

Adult Sunday School	
<b>“So Sarah Laughed: Laughter in the Bible”</b>	<b>Today and November 8, 15, 22, 10:00 a.m., Room 511</b>
Rev. Paula Hall of Howard Divinity School will lead a Bible study of the role of laughter, a very human response to the vagaries of life, in the Biblical narratives. Rev. Hall has been a regular participant in the church’s adult program for the last two years, and we welcome her presence among us.	
<b>Adventures in Prayer</b>	<b>November 8, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Parlor</b>
Maybe you are new to prayer. Maybe prayer is as natural to you as breathing. This class, meeting in the Lincoln Chapel at 10:20 a.m., is for everyone and anyone who takes prayer seriously. We learn together and pray together and currently are using Marjorie Thompson’s <b>Soul Feast</b> as a guide. All questions, joys and concerns are welcome. Come when you can.	
<b>“Introducing Islam”</b>	<b>November 8, 15, 22, 10:00 a.m., Room 520</b>
Islam is one of the world’s great faiths and now enters the consciousness of Americans daily, yet we know so little about it. We have invited three gracious and knowledgeable Muslims to introduce their faith to us. Sayyidd Syeed, National Director of the Office for Interfaith and Community Alliances of the Islamic Society of North America (November 8), Mehmet Ayaz of the Institute of Islamic and Turkish Studies (November 15) and Mohamed Elsanousi, Director of the Secretariat of the Washington Office of the Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers (November 22) will each address the following questions: (1) What would you say are the core tenets of Islam and how do they manifest themselves in the lives of individual Moslems? (2) Tell us a little about yourself and what your faith means to you. (3) What are three or four myths that you believe non-Moslems hold about Islam and how would you go about dispelling them? and (4) And, if we want to know more, what do you suggest that we do?	

Preaching Schedule	
November 8 & 15	Rev. Roger J. Gench
November 22	Rev. Alice Rose Tewell
November 29	Rev. Roger J. Gench

11:00 a.m.	
<b>Liturgist</b>	Robert Savage
<b>Tour Guide</b>	Barry Tindall
<b>Worship Play</b>	Stacy Gagosian and Alison Kootstra

Counters	
<b>November 3</b>	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
<b>November 10</b>	Jim Martin and Nancy Dickinson
<b>November 15</b>	Martha Davis and Barbara Dornan

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**Opportunities for Service**

**7-2-9 Club** – Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), until June, with guests recovering from mental illness. There are games, entertainment, refreshments and time for making friends. Contact Spence Gibbins, [spencergib@aol.com](mailto:spencergib@aol.com)

**Community Club** – A one-with-one tutoring and mentoring program, for DC public and charter school students (grades 7-12), meets at the church on Thursday nights, during the school year. Adult volunteers are needed! Please contact Tom Karr and Shamika Bradley at [directors@communityclub.org](mailto:directors@communityclub.org) or go to [www.communityclub.org](http://www.communityclub.org) for more information.

**Food for the Hungry** – Non-perishable food donations are needed by the Capital Area Food Bank, the large nonprofit hunger and nutrition education resource in the Washington area. Please place your donations in the baskets located at the rear of the Sanctuary or at the front desk.

**New York Avenue Foundation** – The NYAF mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout Washington, DC. Annually it solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots non-profits, which further that mission. A volunteer Board of Trustees conducts the work of NYAF. If you are interested in learning more or participating in the NYAF mission, contact Brian Schimming, [nyavefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:nyavefoundation@gmail.com)

**Radcliffe Room Ministry** – Come join our homeless guests, Sundays, 8:15-9:45 a.m., for hymn singing, refreshments and socializing. Donations of umbrellas, rain gear, clothing, toiletries, and transportation money are needed. Contact Eleanor Robins, [robinsleanor@hotmail.com](mailto:robinsleanor@hotmail.com)

**The Peace Candle** – Visitors are invited to take a Peace Candle home to their congregations. Candles are at the back, right side, of the sanctuary. Please sign the note card there, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Marilyn Seiber, [mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net](mailto:mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net)

**Triangle Park Committee** – Working with the National Park Service to ensure maintenance and oversee the flower and plant beds along the church wall, we meet 4-6 times a year, conduct business via email, and schedule work days as needed. Contact Marilyn Seiber, [mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net](mailto:mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net) Beth DuMez, [bethdumez@erols.com](mailto:bethdumez@erols.com) or Barry Tindall, [barrytindall@verizon.net](mailto:barrytindall@verizon.net)

**NYAPC's Young Adults** – For more information about Sunday brunches, Faith on Tap, Bible study, and other fellowship or service activities (or to be added to the e-mail list), contact Richard Snyder ([snyder.richard@gmail.com](mailto:snyder.richard@gmail.com)) or Benno Lauer ([benno.lauer@gmail.com](mailto:benno.lauer@gmail.com))

**Annual Stewardship** - Each of the ministries described on this page, as well as everything else that happens at this church, is supported in a significant way by Annual Stewardship giving. Annual Stewardship is the act of making a financial pledge to the church operating budget for a year and completing that pledge. It is a deep personal and congregational theological act, and it is essential to the worship, community, and mission of this church! Members, affiliates, and friends are all invited to participate in Annual Stewardship. Please contact Jan Maheras, the church accountant, Laura Asiala, the chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Roger Gench, the Senior Pastor, for more information, questions, or to make your pledge.

	Ministers:	The Entire Congregation
	Pastor:	Roger Joseph Gench, Ph.D.
	Associate Pastor:	Alice Rose Tewell, M. Div.
	Director of Music:	Stanley P. Engebretson, D.M.A.
	Parish Associate for Visitation:	Ann Rose Davie, M. Div.
	Director of Planned Giving:	Catherine Schultheis, B.A., Chr.Ed.
	Parish Associates:	Beth Braxton, M. Div., MRE, D. Min. J. Gary Campbell, M. Div., M.A. Frances Taylor Gench, M. Div., Ph.D. Linda LeSourd Lader, M. Div.
	Director of Dance:	Kathryn Sparks, M.T.S.
	Young Adult Volunteer:	Angela Williams; Community Club and Radcliffe Room



**Celebration of Worship**

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

**November 1, 2015**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*The worship service begins with a brief period for personal meditation and the Prelude.*

**Prelude** “Prelude and Fugue in D minor,”  
J. S. Bach BWV 554  
Samantha Scheff, Organ

**Introit** “When I Came Into This Life”  
Land of Rest

**\* Lincoln Chimes**

**I. The Community Gathers for Worship**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

**All: We open our eyes and our hearts to appreciate the fullness of Creation’s beauty.**

Leader: For You have founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

**All: Your calming waters are our source of life and sustenance.**

Leader: Lift up your heads, my children, and be lifted up, all of Creation!

**All: We raise our eyes in worship of you this day!**

**\*Opening Hymn**

#385, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”  
Old Hundredth

**Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God who makes all things new, we come to You carrying burdens of wrongs committed and opportunities missed. We confess that we have not made a place at Your feast table for each member of Your beloved community. Forgive our stumbling and remind us of Your omnipresent redemptive power. When we close ourselves off into the shadows, remind us that You hold us in Your light. Even in the depths of our isolation, remind us that You continue to dwell with us and work with us to bring a new heaven and a new earth. Amen.**

**Silent Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

*\*Please stand, if able.*

## \*Response

#582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”  
Glory to God  
**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
Amen.**

\*A Brief Statement of Faith (Pages 37-38, "Glory to God" hymnal)

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-9 page 613, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

“O Taste and See”  
Ralph Vaughan Williams

### Time for Children

### Second Lesson

Revelation 21:1-6a, page 244, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

“Imagining New Life” Rev. Jessica Tate

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#82, “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”  
Hyfrydol

Moment for Mission “Vision 2020” Betsy Merritt

### Concerns of the Church

### Offertory

“Saints Bound For Heaven”  
Traditional American, arr. Wilberg

## \*Response

#607, “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
Doxology  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

## \*Prayer of Dedication

God of innumerable blessings, we thank You for the talents and resources You have mercifully gifted us. Use these offerings of our abilities, hearts, and gifts to reconcile Your children to each other and to You. Even when we cannot know Your full plan, melt us, mold us, make us, and use us for the good of the world. Work with these gifts so that we may best be the hands and feet of Your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Service of Communion

### Invitation to the Table

### Litany of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
All: **And also with you.**  
Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving with Prayers of the People

*It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, O Lord our God, Creator and Redeemer of the universe...Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:*

## Response

“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.**

*You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Let us pray for God’s rule on earth, as Jesus taught us:*

## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

*Participants in the communion proceed down the aisles to the servers, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and partake.  
Please return to your pew via the side aisles.*

*Those unable to come forward will be offered the bread and the cup at their seats.  
(There is a Gluten Free communion set available; raise your hand for a pastor to respond.)*

## Prayer After Communion

**Loving God, we thank You that You have fed us in the Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in Your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of Your Spirit to live and work to Your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## \*Passing of the Peace

## \*Sending Hymn

#681 (*verses 1-3*), "This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made"  
Nun Danket All' Und Bringet Ehr'  
1 **This is the day the Lord hath made;  
the hours are all God's own.  
Let heaven rejoice; let earth be glad,  
and praise surround the throne.**

2 **Hosanna to the anointed King,  
to David's holy Son!  
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring  
salvation from the throne.**

3 **Blest be the Lord, who comes in power  
with messages of grace,  
who comes in this accepted hour  
to save our sinful race.**

## \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

## \*Congregational Response

**Alleluia! Amen!**

## Postlude

“Toccata,” from Suite Gothique  
Leon Boëllmann

We wish to thank Samantha Scheff for her participation in worship this morning as organist and pianist.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in honor of all living veterans, and to let them know that we deeply appreciate the sacrifices they have made in their lives to keep our country free.

The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds us to pray for victims of the earthquake in Pakistan and Afghanistan, and for the people in Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand affected by the smoke of peatlands fires in Indonesia, termed an environmental disaster.

## Information for Sunday Visitors

We extend a warm welcome to visitors! We invite you to sign the guest book at the rear of the Sanctuary.

All Saints Sunday will be celebrated on November 8, 2015 in order to share this special day of remembrance with the largest possible congregation present at both worship services.

During part of the Advent and Christmastide Season, for 4 Sundays, we join together for a single service. On Dec 13, 20, 27 and January 3 please join us for a single service at 11 a.m. (Please note the change in time from previous years).