

## Adult Sunday School

<b>Adventures in Prayer</b>	<b>Today, 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. All questions, joys and concerns are welcome. Come when you can.	
<b>“So Sarah Laughed: Laughter in the Bible”</b>	<b>Today, 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>“Introducing Islam”</b>	<b>Today and November 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. Sayyid 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 Muslims? (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-Muslims 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 22	Rev. Alice Rose Tewell
November 29	Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader
December 6	Rev. Roger J. Gench

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Liturgist</b>	Fred Dann	John Quinn
<b>Tour Guide</b>	John Schultheis	John Davies
<b>Worship Play</b>	Dawn Hill	Karen Dunlap

	Counters
<b>November 15</b>	Martha Davis and Barbara Dornan
<b>November 22</b>	John Schultheis and Adam Bain
<b>December 1</b>	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
<b>December 6</b>	Barbara Dornan and ShuXian McKenna
<b>December 13</b>	John Schultheis and Martha Davis

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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 or Shamika Bradley at [directors@communityclub.org](mailto:directors@communityclub.org) or see [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 seeks 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 [robinsseleanor@hotmail.com](mailto:robinsseleanor@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), email [snyder.richard@gmail.com](mailto:snyder.richard@gmail.com) or [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 15, 2015**

**8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

**Commitment Sunday**

### Prelude

“The Lord is My Shepherd”  
Brother James’ Air, arr. Wood

### Introit

“Lobe den Herren” BWV137

J. S. Bach

Chorale Translation: Praise ye the Lord, O let all that is within me Praise the Lord. All that hath life and breath come now with praise. Let the Amen sound from the people again. Gladly for aye we adore the Lord.

### \*Lincoln Chimes

## I. The Community Gathers for Worship

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord together!

**All: We take refuge in God, who shows us the path of life.**

Leader: Let your hearts be glad; let your souls rejoice.

**All: We rejoice in the Lord, whose loving kindness never lets us go.**

### \*Opening Hymn

#687, “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

St. Anne

### Prayer of Confession

**Holy One, we dare to call You Lord, but yield to You only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay Your head; we surround ourselves with comfort and try to serve You with leftovers. Forgive our lack of trust, our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to Your call. In Your abundant mercy, lead us to Your new and living way, that we might walk faithfully with You, now and always.**

### 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

Psalm 16, page 469, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

“Lobe den Herren,” BWV137

J. S. Bach

Chorus Translation: Praise ye the Lord of Creation. O my soul praise, our health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to this temple draw near, join me in glad adoration!

### Moment for Mission

**“Vision 2020”**

**8:45 a.m.**

**David and Amy Gillies**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Laura Asiala**

### Time for Children and Their Friends

#### Second Lesson

Hebrews 10:11-25, page 210-211, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

**“For Sins”**

**Rev. Roger J. Gench**

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn with Procession of Pledges and Commitments

#69, “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” (Here I Am, Lord)

Here I Am

*Refrain* Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord. If you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

**1 I, the Lord of the sea and sky,**

**I have heard my people cry.**

**All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.**

**I, who made the stars of the night,**

**I will make their darkness bright.**

**Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? *Refrain***

**2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,**

**I have borne my people’s pain.**

**I have wept for love of them. They turn away.**

**I will break their hearts of stone,**

**give them hearts for love alone.**

**I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain***

**3 I the Lord of wind and flame,**

**I will tend the poor and lame.**

**I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.**

**Finest bread, I will provide**

**till their hearts be satisfied.**

**I will give my life to them, whom shall I send? *Refrain***

### Concerns of the Church

### Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

*8:45 a.m.*

\*The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around

the Table for Giving and Prayer

*11:00 a.m.*

“Laudate Pueri,” from Vespers, KV339

W. A. Mozart

Translation: Praise the Lord, O sons, Praise the name of the Lord.

May the name of the Lord be blessed from henceforth, and

forevermore. From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of

the Lord is praiseworthy. The Lord is exalted above all people, and

His glory is above the heavens. Who is like the Lord our God, who

dwells on high and regards the lowly in heaven and on earth?

Supporting the needy on the earth, and raising up the poor from the

dust; in order to place him with the princes of His people. Who

makes the barren one to dwell in a house as the happy mother of

children. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever,

and for generations of generations. Amen.

### \*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

Giving God, we offer these gifts back to You. Bless and

multiply them so that they might bring light and hope to the

world around us and honor to You. In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen.

### \*Prayers of the People and 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.**

### \*Passing of the Peace (*11:00 a.m.*)

### \*Sending Hymn

#744, “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

Festal Song

**1 Arise, your light is come!**

**The Spirit’s call obey;**

**Show forth the glory of your God,**

**which shines on you today.**

**2 Arise, your light is come!**

**Fling wide the prison door;**

**proclaim the captives’ liberty,**

**good tidings to the poor.**

**3 Arise, your light is come!**

**All you in sorrow born,**

**Bind up the brokenhearted ones**

**and comfort those who mourn.**

**4 Arise, your light is come!**

**The mountains burst in song!**

**Rise up like eagles on the wing;**

**God’s power will make us strong.**

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

### \*Congregational Response

**Alleluia! Amen!**

### Postlude

“In dir ist Freude,” (In Thee is Gladness)

Giovanni Gastoldi, arr. Wood

\* This morning's liturgy is adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*.

**We wish to thank the Sanctuary Choir** for their participation in worship today in these larger Bach and Mozart works. The next major presentation is on Sunday, December 20 in our 11:00 a.m. service, when they will sing "A Winter's Night," a Christmas cantata featuring traditional carols in new rhythmic, dance-like arrangements.

**The flowers in the chancel today** are given to the glory of God by Jay Davenport in loving memory of his parents, **Jay H. and Lillian Davenport**.

**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.

**During part of the Advent and Christmastide Season, for 4 Sundays, we will come together for a single service. On December 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).

**Assisted Listening:** Do you have difficulty hearing the service? Our assisted listening system may help you. The system consists of a small wireless receiver and an ear phone. You may also use your own choice of ear phones or t-coil equipped hearing aids with the receiver. Please contact Joe Thierry at [jthierry@erols.com](mailto:jthierry@erols.com) or 703-568-5158 for more information.

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

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

**Families with Infants and children:** Infants and toddlers 4 and under are welcome in the **Park Level nursery**. Care is provided by licensed, paid professionals. The nursery is open from 8:30 a.m.–12:30p.m. During the services, **children's worship bulletins**, crayons and books are available in the rear of the Sanctuary. During the sermon time, Pastor Alice and helpers offer **Worship Play** for ages 3-10. During this worship playtime, the children are invited to pray, listen to stories from the Bible and related picture books, sing a song or do a simple craft. At the end of Worship Play, the children are offered a peanut free snack.