

# *The Pastoral Staff Letter*

**Sunday Worship  
November 12, 2017  
23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

## **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 ***“What are We Waiting For?”*** will be based on the texts: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; and Matthew 25:1-13. 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 pm, Youth Lounge**

**Congregational Nominating Committee, 1 pm, Community Services Room**

**Shelter Orientation, 1 pm, Shelter Space**

**ESL Classes, 1 pm, 5th Floor**

**Music on Madison: Juilliard 415, 3 pm, Sanctuary**

**Fall Fellowship Gathering, 6:30 pm, Offsite**

**Overnight Shelter, 6:30 pm, Shelter Space**



**Madison  
Avenue  
Presbyterian  
Church**

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### **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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# This Sunday

## Adult Education

This Sunday, Dr. Darrell Guder will continue the second part of his series on the Reformation. His lecture entitled, "*The Trajectory of the Reformation Today*", discusses the Reformation's continued trajectory in the world today. We look forward to seeing you at 10:10 am this Sunday.

Please join us in the Dana Chapel.

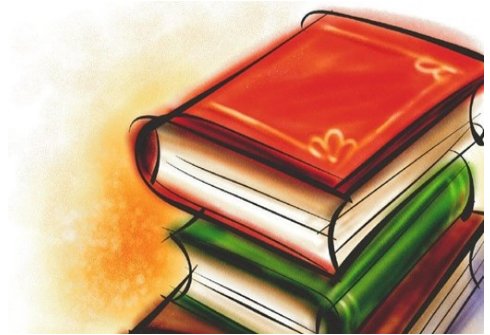


Dr. Darrell Guder

## Hood Library Fellowship Annual Book Sale This Sunday

During the Fellowship Hours after each morning service this coming Sunday, 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!



## Music on Madison: Juilliard415



**This Sunday at 3 pm**, rising stars from The Juilliard School's renowned historical performance program, Juilliard415, will be joined by celebrated Baroque violinist Monica Huggett in performances of chamber works by French 18th-Century composer François Couperin, including *La Sultane*; *L'Apothéose de Corelli*; and *L'Apothéose de Lulli*. The Juilliard musicians will be joined by an actor from the Juilliard School's Drama Division to present these colorful works in a unique context! Admission (at the door) is \$25 (\$20—Students/Seniors); Children 12 and under: free. Will Call tickets are also available [online](#).

## Shelter Open House/Orientation—November 12 at 1 pm

Our Men's Shelter is still working to build back to a 7-night-a-week program and needs your help. Would you be willing to volunteer periodically for our evening or overnight shifts? Men are screened before arriving at the shelter and are often nearly ready to leave the shelter system. Men, women, and couples are welcome to volunteer as hosts for either shift. Two shifts are available.

Our evening hosts welcome guests and heat food for our guests from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm among other tasks. Our overnight hosts sleep in a separate and locked room within the shelter and help prepare breakfast in the morning. Overnight hosts serve from 8:30 pm to 7 am. Shelter leaders will be leading an Open House/Orientation in the MAPC Shelter Space at 1 pm

on Sunday, November 12. Attendance does not signify a commitment to volunteer but is a great chance to learn more about homelessness in New York City and our MAPC/St. James' Shelter. It can also be a way to start your training to become a volunteer. Contact Andy Smothers at [ads@mapc.com](mailto:ads@mapc.com) for more information.

## Other Events & Announcements

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

There are still a few places left for this coming Monday's Dinner with Mayada! 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. Two or three of the sisters from the Khoja family, the second Syrian family that Rutgers helped sponsor, will be 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, [wdls@mapc.com](mailto:wdls@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!

We will not be serving wine at this dinner, but you are welcome to BYOB.



## James Lenox House Service Project for Middle & High School Youth

*This Monday, 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 intergenerational community. If you or your child is interested in participating, please let Christina Cosby know by emailing her at [cac@mapc.com](mailto:cac@mapc.com) or by calling 212-288-8920 x8480 before Thursday, November 9, 2017.





## Stewardship Sunday, November 19

It's coming! All members should have received this week a stewardship letter, a pledge card, and a brochure describing the church's programs and finances. Read the letter and the brochure. Prayerfully consider your commitment to the church for 2018. Then, fill out the pledge card and come to worship on Sunday, November 19. During the service there will be a grand opportunity for all of us to put that commitment together into the font, the very place that our Christian life began.

Following each service there will be a brunch served as a way of getting together as our

church's thanksgiving for all that we have received as a church in this past year.

If you cannot be in worship on the 19th, please take time to mail your pledge card to the church this week or the very near future. Or, you can also make a pledge online by going to <http://www.mapc.com/giving/> and clicking on the "Give Online" key.

If anything in your stewardship letter was missing or incorrect, hard copies of all the materials will be available this Sunday morning.



## Snakes, Snails & Puppy Dog Tails


This **Tuesday, November 14 at 6 pm** you are welcome to attend the first performance of our New York City Children's Chorus Training Chorus. In this half-hour concert sung by our Prelude, Intermezzo & Allegro ensembles you will hear music about our furry and not-so-furry friends by Brahms, Britten & Copland. Mary Huff, director; Andrew Henderson, accompanist—Admission is Free!



## Highlights of the October Session Meeting

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

## Thank You for the Food Offering



*Special Offering  
for  
MAPC Food Programs*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge Number \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Thanks to all who participated in the Food Offering on November 5! We collected \$355 which will all be used to offset the rising costs of our various feeding ministries here at MAPC. The next Food Offering will be received Sunday, December 3. If you missed this opportunity to donate, you can also make also make an online gift anytime by selecting "Food Offering" beside the gift amount you designate. Thank you!

## 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](mailto: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

Families are always welcome to sign up for this year's Kids Club. This year's program takes place on Wednesday afternoons from 3:45-6:00 pm. More information can be found on the MAPC [website](http://www.mapc.com) or contact Christina Cosby at [cac@mapc.com](mailto:cac@mapc.com).



### 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

Currently, Tweens and Teens are exploring how faith intersects science during church school. This week's discussion will focus on the question, "*Is Everything in the Bible True?*" We hope to see you this Sunday at 10:10 am in the Youth Lounge on the 5th Floor!

*Please stay tuned for more fall service opportunities coming up, or go to the MAPC [website](#) 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 42! Please note that Reading Through the Bible will not meet on Wednesday, November 22.

### 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 20, 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](#) 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.



## Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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**We're on the  
web  
[www.mapc.com](http://www.mapc.com)**

### 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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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!"