect. In fact, the Spirit resists every attempt we make to control it, not worrying a bit about our comfort or our carefully constructed plans. And thanks be to God for that. So we have to ask ourselves: what is the Spirit up to today?

May 20	Pentecost: Youth Sunday
May 27	Do We Really Need to Be Born Again?
June 3	Nevertheless, God Persisted
June 10	The Ugly Side of the Spirit
June 17	The Value of the Least (Rev. Beverly Bartlett 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

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt, *Senior Pastor and Head of Staff*
Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett, *Associate Pastor*
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