

The Pastoral Staff Letter

Sunday Worship
November 5, 2017
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Memorial Sunday



**Madison
Avenue
Presbyterian
Church**

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Worship Schedule

9 am & 11:15 am

Infant Nursery—4th Fl. Phillips Building, 8:30 am—1 pm

Toddler Nursery—4th Fl. Church House, 8:30 am—1 pm

This Sunday, The Rev. Dr. Eric O. Springsted is preaching. His sermon entitled ***"The Greatest is a Servant"*** will be based on the texts: Revelations 7:9-17; Psalm 34; 1 John 3:1-3; and Matthew 23:1-12. This being the first Sunday of the month, prayers for Healing & Wholeness will be offered during communion. Preview the latest Sunday [bulletin](#), or [listen](#) to sermons and service highlights from previous Sundays on MAPC's website.

Children's Worship, 9:15 am & 11:30 am, Phillips Lounge

Youth Worship, 9:15 am & 11:30 am, Dana Chapel

Fellowship Hour, 10 am & 12:30 pm, Lobby

Adult Education, 10:10 am, Dana Chapel (*more info inside*)

Church School, 10:10 am, 5th Floor

Youth Hour, 10:10 am, Youth Lounge

Church Choir Rehearsal, 10:20 am, Choir Room

Confirmation Class, 1:00 pm, Youth Lounge

Congregational Nominating Committee, 1 pm, Community Services Room

ESL Classes, 1 pm, 5th Floor

Overnight Shelter, 6:30 pm, Shelter Space

To Check out the Church's Calendar:

Go to the website at
[http://www.mapc.com/
calendar/calendar/](http://www.mapc.com/calendar/calendar/)

MAPC is on [Facebook](#)!

See you in church!
The Pastoral Staff

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Saturday

Reiki Level I Workshop, This Saturday, November 4, 9 am to 4 pm, 5th Floor



The MAPC Deacons are sponsoring a Level I Reiki workshop for any who are interested on Saturday, November 4. Reiki is a spiritual, hands-on healing technique first developed in Japan. Reiki is a Japanese word meaning “universal life energy,” and is helpful for relaxation, reducing stress and anxiety, easing pain, and promoting healing. Many hospitals use Reiki to complement medical treatment. Anyone can learn Reiki! It is not a reli-

gion and is practiced by people of all religions.

Our instructor for the workshop is Wendy Wade, who is a Reiki Master and long-time active member of St. James’ Episcopal Church. Wendy has given brief Reiki introductions to the MAPC Board of Deacons on more than one occasion, which led to the interest in offering a more in-depth Reiki Training Workshop.

The workshop will begin at 9 am and conclude at 4 pm, with an

hour for lunch. Wendy will give us a brief history and explanation of Reiki, teach us the basic technique, and lead us in practicing Reiki. There is no charge for this Level I training, but we do ask for a \$15 donation for coffee, snacks and lunch. You may sign up for the Reiki training by contacting Wendy De Los Santos in the church offices, wlds@mapc.com, or contact Associate Pastor Beverly Bartlett for more information, bab@mapc.com.

This Sunday

Adult Education

This Sunday, Dr. Darrell Guder will present a lecture titled “*How the Reformation Transformed the Western Church*” during our 10:10 am Adult Education hour.

Darrell Guder is the Henry Winters Luce Professor emeritus of missional and ecumenical theology at Princeton Theological Seminary. Before coming to Princeton, he served as seminary faculty in the field of mission at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Columbia Theological Seminary. He coordinated and edited the re-

search project published as *Missional Church: A Vision for the Sending of the Church in North America* in 1988. He has published *Be My Witness: The Church’s Mission, Message and Messengers* (1985); *The Incarnation and the Church’s Witness* (1999); *The Continuing Conversation of the Church* (2000); and most recently, *Called to Witness: Doing Missional Theology* (2015). He has published numerous essays and chapters focusing on primarily on the missional church conversation. He currently serves as the Director of the Center for Church Planting and

Revitalization at Princeton Theological Seminary, and he chairs the board of the Center for Barth Studies.

Please join us in the Dana Chapel as we celebrate the Reformation from a new angle.



Dr. Darrell Guder

Other Events & Announcements

A Reminder About Fall Fellowship Gatherings



The Fall Fellowship Gatherings in the homes of MAPC members sponsored by the Stewardship & Development Committee are well under way. Every member of the congregation has been invited to a gathering, in most cases, it is one in your neighbor-

hood.

Thanks to the many members who have already responded through the Paperless Post reply or in other ways. We are off to a good start. If you have not responded, the easiest way is to reply electronically.

We understand that the time of your invitation may not be convenient. We encourage all to attend an event. The full list of all eight gatherings is posted on the MAPC [website](#). If your original invitation is

on a difficult date, please select an event date that is convenient for your schedule and let us know your plans.

We want to combine congregational fellowship and stewardship through these gatherings. We will talk briefly about stewardship and development, have the chance to discuss other issues of interest, and have plenty of time for fellowship. Each gathering will include light refreshments.

The Stewardship & Development Committee

Highlights of the October Session Meeting

The Session met in regular session on October 24. Click [here](#) for more information.

Moms Night Out November 6, 7 pm

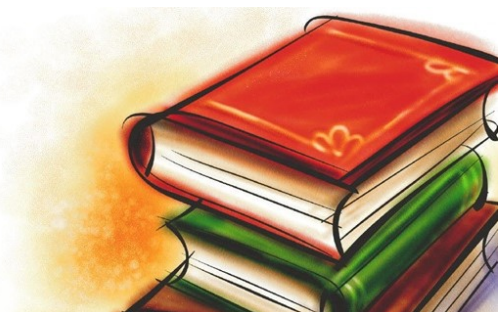
All MAPC Moms are invited to a Moms Night Out on November 6. We will meet at an Upper East Side restaurant at 7 pm and enjoy conversation and a nice meal together. Treat yourself to this evening out with other MAPC Moms! RSVP to Wendy De Los Santos in the church offices, wdds@mapc.com. When we know how many are coming, we will make a reservation.



Hood Library Fellowship Annual Book Sale Sunday, November 12

During the Fellowship Hours after each morning service on Sunday, November 12, you will find members of the Hood

Library Fellowship behind tables of books for sale in the Church House Lobby. There will be all sorts of fiction and non-fiction, both hardbound and paperback, "coffee table books," and religious books. You are sure to find either some Christmas gifts or winter-reading material for yourself. Come browse the books while you enjoy your coffee/tea, cookie and conversation!



RSVP Now for Dinner with Mayada and Friends Monday, November 13, 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall



Last April, we hosted “Dinner with Mayada and Friends” as a special women’s fellowship evening. It was a popular event. The only complaint we got was that it was a women’s gathering rather than being open to the entire congregation, so we have planned another one as a congregation-wide event! Mayada, her husband, and their four children are Syrian refugees that the Rutgers Presbyterian Church has helped to sponsor as they resettle in this country.

Mayada is a wonderful cook, and “Dinners with Mayada” have given her an opportunity to raise money for her family, while giving those who attend a chance to enjoy Syrian food and learn more about what it is like for this family to begin again in a new home.

Please plan on joining us for Dinner with Mayada and Friends on Monday, November 13, 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. All proceeds from this dinner will go to Mayada to help support her family. We hope to have members from the second Syrian refugee family Rutgers has sponsored with us as well.

The suggested donation for adults is \$40, \$20 for children under 16. RSVP to Wendy De Los Santos in the church offices, wlds@mapc.com, or sign up and pay online [here](#). Click on the *Give Online* button and select “Special Event” from the drop-down list. We hope to see you there!



Give to Support Disaster Relief



A Texas National Guardsman carries a resident from her flooded home following Hurricane Harvey in Houston.

The destruction from recent hurricanes has been widely published and work has begun to help people recover. Residents of Texas, Florida, Louisiana, Puerto Rico, Barbuda, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, and elsewhere will be impacted for years to come. Many are still trying to meet immediate and basic human needs. Fires in the Western United States have destroyed homes and displaced many. Natural disasters continue to affect people throughout our world—including famine in South Sudan. Please pray for those affected.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), an entity of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), continues to accept donations to support its work and that of its partners to address needs throughout the world. If you would be willing to donate to this cause, you may do so [online](#) by selecting “Disaster Relief Fund” or by designating an additional gift in our Sunday offering for disaster relief.

SAMS Choral Subscriptions



Choral Subscriptions for our Saint Andrew Chorale & Orchestra season are now available! Save up to 20% off individual ticket prices in advance or at the door by purchasing a [Choral Subscription](#). Tickets may be used for either of our two choral concerts taking place during our 53rd Season: on Sunday, November 19 (featuring Haydn’s *Harmoniemesse* and works by Schubert and Mendelssohn), and Sunday, March 25, 2018 (Bach’s *St. Matthew Passion*). Choral subscriptions are available for \$40 each. Tickets may be purchased anytime online at the [Brown Paper Tickets](#) website!

Christian Education at MAPC

Call for Children's Worship and Youth Worship Volunteers

MAPC believes in the importance of incorporating children in worship through an interactive environment tailored to their needs. For this reason, we provide a time during the regularly scheduled worship services for children to engage in a liturgy designed for them, and a Bible lesson that mirrors the Sunday sermon. Our hope is this experience allows parents and children the opportunity to discuss the day's scripture passage together. This ministry of MAPC heavily depends on your willingness to volunteer. If you would like to sign-up or have questions, please contact Christina Cosby, cac@mapc.com or (212) 288-8920 x8480.

Children and Family Ministries

Children's Worship

Children's worship takes place during both Sunday services (9 am and 11:15 am), and is an interactive worship service designed specifically for children 3rd grade and under.

Youth Worship

Youth worship occurs during both Sunday Services (9 am and 11:15 am). All children 4th grade and up are invited to attend.

Kids Club

It is not too late to sign up for this year's after school program at MAPC. Kids Club this year takes place on Wednesday afternoons from 3:45-6:00 pm. More information can be found on the MAPC [website](#).



Church School

Church School takes place each Sunday morning during the 10 am hour. This time is designed for elementary-aged children to join together in song and Bible study. To register, please fill out the Children Ministries' form that can be found [here](#) on the website. We look forward to seeing you this Sunday!



Christina A. Cosby,
Director of Christian
Formation at MAPC

Middle and High School Ministries

T(w)een Club

This after-school program is for students in 6th grade and older, and takes place on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00-6:00 pm. More information can be found on the [website](#).



Sunday Youth Hour

We hope to see you this Sunday at 10:10 am in the Youth Lounge on the 5th Floor!

James Lenox House Service Project

November 13, 2017 meet in the Church House Lobby at 3:45 pm

James Lenox House is an outreach partner of MAPC, and a residential community for seniors 55 years of age and older. During our time together, our focus is to help the residents with technology, reading mail, sorting papers, and engaging in intergeneration community.

If you or your child is interested in participating, please let Christina Cosby know by emailing her at cac@mapc.com or by calling 212-288-8920 x8480 before Thursday, November 9, 2017.



Please stay tuned for more fall service opportunities coming up, or go to the MAPC [website](http://www.mapc.com) to find a complete list.

Bible Studies at MAPC

Looking for a place to read Scripture together and get to know people at MAPC? Come to one of our Bible Studies; newcomers are always welcome! For more information, go to <http://www.mapc.com/christian-ed/adultclasses/>.

Reading Through the Bible:

12:30 pm-1:30 pm, Phillips Lounge

Reading Through the Bible meets every Wednesday in the Phillips Lounge. Next week we will pick up with Psalm 37!

20s/30s Group: (Next Meeting is Thursday, November 16, 2017)

5:30-8 pm, in the Youth Lounge on the 5th Floor

If you are in your twenties or thirties, join us for a time of fellowship and food as we enjoy Fall festivities.

Women's Bible Study: (Next Meeting is Monday, November 6, 2017)

1st and 3rd Mondays, 6:30 pm, Phillips Lounge

Currently, we are studying Paul's letters. Come join us for an enriching conversation as we read the Second Letter to the Thessalonians! We welcome all to a time of fellowship beforehand beginning at 6 pm. Bring your dinner and engage in conversation as we learn more about faith and each other.

Men's Bible Study:

The Men's Bible Study is on hiatus and will resume in January, 2018.

Stay Connected to Worship at MAPC

Did you know that even if you're away or unable to make it to church that you can listen to Sunday worship services at MAPC? Sermons and service highlights (including scripture lessons, hymns and anthems)

are uploaded afterwards, and are permanently accessible. They can be downloaded to your electronic device or listened to directly on MAPC's website: [peruse](http://www.mapc.com) this valuable online re-

source today! Once ready for print, our Sunday bulletins are also uploaded to our website on Thursday afternoons and are made permanently available for download.

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Flowers for the Sanctuary

Is there someone you would like to honor or remember through a gift of flowers for Sunday worship? If so, please contact Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com or 212-288-8920. The cost for Sunday flowers is \$110.

Thank You for Filling the New York Common Pantry Grocery Carts

The New York Common Pantry, the city's largest private food pantry and long-time MAPC Outreach partner, is asking for your continued support: canned or dried beans, canned chicken/salmon/tuna, rice, dried pasta, fresh or canned vegetables, and peanut butter. Please—no glass containers. You can drop off items in the grocery carts in the Church House Lobby or the Sanctuary Narthex, or you could even order groceries to be delivered through one of your grocers. (8 East 109th Street, New York, NY 10029, Phone: 917-720-9700). Thank you for taking seriously Christ's command to "feed my sheep!"

Clothing Donations Needed for Women and Men

The Homeless Outreach Program at Jan Hus Presbyterian Church, one of MAPC's long-term outreach partners, continues to see a dramatic increase of homeless persons seeking assistance. Both casual and business clothing for men and women, as well as new undergarments, are among their most urgent needs. If you have clothing items in clean and neat condition, we encourage you to take them to the Jan Hus Clothes Pantry at 351 East 74th Street at 1st Avenue. The clothes pantry is available to take donations Monday through Saturday from 8 am-8pm and on Sunday from 9 am-3:30 pm. NOTE: Please bring all clothing to Jan Hus **directly**—clothing may no longer be left in the coatroom off of the MAPC Church House Lobby.

Hands-on Ministries

Ways to get involved at MAPC with hands and hearts!

"Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." The following opportunities to participate in hands-on ministries are provided by the Outreach Committee. If you are interested in exploring any of these opportunities, e-mail Andy Smothers at ads@mapc.com. Let's put our faith into action!

The Thursday Shelter Dinner Needs YOU!

Can you spare 2 hours on a Thursday evening from 6-8 pm? If so, then you can help feed 120 hungry neighbors a hot meal, offering them Christian hospitality.

Please contact Kathy Hoffman at kfhoffman@earthlink.net.

Host at the Shelter

Hosts are needed for the Shelter! The Shelter is comfortable and the experience of helping these men get their lives back on track is one that will change your heart. Two shifts are offered each evening. Early evening hosts volunteer from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm; overnight hosts volunteer from 8:30 pm to 7 am. Contact Andy Smothers at ads@mapc.com for more information.

Search and Care

Can you spend an afternoon with an elderly person on the Upper

Eastside to walk their pet, go with them to a doctor's appointment, help them shop, balance their checkbook or even just offer them the gift of companionship? If so, contact Robin Strashun at SandC@searchandcare.org.

New York Common Pantry

The New York Common Pantry offers opportunities for volunteers to help pack and distribute food to the working poor on Saturday mornings and other times each week. MAPC has supported this very well-organized and effective organization since its inception 30 years ago. This is a wonderful way to follow Christ's command to "feed my sheep!"