

### Adult Sunday School

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| <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>"Introducing Islam"</b>   | <b>Today, 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

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| November 29 | Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader                      |
| December 6  | Rev. Roger J. Gench                           |
| December 13 | Christmas Pageant (one service at 11:00 a.m.) |

|                     | 8:45 a.m.                    | 11:00 a.m.      |
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| <b>Liturgist</b>    | Meg House                    | Mary Nell Clark |
| <b>Tour Guide</b>   | John Davies                  | Paul Dornan     |
| <b>Worship Play</b> | Caroline White and Dawn Hill | Karen Dunlap    |

|                    | Counters                           |
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| <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   |
| <b>December 20</b> | Dan Stokes and ShuXian McKenna     |
| <b>December 29</b> | Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein    |

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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.

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|  | 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 22, 2015**  
**8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**  
**Thanksgiving Sunday**

### Prelude

Theme from Symphony No. 9, "From the New World"  
 Antonin Dvorak

### Introit

"Pie Jesu," from **Requiem**  
 Andrew Lloyd Webber  
 Hudson Eaton and Marlisa Hudson, Soloists  
 Translation:  
 Blessed Jesus, (Lamb of God) Who takes away the sins of the world, Give them rest.

### \*Lincoln Chimes

### I. The Community Gathers for Worship

#### \*Call to Worship

*(From Psalm 46)*

Leader: Come, all people: come worship the Lord!

**All: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

Leader: Though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, God will help when the morning dawns.

**All: Therefore we will not fear, for the Lord of hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Leader: Be still and know that the Lord is God.

**All: God is exalted among the nations; together, let us praise the Lord!**

#### \*Opening Hymn

#645, "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"  
 Mit Freuden Zart

### Prayer of Confession

**Mighty God, how often we have set our hope on earthly rulers and other people, instead of trusting in the power of Your love. We are too wrapped up in ourselves, losing sight of Your call on our lives. Forgive us. Remind us to cry to You in trouble, believing in Your power to deliver. Teach us to hear the sound of Your voice and to follow where You lead. Restore and fill us with Your love, setting us free to love and to forgive as we have been forgiven, by the grace and mercy of Christ.**

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

*\*Please stand, if able*

### \*Response

#654 “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”  
In the Lord I’ll be Ever Thankful  
**In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful;**  
**In the Lord I will rejoice!**  
**Look to God; do not be afraid.**  
**Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.**  
**Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.**

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

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

John 18:33-37, page 107, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

“Great Day,”  
Spiritual, arr. Curenton  
Whitney McColley and Marlissa Hudson, Soloists

### Time for Children and Their Friends

### Second Lesson

Deuteronomy 10:10-21, page 161, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

**“Thanksgiving Peace”** **Rev. Alice Rose Tewell**

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#659, “Know that God is Good”  
Mungu Ni Mwema

### 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.* “In That Great Gettin’ Up Mornin’,”  
Spiritual, arr. Curenton

### \*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

Holy God, You call us from every tribe, language, people, and nation to share in Your everlasting kingdom. Bless and multiply these gifts that we offer, that they would extend Your love to those in need. May Your kingdom come, in our hearts, and in the world. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

### Litany of Thanksgiving and Prayers of the People Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.  
**All: For all that is good and for life itself,**  
**we thank You, God.**  
Leader: For those who love us and those whom we love,  
we thank You, God.  
**All: For freedom and food, for family and friends,**  
**we thank You, God.**  
Leader: For troubles overcome, needs met, and comfort received, we give  
You praise.  
**All: For those who listen, challenge, and encourage us,**  
**we thank You, God.**  
Leader: For those in leadership, we pray for wisdom and the courage to do  
what is right. This week we pray especially for . . .  
**All: For those suffering loss, illness, or pain,**  
**we beseech you, O God, have mercy.**  
Leader: We remember especially . . .  
To all the brokenness of this world, God, bring healing.  
**All: O God of all Creation, we pray for peace where there is war, for**  
**food and shelter where there is none, for hope where it is**  
**gone. May mercy triumph over judgment, and good overcome**  
**evil. Now fill us with Your Spirit and provoke us to do justice,**  
**love kindness, and walk humbly with You, Our God.**  
Leader: In all these things, we give You thanks, praying with Your disciples  
in all times and places:  
**All: 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

#643, “Now Thank We All Our God”  
Nun Danket Alle Gott

- 1 Now thank we all our God**  
**with heart and hands and voices,**  
**who wondrous things has done,**  
**in whom this world rejoices;**  
**who from our mothers' arms**  
**has blessed us on our way**  
**with countless gifts of love,**  
**and still is ours today.**
- 2 O may this bounteous God**  
**through all our life be near us,**  
**with ever joyful hearts**  
**and blessed peace to cheer us,**  
**to keep us in his grace,**  
**and guide us when perplexed,**  
**and free us from all ills**  
**in this world in the next**
- 3 All praise and thanks to God**  
**who reigns in highest heaven,**  
**to Father and to Son and Spirit**  
**now be given:**  
**the one eternal God,**  
**whom heaven and earth adore;**  
**the God who was, and is, and shall be ever more.**  
**and shall be evermore.**

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

### \*Congregational Response

**Alleluia! Amen!**

### Postlude

“Carillon de Longpont,”  
Louis Vierne  
Samantha Scheff, Organ

We wish to thank Hudson Eaton, Marlissa Hudson, Whitney McColley and Samantha Scheff for their special music this morning.

**The Bounty Table in the chancel today** represents the blessings of the harvest season and our thanksgiving to God for the gifts of the earth. The whole earth is full of God's glory.

**The Peace Candle on the chancel** reminds us to pray for refugees and victims of terrorism around the world.

### 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 also join together for a single service. On Dec 13, 20, 27 and January 3 please join us for a single service at 11 am.** (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.