

## Adult Sunday School

**Adventures in Prayer** Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel

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.

**Series on Christian-Muslim Dialogue, History and Relationships** Today and April 10, from 10:00 a.m. Room 520

**April 3: Part One: "History and Complexities of Christian and Islamic Fundamentalism"** Matthew Taylor, our instructor, is a Presbyterian layman and Ph.D. candidate at Georgetown. Matthew will offer an overview of whence the term and idea of fundamentalism came, how it became applied to Islam and other religions and why it is both a helpful and confused concept. We shall also discuss the ways in which all our terms to categorize the contemporary turmoil within Islam are limited.

**April 10: Part Two: "Building Bridges between Christians and Muslims"**

Matthew Taylor will continue his two-week series on relationships between Christianity and Islam. He will focus on the prospects for interfaith dialogue and even how Christians and Muslims can counter some of the more contentious versions of our faiths in the public marketplace.

**Bible Study with Cuba Partners: "Breakfast on the Beach"** April 10, 10 a.m. Room 511

Join Rev. Frances Taylor Gench as she leads this "Bible Study with Cuba Partners" on **John 21: 1-19**, the lectionary for the third Sunday after Easter. We will discuss the disciples' surprise encounter with the risen Lord, when, in a state of apparent post-Easter decline, they return to Galilee to go fishing. As we are studying this chapter of the Gospel of John, the NYAPC delegation visiting First Havana will also be studying this lesson with our brothers and sisters at First Havana along with other Cuba Partners in the USA.



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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 and Shamika Bradley at [directors@communityclub.org](mailto:directors@communityclub.org) or go to [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 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](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 Eleanor Robins, [robinsleanor@hotmail.com](mailto:robinsleanor@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, or other fellowship or service activities (or to be added to the e-mail list), contact Helen Anthony ([shanthon@ncsu.edu](mailto:shanthon@ncsu.edu)), Phil Bolles ([philbolles@gmail.com](mailto:philbolles@gmail.com)), or Katherine Leiden ([keleiden@gmail.com](mailto:keleiden@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.

**We are in need of volunteers to help make NYAPC a welcoming place** for our visitors and members by staffing the welcome table in the narthex before and after services. Welcome table volunteers arrive about 20-30 minutes before a Sunday service to greet worshipers and then hang out for about 15-20 minutes after the service to chat with visitors and members during coffee time. For more details visit <http://bit.ly/1OFPh6r>. If you are interested in signing up for one (or more!) services please contact Alison Kootstra Nowak at [amkootstra@gmail.com](mailto:amkootstra@gmail.com) or Paul Dornan at [pbdornanp@aol.com](mailto:pbdornanp@aol.com).



## Celebration of Worship

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

April 3, 2016

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

Second Sunday of Easter

Communion Sunday

*The worship service begins with a brief period for personal meditation and the Prelude.*

**Prelude** "Air and Hornpipe," from **Water Music**  
G. F. Handel

**Introit** "Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded"  
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\* **Lincoln Chimes**

## I. The Community Gathers for Worship

**Call to Worship** *(Written by Carol Penner, and posted on Leading in Worship)*

**One:** We need Your presence on the long road, Lord.

**All:** The road between fear and hope, the road between the place where all is lost and the place of resurrection.

**One:** Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus, we are in need of Your company!

**All:** Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power; let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour.

\***Opening Hymn**

#246, (verses 1-4), "Christ is Alive!"

Truro

**Prayer of Confession** *(from the Book of Common Worship)*

God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your ways. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored Your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to the paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

**Silent Confession**

\***Assurance of Pardon**

*\*Please stand, if able.*

\***Response**

#246, (verse 5), "Christ is Alive"

Truro

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-9 page 613, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

“New Jerusalem”

H. J. Gauntlett, Words by St. Filbert of Chartres, (c. 1000)

### Time for Children

#### Second Lesson

Luke 24:13-49, pages 84-85, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Where’s Emmaus?” Rev. Roger J. Gench

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#252, “Day of Arising”

Raabe

### Concerns of the Church

#### Offertory

8:45 a.m. \*The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around  
the Table for Giving and Prayer

11:00 a.m. “The Strife is O’er”

Arr. Leddington-Wright

### \*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

**Thank You, O God, for loving us and laboring with us as we seek You and as we help others in their seeking. Bless these offerings which we return to You, that in our seeking and our serving, we may help others to feel the embrace of Your and our wide welcome. Guide us in Your wisdom and love that we may use these gifts to manifest Your righteousness in the world in all that we do. 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 and the Lord’s Prayer

*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. Let us pray for God’s rule on earth, as Jesus taught us:*

### 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

*Participants in the communion proceed down the aisles to the servers, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and partake.*

*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.*

*(There is a Gluten Free communion set available; raise your hand for a pastor to respond.)*

### 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.**

### \*Passing of the Peace

### \*Sending Hymn

#254, "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

Puer Nobis Nascitur

1 **That Easter day with joy was bright;  
the sun shone out with fairer light  
when, to their longing eyes restored,  
the apostles saw their risen Lord.**

2 **He bade them see his hands, his side,  
where yet the glorious wounds abide,  
the tokens true which made it plain  
their Lord indeed was risen again.**

3 **From every weapon death can wield,  
your own redeemed forever shield;  
O Lord of all, with us abide  
in this our joyful Eastertide.**

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

### \*Congregational Response

**Alleluia! Amen!**

Postlude “Trumpet Voluntary in F Major”

John Stanley

**The flowers in the chancel today** are given to the glory of God in grateful thanks for our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

**The Peace Candle** on the chancel reminds us to pray for the peace around the world and for the victims and those affected by terrorism.

Preaching Schedule	
April 10	Rev. Roger J. Gench
April 17	Rev. Alice Tewell
April 24	Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Liturgist</b>	Brian Dewhurst	Taylor Allison
<b>Tour Guide</b>	Meg Neill	Len Shabman
<b>Worship Play</b>	Karen Dunlap	Karen Dunlap and Kathy Doan

	Counters
<b>April 3</b>	Dan Stokes and ShuXian McKenna
<b>April 10</b>	John Schultheis and Anders Larsson
<b>April 19</b>	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
<b>April 24</b>	Anders Larsson and ShuXian McKenna