

## SHOEMAKER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS 2011



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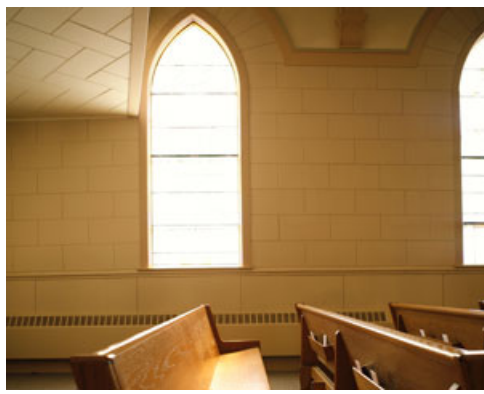
2011. The Seminary welcomes the Rev. Dr. John Fiedler, senior minister of First United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, as the Shoemaker Distinguished Preacher, and the Rev. Charles Ryu, pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Middletown, N.Y., as the Shoemaker Distinguished Liturgist. The pair will lead daily worship services Monday-Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the Hicks Chapel. Additionally, Ryu will lead a special Wednesday evening musical worship service Oct. 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Knox Room. The community is welcome to attend.

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Ryu serves St. Paul's United Methodist Church. He is a graduate of Boston University (B.A.), The University of Chicago (M.A.), Yale University (M.Div. and S.T.M.), and State University of New York at New Paltz, School of Fine and Performing Arts (B.A.). In addition to his work in ministry, Ryu is a trained pianist. He has also served the national church through his work on the PAM (Presbyterian Association of Musicians) National Executive Board; Council on Worship, Arts and Culture; National Committee on Camping and Retreat Ministries; and Executive Committee of Transgeneration Ministry of Korean American United Methodists.

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