

The Church House will be closed Veterans Day—Monday, November 11, 2019.

## The Pastoral Staff Letter

Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 9 am & 11:15 am  
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Worship:** Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt will preach her sermon, “\_ Accepts with Pleasure; \_ Declines with Regret” based on the texts: Isaiah 55:1-5, 10-13; Psalm 106; and Matthew 22:1-14.



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9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:15 am	Children's Worship	Phillips Lounge
10:10 am	Fellowship Hour	Lobby
10:10 am	Adult Education: Gratitude	Parish Hall
10:10 am	Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grade)	5th Floor
10:10 am	Open Playtime Toddlers -11 yrs	Gym/Roof Garden
10:20 am	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Children's Worship	Phillips Lounge
12:30 pm	Fellowship Hour	Parish Hall
1:00 pm	Shelter Open House	Shelter Space
1:00 pm	ESL Classes	5th Floor
1:00 pm	Confirmation Class	Parish Hall
3:00 pm	SAMS Concert: Misuzu Tanaka	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Fall Fellowship Gathering	W. 92nd St.

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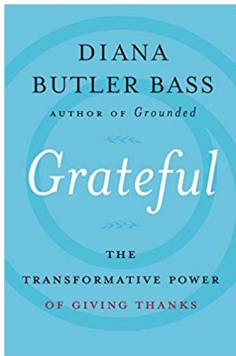
*Come to the Table*  
Sermon Series

The sermon series continues Sunday, November 10.

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## Sunday, November 10

### Faithful Living in Challenging Times: Live in Gratitude Through November 10



Today we conclude the Faithful Living in Challenging Times series with the theme, “Live in Gratitude,” as we read Part Four of Diana Butler Bass's book *Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks*. Join Rev. Beverly Bartlett at 10:10 am in the Parish Hall.

11/10  
10:10 am

### Christmas Angels

**Sunday, November 10**, during Fellowship Hour in between services and after the 11:15 am service.



For many years, MAPC has partnered with the Church of Gethsemane in Brooklyn to provide gifts to families who need a little extra help during the Christmas season. Stop by the Church House Lobby during both Fellowship Hours on November 10th to learn more about this ministry and pick up an angel (or two!) so that families will have a few gifts to open Christmas morning. Wrapped gifts must be returned to MAPC by Sunday, December 1st. Please drop all gifts off with the receptionist. Questions or concerns? Contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at [rmh@mapc.com](mailto:rmh@mapc.com).

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### Shelter Open House

Visit our shelter at 1 pm on **Sunday, November 10** to learn more about the volunteer opportunities. The shelter leaders are specifically in need of overnight hosts (8:30 pm – 6:30 am) and are always looking for early shift hosts (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm). Questions? Please contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at [rmh@mapc.com](mailto:rmh@mapc.com).

11/10  
1 pm

### *Music on Madison: Misuzu Tanaka, piano*



The next concert of the Saint Andrew Music Society's 55<sup>th</sup> Season is on **Sunday, November 10** at 3 pm, featuring virtuosic Japanese pianist Misuzu Tanaka. Her performance on the *Music on Madison* series features a program including her critically lauded performance of Prokofiev's *Sonata No. 2 in D minor*, with Bach's "Italian Concerto" and selections from Rachmaninoff's *Preludes*, alongside works by Beethoven and Janáček. [Tickets](#) can be purchased in advance or at the door -\$25; \$20 – Students/Seniors 62+; children 12 & under are free.

11/10  
3 pm

### *The Newly Formed Adult Education Committee Seeks Your Input! Survey*

The former Christian Education Committee has been divided into two separate committees: Children and Youth Ministries and Adult Education. The Adult Education Committee has created a quick survey and encourages all MAPC members to fill it out. Are you a regular at our Sunday morning Adult Education classes? Have you never been able to attend? Is Evening Bible Study your thing? Is there a particular topic you would like to discuss or learn more about? Are there times that would be more convenient for you? We want to know all of this and more! Please click on the link below and fill out the form on the church's secure website.



If you would rather fill out a hard copy, they will be available on Sunday morning, November 10<sup>th</sup> during fellowship hours. MAPC has a rich history of high quality adult education. We want to build on that and welcome your input as we work to grow this ministry and grow in faith together.

Link to Survey: <https://www.mapc.com/education/adult-education/mapc-adult-education-survey/>



## November 2019

### Congregational Nominating Committee

The Congregational Nominating Committee has begun its work of considering people to nominate for offices of Elder, Deacon and Trustee for the class of 2023. As a part of its work, the committee always asks members of the congregation to suggest potential candidates. If you wish to suggest one or several people to the committee, please email or speak with its Chair, Elder Nickie Christin ([nickie@aol.com](mailto:nickie@aol.com)), or Vice Chair, Elder Curtis Field ([family\\_field@earthlink.com](mailto:family_field@earthlink.com)). Your suggestion will be appreciated and taken seriously in the nomination process. Please ensure that your suggestions are in the committee's hands no later than **Wednesday, November 13**. due  
11/13

### Moms' Night Out

MAPC Moms, come enjoy a relaxing, low-key night out before the rush of the holiday season begins! You deserve it! We will meet at 7 pm on **Thursday, November 14** at Canyon Road restaurant, 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and 77<sup>th</sup> St., for dinner and conversation. Moms' Night Out is for mothers with children of all ages, and is an opportunity to get to know one another and share stories and experiences. Please let us know you are coming so we can adjust the reservation accordingly. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Eraza in the church office at [lgp@mapc.com](mailto:lgp@mapc.com). 11/14  
7 pm

### Fridays for Children – Let's Give Thanks!



On **Friday, November 15** at 5:15pm, all families are invited to the Parish Hall for our Fridays for Children program. Gratitude will be the theme of the night! So, expect games, a story time, an activity to take home, and choir for first graders and older with Mary Huff, the Associate Director of Music at MAPC and the Director of the NYC Children's Chorus. 11/15  
5:15  
pm

Contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at [rmh@mapc.com](mailto:rmh@mapc.com) to sign-up early. You're also welcome to register your child(ren) at the church on the night of the 15th. All forms will be provided.

### Tell Me More About MAPC

For those interested in exploring the possibility of membership or learning more about who we are and what we do, we are hosting a "Tell Me More About MAPC" conversation on **Saturday, November 16** at 9:30 am in the Phillips Lounge. Childcare provided with advance request. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Eraza at [lgp@mapc.com](mailto:lgp@mapc.com). 11/16  
9 am

### Pledge Dedication Sunday

Next Sunday, November 17, is Pledge Dedication Sunday. In prayerfully considering your 2020 financial commitment to MAPC, please complete a pledge card and bring it with you to worship, where it will be received with gratitude to God. A Congregational Brunch in the Parish Hall will follow each service. Pledge cards were mailed to all members. Additional cards are available in the pews. You may also pledge online at [mapc.com](http://mapc.com). Thank you for your faithful generosity. 11/17

### Hood Library Fellowship Annual Book Sale

On **Sunday, November 24**, the Hood Library Fellowship will have tables full of books for sale in the Church House Lobby during the fellowship hours between services. Please come browse the books while you enjoy your coffee, tea, cookies and conversation! You'll find fiction and non-fiction, and "coffee table" books. Come buy Christmas gifts for the readers and book lovers on your list, or stock up on your own reading material for the winter months. The Library Fellowship uses the proceeds to keep their collection current. 11/24

### Saint Andrew Chorale and Orchestra



On **Sunday, November 24** at 3 pm the Saint Andrew Chorale and Orchestra will open their 55th season with two mid-twentieth century choral masterworks: Poulenc's *Gloria* and the ebullient, full orchestration of Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*. Choristers from the New York City Children's chorus will perform Randall Thompson's *The Place of the Blest* for treble chorus and orchestra, which is featured on their soon-to-be-released recording, *Christmas in New York*. Tickets: \$30 (\$25 - Seniors 62+ / Students); Children 12 & under are free! 11/24  
3 pm  
<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4315572>

### MAPC Day School Application

MAPC families with young children are invited to apply to The Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church Day School, which offers innovative programming for children ages 4 month through 5 years old. Our classes for babies and toddlers are open to the public. Our preschool application deadline (for children who will be between two and five years old by August 31, 2020) is **Saturday, November 30**. Please see our website at <https://www.mapcds.org> for information and our online application. due 11/30

## 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!

**Evening Bible Study:** 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, 7 pm, 8th Fl. (The next meeting is **November 18.**) The group is currently reading N.T. Wright's book, *Simply Jesus*. For November 18, we will be discussing chapters 12-14.

**Women's Bible Study** is currently on hiatus and will resume January 13, 2020. The group meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 6:30 pm, Library.

**Reading Through the Bible:** Wednesdays, 12:30 pm-1:30 pm, Phillips Lounge. This Wednesday we will be reading Ezekiel.

**20s/30s Bible Study**  
1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday, 6 pm, 8th Fl.

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## Hands-on Ministries

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, email Rev. Rebecca Heilman at [rmh@mapc.com](mailto:rmh@mapc.com).

### Thursday Night Open Table

Can you spare two 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](mailto:kfhoffman@earthlink.net) to volunteer for this opportunity.

### Host at the Shelter

Take this time to consider being a host for the shelter! Two shifts are offered each evening, Mondays through Thursday. Early evening hosts volunteer from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm; overnight hosts volunteer from 8:30 pm to 7:00 am. If being a host is not for you, drop off some dinner, breakfast, or desert! If you would like to know more about the shelter please contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at [rmh@mapc.com](mailto:rmh@mapc.com).

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## New York Common Pantry

The New York Common Pantry is always looking for donations! Please help through gifts of **canned or dried beans, canned chicken/salmon/tuna, rice, dried pasta, canned vegetables, and peanut butter** (no glass containers). Your gifts may be dropped off in the grocery cart found in the Church House Lobby. You may also order groceries to be delivered to their site: 8 East 109<sup>th</sup> St. New York, NY 10029. They are not only looking for donations, but volunteers as well! Help pack and distribute food any day of the week. For more information, contact NYCP at 917-720-9700.

Monday, November 11

Church House closed—Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 12

6:30 pm	Congregational Nurture Committee	Phillips Lounge
6:30 pm	Personnel Committee	Pastor's Study
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Outreach Committee	Hood Library

Wednesday, November 13

7:30 am	Evangelism Committee	Hood Library
12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Phillips Lounge
5:30 pm	Middle School Choir & Fellowship	Choir Room; PL
6:00 pm	Congregational Nominating Committee	6th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:30 pm	Worship & Music Committee	Pastor's Study

Thursday, November 14

6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table	Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Moms' Night Out	Canyon Road 1st Ave.
8:30 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, November 15

5:15 pm	Fridays for Children	5th Floor; Parish Hall
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Saturday, November 16

9:30 am	Tell Me More About MAPC	Phillips Lounge
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Sunday, November 17

	Pledge Dedication Sunday	
9:00 & 11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:15 & 11:30 am	Children's Worship	Phillips Lounge
10:00 & 12:30 pm	Pledge Dedication Brunch	Lobby
10:10 am	Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grade)	5th Floor
10:10 am	Adult Education: Live in Gratitude	Parish Hall
10:20 am	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
1:00 pm	ESL Classes	5th Floor

A number of recovery groups meet regularly at the church throughout the week. For a current list of groups and meeting times, please see [mapc.com/supportgroups](http://mapc.com/supportgroups).

**Baptism:** Interested in having your child baptized at MAPC? Contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at [rmh@mapc.com](mailto:rmh@mapc.com) about attending an orientation session. Baptisms are then scheduled in conversation with Senior Pastor Rev. Jenny McDevitt to ensure the timing meets the needs of your family.

## Advent Festival, Sunday, December 1st after the 10:30 am Worship Service (Remember, just one service on this Sunday!)

Let's start the season of Advent with MAPC's first ever churchwide Advent Festival! All members, families, ages, and friends are welcome for lunch in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 am service with various activities and crafts to follow – Advent wreath-making, paper-lace banners for the church, ornament making, cookie decorating, and a service project. The labyrinth will be available in the gym for reflective prayer, and Advent calendars and devotions will be distributed to use at home as we wait for light to enter the world. We'll close the festival with Advent devotions. A free-will offering will be received for lunch, and there will be a minimal suggested donation for wreath-making to help cover the cost of materials.

There will be something for everyone, and you won't want to miss it!

## Fall & Winter 2019 Highlights at MAPC

### November

Thursday, November 14, 7 pm—Moms' Night Out, Canyon Road Restaurant

Friday, November 15, 5:15 pm—Fridays for Children, Parish Hall

Sunday, November 17—Pledge Dedication Sunday with congregational brunches

Friday, November 22—NYCCC Benefit

Sunday, November 24—Hood Library Fellowship Annual Book Sale

Sunday, November 24, 3 pm—Choral Concert: Poulenc, Bernstein & Randall Thompson;  
Saint Andrew Chorale & Orchestra

### December

Sunday, December 1, 10:30 am—One Sunday morning worship service at 10:30 am.

Sunday, December 1, 11:45 am—Congregational Lunch & Advent Festival

Wednesday, December 4, 7 pm—Company of Deacons

Wednesday, December 11, 6-8 pm—Congregational Dinner & Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 15, 4 pm—Annual Carol Sing, Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 18, 6 pm—Blue Christmas, Dana Chapel

### 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](mailto:lgp@mapc.com) or 212-288-8920. The cost for Sunday flowers is \$110.