

Adult Sunday School	
<b>Gathered for Prayer</b>	<b>Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel</b>
Adventures in Prayer has become a group of people who gather each Sunday to pray for one another, for the people on the prayer/care list, for the church and the world. All questions, joys and concerns are welcome. Come anytime.	
<b>Watching and Waiting: Advent Stories and Poems</b>	<b>December 2 and 9 at 10 a.m. and December 16 and 23 at 9 a.m., Lincoln Parlor</b>
The Annunciation, Advent and Christmas have generated a tremendous outpouring of art and literature across country and culture. This class will focus upon watching and waiting, two responses to the promise of the coming of God in flesh, as reflected in poetry and short stories. Gwenn Gebhard, Tom Dunlap and Paul Dornan will lead.	
<b>Evolution, Science and the Presbyterian Church</b>	<b>December 9, 10 a.m. PMH</b>
Protestant denominations in the United States have taken different approaches to reconciling the theory of evolution with biblical interpretation. An extreme position is rejection of evolution and adherence to creationism, in effect rejecting an overwhelming scientific consensus on the validity of evolutionary theory. This is not the PCUSA position. The historical roots of these different positions will be described and the PCUSA position will be presented. Len Shabman will lead the class.	

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## Opportunities for Service

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

**Community Club** – Washington D.C.'s oldest tutoring and mentorship program for public and charter school students needs adult volunteers to make a difference in a child's life. Students and volunteers meet at the church on Thursday nights during the school year. Contact Tom Karr or Shamika Bradley at [directors@communityclub.org](mailto:directors@communityclub.org) or go to [www.communityclub.org](http://www.communityclub.org) for more information.

**New York Avenue Educational Foundation** - The NYAEF mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need in the Washington, DC community. Annually, it solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots nonprofits, including Community Club, to further impact DC students. Visit <https://nyaef.org> to learn more or contact Brian Schimming at [nyaef.dc@gmail.com](mailto:nyaef.dc@gmail.com). Shopping at Amazon? Select the NYAEF as your charity-of-choice through this link <https://smile.amazon.com>. Federal employees/retirees please consider giving through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC #25839) at <https://cfcgiving.opm.gov>.

**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. Donation baskets are at the rear of the Sanctuary and front desk.

**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, [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@gmail.com](mailto:mjs1wan2@gmail.com).

**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@gmail.com](mailto:mjs1wan2@gmail.com) or Barry Tindall, [barrytindall@verizon.net](mailto:barrytindall@verizon.net)

**NYAPC's Young Adults** – For more information about Faith on Tap, Bible Study, other fellowship and service activities, or to be added to the e-mail list, contact Helen Anthony ([shanthon@ncsu.edu](mailto:shanthon@ncsu.edu)) or Taylor Allison ([taylorallison93@gmail.com](mailto:taylorallison93@gmail.com)).

**NYAPC Parent's Listserve** – For more information about ministry for infants to high schoolers, or to be added to the email list, contact Associate Pastor Alice Tewell ([alice.tewell@nyapc.org](mailto:alice.tewell@nyapc.org)).

**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 Lance Jameson, the church Senior Accountant, Helen Anthony, the chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Roger Gench, the Senior Pastor, for more information, questions, or to make your pledge.

**Volunteers are needed to staff the welcome table** in the narthex, 20-30 minutes before a Sunday service greeting and then 15-20 minutes after, to chat with visitors and members during coffee time. For more details, visit <http://bit.ly/1OFP6r> or contact Helen Anthony [shanthon@ncsu.edu](mailto:shanthon@ncsu.edu) or Paul Dornan [pbdornanp@aol.com](mailto:pbdornanp@aol.com).

**Worship Service** – Are you interested in ushering or serving as a liturgist during Sunday service? Please contact John Yoder at [yoderja@gmail.com](mailto:yoderja@gmail.com) (usher) or Mark Zaineddin at [zaineddin@gmail.com](mailto:zaineddin@gmail.com) (liturgy) for more information.



## Celebration of Worship

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

**December 2, 2018**  
**8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

### Prelude

8:45 a.m. "Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming"

Es ist ein' Ros', arr. Davidson

11:00 a.m. "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Arr. Ann Cameron Pearce

**NYAPC Flute Ensemble**

**Mary Anderson, Beth Braxton, Meg House, Kim Jurczyk, Beth Law, Meg Neill**

### Introit

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Tune of Genevan 42, Genevan Psalter, 1551

### \* Lincoln Chimes

## I. The Community Gathers for Worship

### \*The Lighting of Advent Candles: The Candle of Hope

8:45 a.m. Adam, Whitney and Madeline McColley

11:00 a.m. Stephen, Carrie and Stewart Reasonover

### Call to Worship

(Isaiah 9:2)

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: **Christ is our light. By grace he came, in power he rose; we wait for Christ to come again.**

### Response:

From Central Moluccas traditional melody

Cantor: All: Cantor: All: Cantor  
 We wait, we wait, we wait, we wait, ma-ra-  
 All: Cantor: All:  
 na - tha, ma-ra - na - tha, we wait, we wait.

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. (Jeremiah 33:14-15)

People: **In those days and at that time God will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.** [Response]

Leader: Make known to us your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths. (Psalm 25:4-5)

People: **Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long.** [Response]

\*Please stand, if able

### \*Opening Hymn

#83, “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”  
Stuttgart

### Prayer of Confession

God of grace and truth, long ago your prophets told of your promise – a promise of restoration and salvation. We confess that we have not believed your promise, that we have preferred brokenness to restoration, and have lingered with disease rather than welcome salvation. We have remained steadfast in the ease of the status quo, not wanting to face the hard work of repentance and change. Forgive our stiff necks, and renew our strength, so that we may receive the fullness of your promise, and live into that joy. Amen.

### \*Assurance of Pardon

### \*Passing of the Peace

### \*Response

#70, “What Does the Lord Require of You”  
Moon  
**What does the Lord require of you?**  
**What does the Lord require of you?**  
**Justice, kindness,**  
**walk humbly with your God.**

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

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-16, page 694, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

“Show Me Thy Ways”  
Walter Pelz

### Time for Children and Their Friends

“Alternative Giving”

### Second Lesson

Psalms 25:1-10, pages 475, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

“Dying and Rising Again and Again”  
Rev. Roger J. Gench

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

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

### Concerns of the Church

**Moment for Mission** “Alternative Christmas Gifts”  
Marilyn Seiber

### Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

8:45 a.m. Please gather around the table for giving and prayer.  
11:00 a.m. “Let My Prayer Come Up as Incense”  
Peter Hallock

### \*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

In this moment of worship we embrace Your presence again, O God. In this moment of prayer we proclaim again Your purpose for the world, O Savior. In this moment of giving we hear Your call again, O Lord. Use us – all that we have and all that we are to proclaim that God is love. God is with us. God will never leave us. Amen.

### Service of Communion

### Invitation to the Table

### Litany of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

### Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

*It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, eternal God our creator and redeemer. In Your wisdom, You made all things and sustain them by Your power. . . .Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name.*

### Response

#595, “Holy, Holy, Holy”  
Argentine Santo

**Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!**  
**My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!**

*You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. He shares our life in every way, and though tempted, was sinless to the end. Baptized as Your own, he went willingly to his death and by Your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, You gave birth to Your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit . . .Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Empowered by the Spirit, let us now offer the prayer our Lord taught us, saying:*

### 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

8:45 a.m. The congregation is invited forward to take communion by intinction. After you receive communion, you are invited to stay up front and gather around the table for prayer and our final hymn. Please bring your bulletins forward with you.

11:00 a.m.

*Participants in the communion proceed down the aisles to the servers to take communion by intinction. After you receive communion, 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. (The Gluten Free offering is in the middle upfront)*

### Prayer After Communion

God of grace, You have called us to the holy table of the Lord, to proclaim his death and receive his gift of life. Help us to remember Christ’s self-offering with thanksgiving and praise. Open our hearts and minds to a vision of his love, and pour into our souls the fullness of his grace. As we offer ourselves to You, let us go forth to live and serve as those whose lives are not our own but belong to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

### \*Sending Hymn

#106, “Prepare the Way, O Zion”  
Remember Me

**1 Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!**  
**Let every hill and valley a level way appear.**  
**Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.**

**Refrain O blest is Christ who came in God’s most holy name.**

**2 He brings God’s rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.**  
**His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.**  
**Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy**  
**abounding. [Refrain]**

**3 Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior’s rule embrace,**  
**and tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.**  
**All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing.**  
**[Refrain]**

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

### \*Congregational Response

**Alleluia! Amen!**

### Postlude

“Noël Suisse”  
Louis-Claude Daquin

\*The Call to Worship and Advent Candle Litany was written by Carla Pratt Keys and Music by Doug Brown for Ginter Park Presbyterian Church, Richmond, VA; published by the NEXT Church. The Prayer of Confession was written for Advent by Rev. Beth Merrill Neel at holdfasttowhatisgood.com. The Prayer of Dedication is adapted from resources by John van de Laar, in [A Liturgy for Advent and Christmas](#), on his [Sacredise.com](#) website.

**We wish to thank the NYAPC Flute Ensemble** for their participation in worship this morning.

**The flowers in the chancel today** are given to the glory of God in appreciation **of the council and volunteers of the McClendon Scholarship-in Residence Program** and in fond memory of the **Reverend Jack McClendon**, whose constant generosity and vision has made the Scholar-in- Residence program possible.

**The Peace Candle in the chancel** reminds us to pray that Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love of the Season will reign throughout the world, and that the coming of the Christ Child will not be forgotten as the true meaning and spirit of Christmas.

Participants in Worship		
	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Liturgist</b>	Molly Johnson	Tracy Branding
<b>Tour Guide</b>	Marilyn Seiber	Melissa Jane Taylor
<b>Worship Play</b>	Courtney Spearman and Rev. Alice Tewell	Karen Dunlap