

Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time
June 24, 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 Sept. 8, 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

*Eternal God, creation began with you, and even now, all creation stands in awe of you.
The sun and the stars, the hills and the mountains,
the wind and the waves, people of every time and place — all listen to the sound of your voice.
Speak to us this day, and offer us your peace.*

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Andante

*John Stainer
(1840-1901)*

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

We gather in the presence of a God who has made promises:

**that the broken can be mended,
that the grieving can be comforted,
that miracles can still happen.**

Together, we lean into these promises,
sometimes with strong faith,
sometimes with big questions,
but always with hope.

For a light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.

*Hymn 491

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

Carlisle

Prayer of Confession

Christina A. Cosby

**Gracious God,
Forgive our bleak imagination and our dreams that refuse inspiration.**

**We imagine things are as they must be,
so we dream of little more than refining what is.**

Forgive our poor memory and our fragile trust.

**We remember no help in ages past,
so we summon no hope for years to come.**

Forgive our cynical hearts and our tired fear.

**We have grown accustomed to the brokenness around us,
so we are suspicious of joy when it appears.**

Come to us, O God, and revive us with your Good News. (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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the second line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with clear note values and rests.

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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.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled '(Organ)' and contains the first line of lyrics. The second and third staves contain the remaining lyrics. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with clear note values and rests.

*Summary of God's Law

*Passing the Peace

————— Proclaiming God's Word —————

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Job 38:1-11
OT page 458



1. We thank you Lord, for you are good, Your love en - dures for -
 2. In de - sert waste con - sumed with thirst They came to their last
 3. When trou - ble, sor - row, and de - feat Op - press and bring new



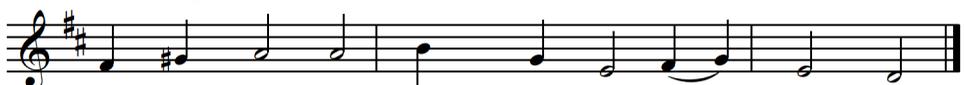
e - ver. From East and West, from North and South, You
 hour. — To you, O Lord, they raised their cry, You
 trou - ble, God pours con - tempt on ev - 'ry foe To



call your own to - ge - ther. Let all the Lord's re -
 saved them by your po - wer. You made a path both
 make their schem - ing rub - ble. Hear then, you wise, come



deemed sing praise, God's love en - dures be -
 straight and good, You sat - is - fied their
 now give heed, God's stead - fast love will



yond our days: Sing praise to our re - dee - mer.
 need for food, You quenched their thirst with mer - cy.
 meet all need: Sing praise to our re - dee - mer.

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 Tune: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566.

Lesson with the Children and Youth

Rev. Beverly A. Barlett

*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 6:1-13
 NT page 171

Gradual

Andrew Henderson

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
 Give me understanding that I may live.

—Psalm 119:105, 107b

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 286

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

St. Bride

*Affirmation of Faith

from *The Confession of 1967*

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.

But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ

by showing power in the form of a servant,

wisdom in the folly of the cross,

and goodness in receiving sinful men and women.

The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world

discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator

who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

God has created the world of space and time

to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind.

In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder,

the world reflects to the eye of faith

the majesty and mystery of its Creator.

Life is a gift to be received with gratitude

and a task to be pursued with courage.

"Now to him who by the power within us

is able to do more abundantly than all we ask or think,

to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations,

forever and ever. Amen."

Prayers of the People

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

Our Life Together

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Lord of our life, and God of our salvation,
 Star of our night, and hope of every nation,
 Hear and receive thy church's supplication,
 Lord God Almighty.

Lord, thou canst help when earthly armor faileth;
 Lord, thou canst save when deadly sin assaileth;
 Lord, o'er thy rock nor death nor hell prevaileth.
 Grant us thy peace, Lord.

Peace in our hearts, our evil thoughts assuaging,
 Peace in thy church, where brothers are engaging,
 Peace, when the world its busy war is waging;
 Peace in our hearts, Lord.

Grant us thy help till sin is outward driven;
 Grant us thy truth, that we may be forgiven;
 Grant peace on earth, and after we have striven,
 Peace in thy heaven.

– Matthäus von Löwenstern (1594-1648), trans. Philip Pusey (1799-1855)

*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 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

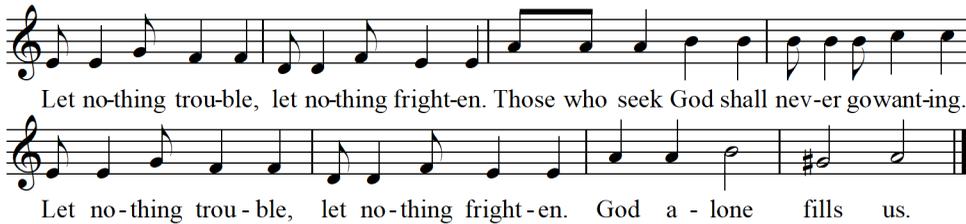
Go Forth Into the World in Peace (1988)

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage; hold fast that which is good, render to no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you forever. Amen.

—Book of Common Prayer (1928)

Congregational Song



Let no-thing trou-ble, let no-thing fright-en. Those who seek God shall nev-er gowant-ing.
Let no-thing trou-ble, let no-thing fright-en. God a-lone fills us.

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Closing Prayer

*Hymn 562

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Melita

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Weaver



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

*Postlude

A Jubilant March

Stainer

Worship Details

Doug Brown, Guest Organist

Today we welcome Doug Brown as our guest organist. Doug serves as Director of Music at Ginter Park Presbyterian Church and Director of Music at Union Presbyterian Seminary, both in Richmond, Virginia. Doug received his bachelor's degree from Duke University and his master of music degree in choral conducting and organ performance at the Yale University Institute of Sacred Music.

Cover Art

Eugène Delacroix, *Christ Asleep During the Temptest* (1853). Image is in the public domain.

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.

Hood Library Summer Checkout

Remember that you can check books out of the Hood Library for the entire summer—they are not due back until Sept. 9. Also, the Library Fellowship welcomes your book donations. Donations may be left on the desk in the library.

Via con Dios, New York City Children's Chorus!

46 Choristers, along with a host of chaperones and staff, departed on June 22 for an 8-day tour of Spain. They will be singing concerts in Valencia, Motril, Toledo and Madrid, including collaborative performances with the Children's Choir Sinan Kay of Madrid and the Diversity Youth Choir, and this morning they are singing for a Sunday morning mass in Valencia. Along the way the itinerary includes major cultural stops including the Prado Museum and Alhambra Palace. Please keep Mary Huff, Andrew Henderson, Helen Karloski, and the tour participants in your prayers for safe travels!

Accessing the New Church Directory

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" and then "create a login now." Be sure to use the address you use to receive church communications.

Bible Study Opportunities

- Women's Bible Study, Monday, June 25, at 6:30 pm in the Library
- 20s/30s Bible Study, Thursday, June 28, at 5:30 pm in 10C
- Reading Through the Bible resumes Wednesday, July 11, at 12:30 pm in the Phillips Lounge

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, June 24

- 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. Srv. Room

Monday, June 25

- 2:00 pm Hood Library Fellowship – Library
- 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study – Library
- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Tuesday, June 26

- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space
- 7:00 pm Session – 8AR

Wednesday, June 27

- 6:00 pm Cocaine Anonymous – Parish Hall
- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Thursday, June 28

- 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 29

- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Sunday, July 1

- 9:15 am Child Care – 4th Floor
- 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

Summer Sermons

June 24	Rev. Jenny McDevitt: <i>On Mark and Miracles</i>
July 1	Rev. Jenny McDevitt: <i>What Does It Really Mean To Be Free?</i>
July 8	Christina Cosby
July 15	Rev. Beverly Bartlett
July 22	Christina Cosby
July 29	Rev. Beverly Bartlett
August 5	Rev. Jenny McDevitt: <i>These Are Not Childish Times</i>
August 12	Rev. Jenny McDevitt: <i>It's Okay To Be Angry</i>
August 19	Rev. Jenny McDevitt: <i>It's Essential To Be Wise</i>
August 26	Christina Cosby
September 2	Pastoral Resident

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*
Rev. Paula V. Cooper, *Phillips Talbot Global Ministry Fellow*
Christina A. Cosby, *Director of Christian Formation*
Laura Graham, *Director of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church Day School*
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Dr. John B. Weaver, *Director of Music and Organist Emeritus*