



# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
September 30, 2018 • 9 & 11:15am



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# Welcome to Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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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

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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

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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](mailto:lgp@mapc.com).

# Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

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*You came to us as a child, O God, full of wonder and hope and promise, as all children are.  
Now we come to you as your children, dependent on you for our every need.  
Meet us in this hour, and stay with us every hour.*

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## Gathering in God's Name

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Prelude

Tierce en Taille  
(from *Premier Livre d'Orgue*, 1685)

*Nicolas Lebègue*  
(1631-1702)

Call to Worship

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

If you are filled with conviction, welcome home:

**here we proclaim that the world is beautiful and God is good.**

If you are filled with heartbreak, welcome home:

**here we offer comfort to those who weep and rest to those who are weary.**

If you are filled with questions, welcome home:

**here we nurture belief but make space for doubt.**

If you are filled with hope, welcome home:

**here when we worship, God is among us, and everything is possible.**

\*Hymn 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*St. Denio*

Prayer of Confession

Chesna E. Hinkley

**God of all wisdom and unending light,**

**We know what you desire for all children.**

**We know that you want them to laugh and love and learn and live.**

**Yet we confess that our world does not fully reflect that vision.**

**We confess that too many children lead desperate and defeated lives.**

**We confess that too many children experience poverty and pain and death.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**Help us to recover our hope and our courage,**

**for the sake of your children.**

**Help us to recover our faith,**

**for the sake of your children**

**and for the sake of the whole world.**

(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 musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first two lines of the hymn, and the second staff contains the next two lines. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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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

*Blaenwaern*

Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
heav'n to earth come down, Fix in us Thy  
hum - ble dwell-ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown!  
Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -  
bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev' - ry trem - bling heart.

The musical notation is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)  
Music: William Rowlands (1860-1937)

## \*Summary of God's Law

## \*Passing the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**



Anthem (11:15 am)

Little Innocent Lamb

*African American Spiritual*  
*arr. Ken Berg (b. 1956)*

Little lamb, little innocent lamb, I'm a-gonna serve God 'til I die.  
This old world says to get all that you can, but my Lord has offered a much better plan.  
This old world says to love only yourself. My Love says to love him above all else.  
'Cause there ain't no dyin' over there in that heavenly land. There will be joy!

Children's and T(w)een Choirs

Kathryn Tonking, Christian Henderson, and Margaret Macdonald, soloists

Our Life Together

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

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**Proclaiming God's Word**

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Prayer for Illumination

Christina A. Cosby

Old Testament Lesson

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 (OT page 427)

\*Psalm 124 (Hymn 236)

*Old 124th*

Lesson with the Children and Youth

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

*Children's Worship: Preschool through 3rd grades are dismissed to the Phillips Lounge.*

*Youth Worship: 4th through 8th grades are dismissed to the Dana Chapel.*

*They will return during the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.*

Epistle Lesson

James 5:13-20 (NT page 217)

Gospel Lesson

Elliot Henderson  
Mark 10:13-16 (NT page 43)

Sermon

Little Children:  
Our Sacred Responsibility

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

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**Responding to God's Word**

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\*Hymn 498 (11:15 am)

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

*Kingdom*

The Sacrament of Baptism (11:15 am)

Elder Kate Baier

John James Huss IV (John and Min Huss, parents)

Henry Keyser Woodworth (Courtney and Curt Woodworth, parents)

**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.**

Unison Prayer

**Holy God,**

**Remind us of the promises given to us in our own baptisms and renew our trust in you.  
Bind us to your Word and fill us with your Spirit,  
that together we may love one another, and serve you with joy,  
that others may see Christ in us and come to trust in him, as well. Amen.**

Aaronic Benediction (11:15 am)

*John Weaver*



Prayers of the People

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

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Children of the heav'nly Father  
safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven  
such a refuge e'er was given.  
God his own doth tend and nourish,  
in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them;  
in his mighty arms he bears them.

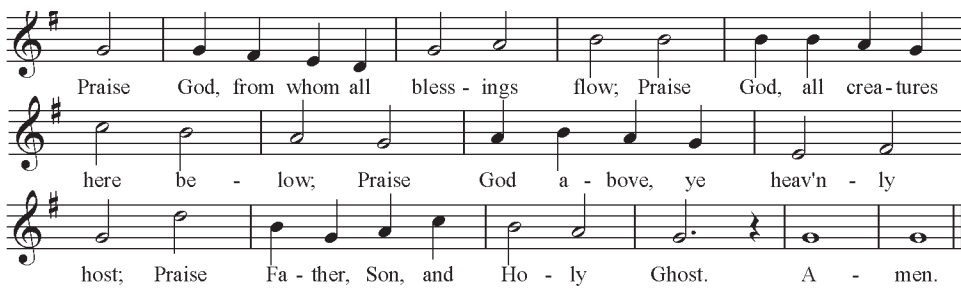
Neither life nor death shall ever  
from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth,  
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
his the loving purpose solely  
to preserve them pure and holy.

– Carolina Sandell Berg (1832-1903), trans. Ernst W. Olson (1870-1958)

\*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

*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

Hymn 515 (9 am)

Now to Your Table Spread

*Love Unknown*

*Please join in singing the hymn after returning to your pew.*

Anthem (11:15 am)

The Lord's Prayer (1999)

*John Tavener  
(1944-2013)*

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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us,

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

## Congregational Song (11:15 am)



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## Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

\*Hymn 495

We Know That Christ Is Raised

*Engelberg*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response

*Weaver*



\*Postlude

Grand Dialogue in C major

*Louis Marchand  
(1669-1732)*

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## Information and Announcements

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### Cover Art

Today's cover art, *Jesus Welcomes the Children*, was painted by Paul Oman. More of his work may be viewed at [pauloman.com](http://pauloman.com).

### High School Fellowship

Have you been looking for a space to call your own and reconnect with your church friends after a summer away or at camp? Join us Sunday mornings at 10:10 am on the 4th Floor of the Phillips Building. Don't want to come alone? Bring a friend!

### MAPC Serves

Youth, please consider the following hands-on service opportunities: Monday, October 1, at James Lenox House at 4 pm; and Thursday, October 4, here at MAPC for the Open Table at 6-8 pm.

### The Peace & Global Witness Offering

As followers of Christ, our work for peace begins in our own neighborhoods and extends to the ends of the earth. The Peace & Global Witness Offering allows every congregation to give 25 percent of the money received to a local organization. This year, we will give our 25 percent to New Life of New York City, a local organization that seeks to engage at-risk and vulnerable youth to resist unhealthy environments in order to encourage them to make good decisions. We hope we have piqued your interest in supporting this special offering on October 7th during worship, in order to put an end to hostilities and seek peace for those not only in NYC, but throughout the world.

### Blessing of the Animals

Do you have a beloved pet? Just love animals and enjoy having them around? Join us for our first Blessing of the Animals service on Wednesday, October 10, at 5:30 pm. We will gather outside on the Sanctuary steps and then travel together to the open, grassy area inside the entrance to Central Park on the south side of 72nd Street. If it's easier for you, meet us there. Please make sure your animals are leashed or otherwise properly restrained. If your pet doesn't travel well, bring a photo and we'll bless them that way. This is a great activity to share with friends and neighbors!

### Dinner with Mayada

Join us Monday, October 15, for our third annual Dinner with Mayada. Mayada Anjari is a refugee from Syria who has resettled in Jersey City. She is a remarkably talented cook, and these dinners are one way she helps support her family as they establish their lives here in the United States. Her cookbook, which Food and Wine lists as one of the best coming out this fall, will be available to buy. RSVP at [mapc.com](http://mapc.com), to Lissette Perez-Erazo at [lgp@mapc.com](mailto:lgp@mapc.com), or sign up during Fellowship Hour.

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## Weekly Calendar

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### Monday, October 1

4 pm	MAPC Serves	James Lenox House
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7 pm	Mom's Night Out	Offsite

### Tuesday, October 2

5 pm	Hood Library Fellowship	Library
6 pm	Day School Open House	Day School
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

### Wednesday, October 3

12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Phillips Lounge
4 pm	Shelter Leaders	Shelter Space
4 pm	Kid's Club	PH, PL, Gym, 5th Floor
4 pm	Wee Kids	4th Floor
4 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
5 pm	T(w)een Club	Phillips Lounge
6 pm	Cocaine Anonymous	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7 pm	Deacons	8th Floor

### Thursday, October 4

1 pm	Spiritual Growth & Faith	James Lenox House
6:30 pm	Open Table Meal	Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Recovery Group	Library
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7 pm	St. Andrew Chorale Rehearsal	5th Floor
8:30 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

### Friday, October 5

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
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### Saturday, October 6

No events scheduled; Church House closed

## Faces of Our Faith Fall Sermon Series

- Sept. 9      The Syrophoenician Woman: We Need Outsiders  
*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*
- Sept. 16     Lady Wisdom: Identity In a Time of Crisis  
*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*
- Sept. 23     James: Watch Your Mouth  
*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*
- Sept. 30     Little Children: Our Sacred Responsibility**  
*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*
- Oct. 7        Job: When the Worst Happens  
*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*
- Oct. 14       The Rich Man  
*Rev. Beverly Bartlett*
- Oct. 21       Bartimaeus: Patron Saint of Imagination  
*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*
- Oct. 28       James and John  
*Chesna Hinkley, seminary intern*

### 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*  
The 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*  
The Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman, *Pastoral Resident*  
Dr. Andrew E. Henderson, *Director of Music and Organist*  
Mary W. Huff, *Associate Director of Music and Director of the NYC Children's Chorus*  
Roger S. Pierce, Jr., *Director of Administration and Finance*  
Chesna E. Hinkley, *Seminary Intern*  
Audrey E. Webber, *Seminary Intern*  
The Rev. Dr. Fred R. Anderson, *Pastor Emeritus*  
Dr. John B. Weaver, *Director of Music and Organist Emeritus*