

The Pastoral Staff Letter

Sunday Worship November 26, 2017 Christ the King/Reign of Christ



**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 **“Love Wins”** will be based on the texts: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; and Matthew 25:31-46. 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

Advent Workshop, 10:10 am, Lobby

Church Choir Rehearsal, 10:20 am, Choir 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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Advent Workshop

MAPC tradition holds that the Sunday following Thanksgiving Day we make an Advent craft together as a church family. This Sunday, join us during the Christian Education 10:10 am hour in the Church House Lobby to make a Nativity Scent from ordinary materials, as we anticipate the Advent season. We look forward to seeing you there!



Other Events & Announcements

Church Family Night,
December 1, 6 to 9 pm
in the Parish Hall



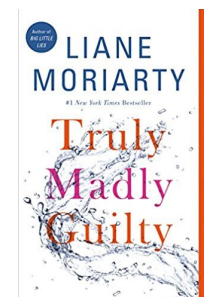
Come enjoy a relaxing evening of fun and fellowship at the start of a crazy season. In addition to our usual dinner, movie, craft and gym time, we are adding Christmas carols to this Church Family Night. Come enjoy singing your favorites. We need to know how many to plan for, so please let us know ASAP if you are coming: RSVP to Wendy De Los Santos in the church offices, wlds@mapc.com. We ask for a \$20 donation for adults and a children over 12, and a donation of your choice for your child, based on their appetite.

Senior Fellowship Lunch,
Sunday, December 10
at 1 pm in the Parish Hall

MAPC Seniors and friends, please come downstairs to the Parish Hall after coffee hour to enjoy a relaxing time of fellowship with a light lunch on Sunday, December 10. Suggested donation for lunch is \$10.

MAPC Book Club on Hiatus
until January 16, 2018

Due to holiday travel plans, the MAPC Book Club, has decided to take a break until January 16, the regularly scheduled third Tuesday of the month date. The book for the January meeting will be *Truly, Madly, Guilty* by Liane Moriarty. Please pick up a copy and plan to join the book group at 4 pm, January 16 in the Hood Library—you have plenty of time to read it!



Company of Deacons Gathering,
December 6, 7 pm in the Parish Hall

Once again, the Board of Deacons will host a Company of Deacons gathering in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, December 6. All MAPC folk who have been ordained a deacon, whether they currently

serve on the Board or not, are invited to attend. We will have some delicious refreshments and engage in conversation on how we provide a ministry of compassion in the midst of anxious times.

Yoga for Every Body, December 8 and 22, 9 am on the 5th Floor



Come enjoy a relaxing hour of yoga in this very busy month. You will feel much more grounded as you face the December whirl of activity and demands. Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience. Please bring a mat (we have a few available to borrow, if you don't have one) and any yoga props you own: blocks or straps. We begin at 9 am on the 5th floor, and ask for a \$20 donation to help cover the teacher's fee.

Music on Madison: *Christmas on Madison Avenue,* on Sunday, December 3 at 3 pm



The Concert Choir of our New York City Children's Chorus will sing seasonal choral works for treble voices including excerpts from Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* & Randall Thompson's *The Place of the Blest*, plus works by Norman Luboff and Paul Halley—including the world premiere of Halley's *The Bright Daystar*, composed for the 5th Anniversary of the NYCCC. Tickets are available in advance at www.mapc.com/music/sams or at the door; admission is \$25 (\$20—Students/Seniors); Children 12 and under: free.

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. You may visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b45aaa623a4f49-childrens> for a complete list of opportunities to engage with this ministry.

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

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday there is no Kids Club or Wee Kids this week. Enjoy time with your family and

friends.

Church School

Church School are invited to make Advent crafts with their families and Church School teachers in the Church House Lobby during the 10:10 am Christian Education hour this Sunday, November 26, 2017.

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Youth Outing

Monday, November 27 at 4:30 pm meet in the Church House Lobby

MAPC families are invited to participate in this year's World Vision Give-back Gift Shop. This interactive shop allows families and youth to give back to our community and communities around the globe by learning what lives are like in Africa.

Families, children, and youth can enjoy: taking a picture with a live goat, traveling to Africa through a virtual-reality experience, taking part in a water walk, making a care-kit to help

Middle and High School Ministries

T(w)een Club

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday there is no T(w)een Club this week. Enjoy time with your family and friends.

Sunday Youth Hour

We hope that youth will join us for the Advent Workshop this Sunday in the Church House Lobby at 10:10 am.

Youth Service Group

Thursday, December 1 at 6 pm in the Parish Hall

Our next service opportunity is serving a warm meal to our neighbors who struggle with food insecurity. If you are interested in attending this service opportunity, please contact Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com.



those in the US affected by natural disasters, and play in the 180-degree snow globe photo booth.

MAPC has a long tradition of caring for, offering support, and praying for African communities. This is a wonderful way that our youngest members can better understand this outreach ministry of our church. I hope that you, your children and fam-

ily will consider taking part in this opportunity.

Children and adults of all ages are welcome to participate. We look forward to helping our community and learning about African culture together. Hope to see you on November 27!

Please stay tuned for more Fall service opportunities coming up, or go to the [MAPC website](http://www.mapc.com) for a complete list or click here to find an [easy-to-print calendar](#).

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. On November 29th we will pick up with Psalm 48.

20s/30s Group: (Next Meeting is Thursday, November 30, 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 and a time of Bible study.

Women's Bible Study: (Next Meeting is Monday, December 4, 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.