

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 and currently are using Marjorie Thompson's **Soul Feast** as a guide. All questions, joys and concerns are welcome. Come when you can.

"So Sarah Laughed: Laughter in the Bible" Today and November 1, 8, 15, 22, 10:00 a.m., Room 511

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.

"Introducing Islam" November 8, 15, 22, 10:00 a.m., Room 520

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

October 25	Rev. Roger J. Gench
November 1	Rev. Jessica Tate
November 8 & 15	Rev. Roger J. Gench
November 22	Rev. Alice Rose Tewell

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Laura West	Helen Anthony
Tour Guide	Marilyn Seiber	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Caroline White	

	Counters
October 25	Adam Bain and ShuXian McKenna
November 3	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
November 10	Jim Martin and Nancy Dickinson
November 15	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

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 or go to 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


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, robinseleanor@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

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 Beth DuMez, bethdumez@erols.com or Barry Tindall, 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) or Benno Lauer (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.

October 25, 2015

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

“Voluntary in G minor”
G. F. Handel

Introit

“Sing Glory to the Name of God”
Lasst uns erfreuen

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: O God, the sun rises singing Your praise.

All: We wake and join the song.

Leader: Your light shines upon land and sea, upon farmers' fields and city buildings.

All: Our eyes open to witness the glory of Your creation.

Leader: We step into the day.

All: Your love lights the path before us as we worship You this day!

*Opening Hymn

#450, “Be Thou My Vision”
Slane

Prayer of Confession

(from Homiletics, 2004)

Mighty and merciful God, forgive our fear and timidity, for You are our strength and shield. Forgive our lack of vision, for Your light shines before us. Forgive our turning away, for You call us to follow You. Forgive our doubt and despair, for You are our sure hope. Forgive our little faith, for You never fail us. As you raised Christ from death, raise us from our dead ways, that we may know the joy of life abundant. In his name we pray, 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

Jeremiah 31:7-9 page 690, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Lift Up Your Heads," from Messiah

G. F. Handel

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Mark 10:46-52, page 44, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Stand"

Rev. Roger J Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#778, "As Pants the Deer for Living Streams"

Seachrist

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission

"Vision 2020"

Karen Milam

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. "Cantate Domino"

Josu Elberdin

Translation: Sing to the Lord a New Song (In English, Basque,
and Latin)

*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

You have brought us to Yourself, O Lord. You have given us the gift of faith. Your mercies toward us are more than we could ever hope to deserve. We stand in awe before You today offering our gifts, our hearts, our abilities and our worship. Come now, O Holy One, and make us fully Your own through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

*Sending Hymn

#726, (verses 1-4) "Will You Come and Follow Me"

Kelvingrove

- 1 "Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown;
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?"
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?"
- 3 "Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?"
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?"

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

"Prelude in G major"

J. S. Bach BWV 568

We wish to thank Samantha Scheff for her participation in worship this morning. She is our regular choral scholar, who is studying organ and music education at the University of Maryland.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of the members of the NYAPC Nurture Committee by members and friends of the congregation through their contributions to the Flower Fund.

The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds us to pray for Pope Francis as he asked us to do during his visit to Washington, D.C., New York City, and Philadelphia.

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.

The All Church Retreat is from October 31 - November 1 in Meadowkirk, VA

November 1 will be All Saints Sunday.

On November 1, there will only be one worship service at 11:00 a.m. due to the All Church Retreat occurring the same weekend. 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 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.

Worship Service Schedule Changes for Fall and Winter Seasons

Nov. 1: one service at 11:00 a.m. only

Dec. 13: one service at 11:00 a.m. only

Dec. 20: one service at 11:00 a.m. only

Dec. 27: one service at 11:00 a.m. only

Jan. 3: one service at 11:00 a.m. only