

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:00 a.m.

Class	Teachers
Nursery (8:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.)	Certified and professional
Pre-K (3-5)	Michelle Mullineaux, Doug House, Karen Dunlap
Multi-age Extravaganza (6-11)	Kathy Doan, Mike Smith, Alex Mullineaux, David Gillies, Marsha Renwanz
Junior High (12-14)	Paul Dorman, Jeff West, Tara Spuhler McCabe,
Confirmation	Susan Hesser, Chris Reihling, Tara Spuhler McCabe
Senior High	Phil Hanna, Betsy Merritt, Mary Spatz
Substitutes	Rob Neill, Sarah Holland, Sarah Whitlow

### The Goodpasture Class The Lincoln Chapel

WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT JESUS: Our view of Jesus determines what response we give Him. Those to whom the book of Hebrew was originally addressed were uncertain of Jesus' identity. They were struggling with whether to remain loyal to Christ or to go back to their old understanding of their faith. To clear up their doubts, the writer asserts Jesus' identity. He states that while God revealed himself in the past in a variety of ways, He has revealed Himself most profoundly through Jesus, His Son. Today's lesson is from Hebrew 1:1-9. Teacher Yomi Faniyi. Prayer Leader: Yomi Faniyi.

### Prayer – Today, December 13 **An Adventure with God** 10 a.m., Room 127

This class on prayer is offered as an opportunity to learn more about prayer and to spend time in prayer with others. A study guide is available (\$8). The last portion of each class will be devoted to prayer, and non-class participants are welcome to bring prayer concerns and/or join in this prayer time. Class leader: Miriam Dewhurst

### Advent Bible Study Today, December 13 **with Cuba Partners** 10 a.m., Lincoln Parlor

No need to have “Cuba experience!” Everyone is invited to join in an Advent Bible study led by Parish Associate Rev. Ann Davie that we will do simultaneously with our Cuba Partners! Rev. Davie has sent the study to participating Cuba Partner churches: First Havana, Westminster (Gainesville), Fourth Presbyterian (Chicago), Northwoods (Houston), St. Augustine Presbytery (FL). Today's study will be on *Peace, and Preparing for It*, Ruth 1 & 2.

### Lunch is Served Sundays, **12:15 p.m., Peter Marshall Hall**

Join us for a light lunch and fellowship even if you are not attending a class. (Donation suggested.)

### What is Radical Hospitality? Sundays, December 13 and 20 **12:35 p.m., Room 520**

Come to lunch and discussions about how we welcome others into our hearts and lives, set healthy boundaries, and truly hear one another. Pastors Linda Lader and Roger Gench will lead these classes based on *Radical Hospitality: Benedict's Way of Love* by Daniel Homan and *Making Room: Recovering Hospitality As a Christian Tradition* by Christine D. Pohl.

### Dealing with Death and Dying Sunday, December 13 **During the Holidays** 12:35 p.m., Room 511

This class is the first in a series of periodic discussions on issues surrounding death and dying. The holidays are often hard for those grieving or facing an imminent death in the family. This class will help us understand how to support one another in this season of both joy and loss.

### Prayer Sundays for the Middle East in December

The National Capital Presbytery's Global Mission Network asks churches and individuals to pray for our church partners in the Middle East. These include **Israel/Palestine, Iraq, and Lebanon**. NYAPC supports the Presbyterian Church in Baghdad, the Peace Fund for Solidarity with the Churches of Iraq; PC(USA)'s People in Mission (Rev. Dr. Nuhad Tomeh, Middle East Council of Churches), and Lebanon's Near East School of Theology and the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon for sheltering war refugees. Pray for our partner churches and countries!

### PLEDGE ENVELOPES AVAILABLE AT REAR OF SANCTUARY

### BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

**Alexandria Parish Study Group (Every fourth Tuesday)**  
Please call Paul Dorman at 703-971-9047 for group information.

**Circle II Presbyterian Women's Bible Study (Every first Tuesday)**  
Please call Lenora Thierry at 703-920-7283 or Barbara Dornan at 703-971-9047 for group information.

**Cuba Partners Shared Bible Study (Twice Yearly)**  
Please call Marilyn Seiber at 703-893-1559 for group information.

**Small Group Bible Studies**  
Please call Miriam Dewhurst at 703-560-0871 for information.

## Opportunities for Service

“...we are called as individuals to join our separate gifts together as a community of faith...to undertake the tasks which Jesus Christ has set before us...” (From the NYAPC Mission Statement)  
For more opportunities for service, please visit our website: [www.nyapc.org/ministries](http://www.nyapc.org/ministries)

**Community Club:** Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Seeking tutors and other volunteers, including a webmaster: Community Club offers a unique opportunity to share your gifts, talents and love with the children of Washington, DC. **Did you know that Community Club relies on volunteers not only to tutor, but to do a variety of other tasks throughout the year?** Tutoring requires your presence at NYAPC on Thursday evenings. Other volunteer opportunities may not. Weekly orientations for new tutors begins each Thursday at 6:30. Information about Community Club can be found (and new tutors can register) at the web site [www.communityclub.org](http://www.communityclub.org). Questions about orientation can be directed via e-mail to Susannah Harris [Susannah@communityclub.org](mailto:Susannah@communityclub.org). Our Director, Tom Karr, can be reached with general questions by e-mail at [directors@communityclub.org](mailto:directors@communityclub.org).

**7-2-9 Club:** Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Be part of one of the most unique and gratifying experiences we have at NYAPC by interacting with visitors from St. Elizabeth's Hospital who struggle with mental illness. Contact the church, 202-393-3700. The 7-2-9 ministry plays BINGO and they are in need of prizes: Body lotion, shampoo, Irish Spring bars of soap (these do not melt as quickly in water as others), toothpaste, toothbrushes, travel holders for toothbrushes and soap, Vaseline, and socks (women and men). All of these supplies are very helpful to our many friends at St. Elizabeth's who come for the social party. Please leave your donations at the front desk.

#### Radcliffe Room Ministry:

**Clothing Closet Volunteers Needed:** Have you ever wanted to run your own clothing store? Now is your chance. Volunteers are needed at the Radcliffe Room clothing closet. The clothing closet is open 9-10 a.m. on Sundays. Patrons of the Radcliffe Room greatly benefit from the clothing available to them. In order to keep it open every Sunday, we would like to have two additional volunteers to help out one or two Sundays a month. We think you will find it a fun and rewarding experience. If you are interested, please contact Suzie Waltzer at [suzie424@yahoo.com](mailto:suzie424@yahoo.com)

**Clothing Needed:** We greatly appreciate all of the generous donations from members and we are always in need of additional clothing items. We welcome a variety of items and those of particular need include: men's and women's jeans, casual pants and shorts, t-shirts and cotton collar shirts, as well as shoes (such as tennis shoes, work boots, and women's sandals). In addition, we appreciate donations of toiletries such as soap, shampoo, lotion and razors.

**Transportation Funds Needed:** The money and Metro cards put in the “Piggy Bank” on the receptionist desk in the entryway is used to help Radcliffe Room guests who are going to work, looking for a job or going to a medical appointment. Bus tokens are purchased and money can be added to the Metro cards. Imagine you had no way to get to work, look for work or no way to see a doctor when you were sick or injured, and you will have some idea how much your help needed and appreciated.

#### Peace and Justice

**The Peace Candle** burns to remind all of us to pray for peace and find ways to bring it about with God's help. Please help visitors find a prayer candle to take home to their congregations and share with others, and have them sign our Guest Register so we know where the **Peace Candle** has been taken. For further information, or to be added to the Peace and Justice Committee list server, contact David Inoue at 202-582-7273 or email: [david\\_inoue@yahoo.com](mailto:david_inoue@yahoo.com)

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## Celebration of Worship

The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church welcomes all people into community, worship, service and leadership.

**December 13, 2009**

**8:45 and 11 a.m.**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

#### Prelude

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

Raymond A. Haan

#### Troait

“O Christ, the Great Foundation”

Aurelia

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

#### \*Lincoln Chimes

### I. The Community Gathers for Worship

#### \*The Lighting of

8:45 a.m.

**Eleanor Pratt and Peggy Evans**

#### Advent Candles

11 a.m.

**David Brown and Nana Somuah**

#### Leader:

**Rejoice** in the Lord always; again, I will say, **Rejoice!** Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

#### All:

**Almighty God, You have made us and all things to serve You. Now prepare the world for this season, that Your love and joy would rule in our hearts.**

#### Leader:

Come quickly to save us, so that wars and violence shall end, and Your children may live in peace.

#### All:

**Let us honor one another with justice and mercy; through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, Who lives in power with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

#### \*Opening

#15, “Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”

#### Hymn

Llangloffan

#### Prayer of

#### Confession

**Gracious God, we are told that this is supposed to be a joyful time, so why do we often feel joyless? We hear the summons to rejoice, but why do we struggle to respond? Absorbed in the needs of the day, we have lost sight of You. Beaten down by cares and burdens, we neglect the means of grace through which our hearts might be lifted. We pray and worship half-heartedly and serve grudgingly. Sin prevails and joy eludes and we drift farther away. Gather us in. Forgive us. Restore us. Bring forth a new spirit within us, that we might discover the joy for which You created us, the deep joy made known to us in Jesus Christ.**

#### Silent Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon

\*Response #464 (verse 1) , “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Hymn to Joy

**Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

\*A Brief Statement of Faith (May be found in the back cover of pew Hymnal)

*\*If able, please stand.*

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

**First Lesson** Luke 3:7-18, page 56, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** “Sleepers Wake, The Night is Flying”  
J. S. Bach

### Time for Children and Their Friends

*(8:45 a.m.: Children may join Pastor Tara for worship play.  
After the sermon, children will return to their parents. Children under age 4 are welcome in the Nursery.)*

**Second Lesson** Micah 5:2-5a, page 815, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** “Childlike”  
Rev. Roger J. Gench

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

**\*Sermon Hymn** #474, “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”  
Puer Nobis Nascitur

**The Reception of New Members** 11:00 a.m.

### The Questions of Faith

Elder Our Lord Jesus Christ commissioned us to teach those who are baptized. Do you, the people of this church promise to tell these new disciples the good news of the gospel, to help them know all that Christ commands, and by your fellowship, to strengthen their family ties with the household of God?

**People We do.**

### Concerns of the Church

### Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** 8:45 \*The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around  
The Table for Giving and Prayer

11:00 “Lux Aurumque”  
Eric Whitacre  
*(Translation: Light, warm and heavy as pure gold,  
and the angels sing softly to the new-born baby.)*

**\*Response** #591 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication** God of Grace, we give thanks for Your faithfulness, and for Your promise to come anew into our lives this Advent. Open our hearts to You and to one another. May these offerings and all we have be used to bring Your peace and provision to those in need. Amen.

## Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (page 16-Traditional)

**\*Passing of the Peace** 11 a.m.

**\*Sending Hymn** #14, “Savior of the Nations, Come”  
Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland

- Savior of the nations, come; Virgin's Son, here make Your home. Marvel now, O heaven and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.**
- From the Godhead forth You came, and return unto the same, Captive leading death and hell. High the song of triumph swell!**
- You, the chosen Holy One, Have o’er sin the victory won. Boundless shall Your kingdom be; When shall we its glories see?**
- Brightly does Your manger shine, Glorious is its light divine. Let not sin o’ercloud this light; Ever be our faith thus bright.**

**\*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response** Alleluia! Amen!

**Postlude** “Veni, Emmanuel”  
Robert J. Powell  
Dan Stokes, organist

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### Biblical Witness to Peacemaking Lectionary – EXPECTING DELIVERANCE

December 13, 2009 – Exodus 16      December 16, 2009 – Psalm 42  
December 14, 2009 – Jeremiah 46:27-28      December 17, 2009 – Mark 1:1-8  
December 15, 2009 – Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11      December 18, 2009 – Acts 16:16-40  
December 19, 2009 – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

**We wish to thank Daniel Stokes** for his participation in this morning's worship as our guest organist.

**The Flowers in the Chancel today** are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones and friends by members and friends of the Congregation through their contributions to the Flower Fund.

**When bulletins are waved during worship** at New York Avenue, it is a sign of appreciation for the music or other contribution to the service. It is an action which we learned from our sister church, the First Presbyterian Church of Havana, as an alternative to clapping. For the wavers, it is an expression of joy in the moment and our connections with sisters and brothers in faith.

### Our New Members

Kristin Williams and Matthew Ford  
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Kristin: [Kewilliams2@gmail.com](mailto:Kewilliams2@gmail.com); Matthew: [Mdford86@gmail.com](mailto:Mdford86@gmail.com)

**Greeters** 8:45 Roger Dixon and Rosalyn Ridgway  
11:00 Greg Lewis and Evelyn S. Ying

**Liturgists** 8:45 Peggy Evans  
11:00 The Rev. John T. Mathison

**Tour Guides** 8:45 Deborah Dimon  
11:00 James D. Rhodes

### Preaching Schedule:

December 20 Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe  
December 27 Rev. Roger J. Gench (*one service only at 10 a.m.*)  
January 3 Linda LeSourd Lader (*one service only at 10 a.m.*)  
January 10 Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe  
January 17 Rev. Roger J. Gench

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### Information for Visitors

We extend a warm welcome to visitors!

We invite you to sign the guest book at the rear of the Sanctuary.

**Building Tours:** To take a tour of our building and learn about this congregation’s heritage and current ministry and outreach, meet the tour guide at the front of the Sanctuary immediately following the service.

**Coffee Hour:** Between services, all are invited to meet and greet friends and visitors in the rear of the Sanctuary.

**Infants and children:** Babies and toddlers are welcome in the park level nursery. **Care is provided by licensed, paid professionals.** Children’s worship aids are available in the rear of the Sanctuary.

**Garage Parking:** Free self-parking is available in the garage next to the church at 1399 New York Avenue until 1 p.m. Please park in any non-reserved space.

**Large Print Bibles and Large Print Bulletins:** Available at the entrance of the Sanctuary. Persons with impaired hearing may ask an usher for a special receiver.