

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE EPIPHANY FESTIVAL IN  
PETER MARSHALL HALL  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

**Alternative Christmas Store**

**Today after Worship  
Peter Marshall Hall**

As we continue to celebrate Christmas, the Alternative Christmas Store will be open for its final session during the Epiphany Festival in Peter Marshall Hall. Your support for the Kenya, Iraq, Cuba and Open Arms Housing programs is still needed.

**Faith and Economics      Sundays, January 10, 17, and 24  
10 a.m., Room 511**

On January 10 and 17, Dr. Walter Owensby will challenge us to look at guided globalization through faith-based eyes. Dr. Owensby is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and served for 16 years in the Washington Office of PC(USA) as denominational advocate on international and economic issues. On January 24, Leonard Schabman, NYAPC member and economist with Resources for the Future, will offer a response. We hope you will join us for all three sessions.

PLEASE NOTE:  
NO CHILDREN OR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

We wish to thank *Alice Mikolajewski* for participating in worship today while Stan Engebretson is away.

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. The rose presented today celebrates the birth of *Malcolm Edward Laskowski*, son of *Christopher E. and Ellison S. Laskowski*, born on April 18, 2009. The congregation rejoices with the parents and family on this day of his baptism.

A poinsettia plant was given by *Jenean McKay* in honor of *Jeannette Cohen*.

*Revs. Frances and Roger Gench* will be in Ghana for a study seminar with Union Presbyterian Seminary. They will return on January 19.

Greeters      David Inoue and Rosalyn Ridgway  
Tour Guide    Meg Neill

**Preaching Schedule:**

January 10      Linda LeSourd Lader  
January 17      Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe  
January 24      Rev. Roger J. Gench

**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.

**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 begin September 10 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.

**January 3, 2010  
10:00 a.m.  
Epiphany  
"A Christmas Story"**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**      Stephen Dunlap

**Meditation**      Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe

**I. The Community Gathers for Worship**

**\*The Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Leader: We are the apostles sharing a story as we best know it.

**All: Jesus said: "Unless you become like little children, you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven."**

Leader: So, listen little children as we tell you the story of the birth of Jesus.

Leader: I am Matthew, and I offer you a story that will show you the fulfillment of the prophecies.

**All: May we be in awe and wonderment of the story.**

Leader: I am Luke, and I will tell you a story about the teachings of the Messiah.

**All: May we be good students of the story.**

Leader: I am John, and my understanding is this: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world, He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, Yet the world did not know him. He came into what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

**All: And the word become flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.**

**\*Opening Hymn**      "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"  
Veni Emmanuel

**Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

- O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear. (Refrain).**
- O come, Desire of nations, bind All peoples in one heart and mind; Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. (Refrain)**

**An Angel Visits**

Angel: God will send the Holy Spirit to give you this baby. And the people say,

**Congregation: What a miracle! All things are possible with God.**

**\* Hymn**      "The Angel Gabriel"

Gabriel's Message

- The angel Gabriel from heaven came, His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; "All hail," said he, "O lowly maiden Mary." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!**
- "For know a blessed mother you shall be, All generations praise continually, Your Son shall be Emmanuel, as seers foretold." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!**

**Mary Visits Elizabeth**

Angel: And the people say,

**Congregation: What a miracle! All things are possible with God.**

**Prayer of Confession and Joseph's Dream**

Joseph: What am I going to do? People will judge her and me!

Leader: Let us join together in our prayer of Confession,

**Congregation:** We confess that we are not open to Your miracles, O God. We do not see the possibilities that can happen outside of society norms. Exclusion, judgment and constant greed are the ways of the world, God, and we continuously struggle to find You in it. (Silence)

#### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Please stand and share the Peace of Christ with one another.

#### \*Passing of the Peace

\* **Hymn** “Away in a Manger,” *(verse 3)*  
Mueller  
**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.**

#### To Bethlehem

Joseph: Doesn’t anyone have a place for us to stay?

Leader: And the people shouted...  
**Congregation: There is no room for you!**  
\* **Hymn** “What Child Is This”  
Greensleeves  
***Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds watch and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!***

- 1 **What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary’s lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping? *(Refrain)***
- 2 **Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear, for sinners here The silent Word is pleading. *(Refrain)***

## II. The Community Hears the Proclamation of the Word of God

#### The Shepherds’ Surprise

Angel: Glory to God! And the people say...  
**Congregation: Peace on Earth! Good will to all!**  
Shepherd: Head 'em up and move 'em out!  
\* **Hymn** “Angels We Have Heard on High”  
Gloria  
***Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

- 1 **Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o’er the plains, And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains. *(Refrain)***
- 2 **Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song? *(Refrain)***

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

#### Sacrament of Child Baptism

***Malcolm Edward Laskowski***; Born: April 18, 2009  
Parents: ***Christopher E. and Ellison S. Laskowski***  
Grandparents: ***Ned and Pam Laskowski and Cameron and Susan Craig***  
***Great Grandmother: Ella Crouch***  
Clergy: ***The Revs. Roger J. Gench and Tara Spuhler McCabe***  
Elder: ***Paul Dornan***

#### Discussion of the Meaning of Baptism

*(Children are invited to come forward at this time. Children under age 4 are welcome in the Nursery)*

#### Questions of the Parents

**Question of the Congregation**  
Elder: Recognizing the promises that have been made in his baptism, do you as members of the Church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture ***Malcolm Edward Laskowski*** by word and deed with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ? Do you?

**Congregation: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of the saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### Baptism

#### Presentation of the Child to the Church

**Baptism Hymn** #492 “Baptized in Water” (verse 1)  
Bunessan  
**Baptized in Water, Sealed by the Spirit, Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King; Heirs of salvation, Trusting the promise, Faithfully now God’s praises we sing.**

#### Prayer

#### Wise Men from the East

**Offertory** "Mary's Boy Child"  
\* **Doxology**  
**Service of Communion**  
**Invitation**  
**Litany of Thanksgiving**  
One: The Lord be with you.  
**All: And also with you**  
**One:** Lift up your hearts.  
**All: We lift them to the Lord.**  
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Eucharistic Prayer**  
Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, and to worship You in every place where Your glory abides.

You commanded light to shine out of darkness, divided the sea and dry land, created the vast universe and called it good. You made us in your image to live with one another in love. You gave us the breath of life and freedom to choose Your way. You promised Yourself in covenant with Abraham and Sarah, told us Your purpose in commandments through Moses, and called for justice in the cry of prophets. Through long generations You have been faithful and kind to all Your children. Great and wonderful are Your works, Lord God Almighty. Your ways are just and true. Therefore we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name.

**Response**  
#140 “Holy, Holy”  
Holy, Holy (Irregular)  
**Holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty; And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love, Holy, holy, holy, holy.**  
We praise You, most holy God, for sending Your only Son to live among us, sharing our joy and sorrow. He told Your story, healed the sick, and was a friend of sinners. Obeying You, He took up His cross and died that we might live. We praise You that He overcame death and is risen to rule the world. He is still the friend of sinners. We trust Him to overcome every power that can hurt or divide us, and believe that when He comes in glory, we will celebrate victory with Him.

**Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Your gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood. Send us out in the power of the Spirit to live for others, as Christ lived for us, announcing His death for the sins of the world, and telling His resurrection to all people and nations. By Your Spirit draw us together into one body and join us to Christ the Lord, that we may remain His glad and faithful people until we feast with Him in glory. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty God, forever and ever. Amen.**

#### Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

Please partake of bread when received; hold the cup until all have been served so that we may commune together. *(There is a Gluten Free communion set available; raise your hand for a pastor to respond.)*

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

#### Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

**Luke:** And when Mary and Joseph presented Jesus as their first born son in the temple in Jerusalem, the prophet Anna and the devout man Simeon welcomed them. And Simeon said, as we all can now say:

**All: Lord, now dismiss Your servants in peace, according to Your word. For our eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to all nations; and He will be the glory of Your people everywhere. And now we will go and tell Your story to all nations and all people. Alleluia! Amen.**

\***Sending Hymn** #29, “Go, Tell it on the Mountain”  
Go Tell It  
***Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere; Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!***

- 1 **While shepherds kept their watching O’er silent flocks by night, Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light. *(Refrain)***
- 3 **Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn. *(Refrain)***

**Postlude** Stephen Dunlap

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<b>Bible Study Groups</b>
<b>Alexandria Parish Study Group (Every fourth Tuesday)</b> Please call Paul Dornan at 703-971-9047 for group information.
<b>Circle II Presbyterian Women’s Bible Study (Every first Tuesday)</b> Please call Lenora Thierry at 703-920-7283 or Barbara Dornan at 703-971-9047 for group information.
<b>Cuba Partners Shared Bible Study (Twice Yearly)</b> Please call Marilyn Seiber at 703-893-1559 for group information.
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