

Adult Sunday School	
Adventures in Prayer	Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Parlor
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.	
Adventures in Advent: Stories and Poems	December 6 and 13, 10:00 a.m., Room 511
Attendees will read and discuss short stories and poems which grapple with the themes of Advent: Watching and listening; preparation; and incarnation. Gwenn Gebhard, Tom Dunlap and Paul will lead	

Preaching Schedule	
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.
Candle Lighters	Wagner Family	Lauer Family
Liturgist	Warren Krug	Doug Porter
Tour Guide	Len Shabman	Barry Tindall

	Counters
December 1	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
December 6	Barbara Dornan and ShuXian McKenna
December 13	John Schultheis and Martha Davis
December 20	Dan Stokes and ShuXian McKenna
December 29	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

**Advent Congregational Sunday** Today, 10:00 a.m., PMH  
Begin Advent with some congregation-wide, intergenerational service projects. Come to Peter Marshall Hall at 10 am between services to wrap gifts and make cards for our Radcliffe Room guests and to make cards for our sister churches in Syria and Iraq. Enjoy some coffee and fellowship too! Please join us for all our part of the time.

**Christmas Gift Wrapping!** Today, 10:00 a.m., Radcliffe Room  
In order to spread the holiday cheer, we are preparing individual gifts for our Radcliffe Room guests that we will deliver on Sunday, December 13th. We will be using the intergenerational educational hour on Sunday, November 29 at 10:00 am to begin to prepare those gifts for our neighbors.

### 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 29, 2015  
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
First Sunday of Advent

### Prelude

Prelude and Fantasy on, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"  
Austin Lovelace  
Samantha Scheff, Organist

### Introit

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"  
Plainchant – Veni, Emmanuel

### \*Lincoln Chimes

## I. The Community Gathers for Worship

**The Lighting of Advent Candles** 8:45: Molly and Penny Wagner  
**The Hope Candle** 11:00: Benno, Molly and Dylan Lauer

Leader: What are these candles for? This is an Advent candle ring. It shows the circle of God's unbroken love. There are five candles. We shall light a new candle each Sunday from now until Christmas.

**All: Why do we do this?**

Leader: Because the old proverb is true: "What I hear, I forget. What I see, I remember. What I do, I understand."

**All: As we light our Advent candles, may they bring us together in the warm light of God's love.**

Leader: The Gospel of Luke speaks about the future: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth, distress among nations. People will faint from fear and foreboding." (Luke 21:25-36) Because our world is full of fear and distress, we light our first candle trusting that Christ is alive on earth and the Spirit of Christ lives among us.

**All: Living Christ, give us faith to trust you. We trust You, we love, You, we praise You. Amen.**

### \*Opening Hymn

#104, "O, Lord, How Shall I Meet You"  
Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

### Prayer of Confession

God of ages present and ages past, God of Advent hope and waiting, we come before You knowing that You are continually present to us. We confess that we have become distracted from You. We spend more time on ourselves than on others. We spend more time preparing a meal to impress or a tree to dazzle than preparing ourselves to welcome Your perfect son Jesus Christ. Show us how to put aside our worries and our fears, and instead of yielding to all of the pressures in the world around us, show us how to wait in wonderment, expectant of Your Advent amongst us. Amen.

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

*\*Please stand, if able*

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**\*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 25:1-22, pages 475-476, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

“Show Me Thy Ways,”  
Walter Pelz  
Meg House, Flute

**Time for Children and Their Friends**

**Second Lesson**

Jeremiah 33:14-16, page 694, NRSV  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 page 192, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**“Waiting”** Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader

**III. The Community Responds to the Word**

**\*Sermon Hymn**

#87, “Comfort, Comfort, Now My People”  
Genevan

**The Sacrament of Baptism** 11:00 a.m. Dylan Tiernan Lauer

**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. “And the Glory of the Lord,” from **Messiah**  
G. F. Handel

**\*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.**

**\*Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

**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**

#93, “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”  
Truro

- 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
behold the King of glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near;  
the Savior of the world is here.**
- 2 Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
make it a temple,  
set apart from earthly use for heaven’s employ,  
adorned with prayer and love and joy.**
- 3 Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee;  
here, Lord, abide.  
Let me thy inner presence feel;  
thy grace and love in me reveal.**

**\*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**Postlude**

Toccata on “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”  
Austin Lovelace

\*The Call to Worship for today’s service comes from Advent, Christmas  
and Epiphany, Liturgies and Prayers for Public Worship by Brian Wren.  
(2008)

**We wish to thank our flautist Meg House and our choral-organ  
scholar, Samantha Scheff, for their participation in worship this morning.**

**The flowers in the chancel today** are given to the glory of God by  
Pauline Irene Ngo Mbock in loving memory of her father, **Moise Mbock  
Boumal**, her nephew **Salomon Serges Loga**, and her grandmother,  
**Naomie Ngo Bikun Boumal**. At the beginning of the 11:00 am service,  
Pauline will lead the congregation in her father’s favorite hymn, "In the  
Hollow of His Hand.

**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.

**When bulletins are waved** during worship at NYAPC, it is a sign of  
appreciation for the music or other contribution to the service. It is an action  
which we learned from our partner church, the First Presbyterian-Reformed  
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.