

Adult Sunday School	
Gathered for Prayer	Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel
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. Miriam Dewhurst will lead.	
Iconoclasm, Images and Faith	Today, 9:00 a.m. Room 511
We will explore visual art as a voice for God's grace, with revelatory power and meaning that transcends human intentions. Kim Johnson, leader.	
Presenting the New Lincoln Chapel Wall Hanging	December 18, 9 a.m. Lincoln Chapel
Susan Tilt, the fabric artist who created the new wall hanging in the Lincoln Chapel, will explore with us her inspiration for our new quilt and how she executed her inspiration.	

10:00 a.m.	
Tour Guide	David Powell

Preaching Schedule	
December 18	Rev. Roger J. Gench (10:00 a.m.)
December 24	Rev. Roger J. Gench (5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.)
December 25	Rev. Alice R. Tewell (10:00 a.m.)
January 1	Rev. Roger J. Gench

Counters	
December 11	Adam Bain and ShuXian McKenna
December 18	Martha Davis and John Schultheis
December 27	Jim Martin and Dan Stokes

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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 – 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. Please contact Tom Karr or Shamika Bradley at directors@communityclub.org or go to www.communityclub.org for more information. *This holiday season, consider giving to Community Club through the Combined Federal Campaign #25839.*

New York Avenue Foundation – The NYAF mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout the Washington, D.C. community. Annually, it solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots nonprofits, including Community Club, to further impact D.C. students. Contact Brian Schimming, nyavefoundation@gmail.com to learn more. Shopping at Amazon *this holiday season*? Be sure to select the NYAF as your charity-of-choice at www.smile.amazon.com. Every purchase helps a child in need.

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.

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, or other fellowship or service activities (or to be added to the e-mail list), contact Helen Anthony (shanthon@ncsu.edu), Phil Bolles (philbolles@gmail.com), or Katherine Leiden (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 or Paul Dornan at pbdornanp@aol.com.



Celebration of Worship

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

December 11, 2016

10 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent

Lessons and Carols with Christmas Pageant

I. Preparing to Hear the Word

Prelude "Still, Still, Still"
Arr. Chip Davis
David Clark, Saxophone

"The First Nowell"
Traditional English Carol
Jacob Gagosian, violin
John Gagosian, guitar

*Lincoln Chimes

II. The Community Gathers for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Roger Gench, Rev. Alice Tewell,
Ms. Molly Johnson Wagner

*Call to Worship and The Lighting of Advent Candles
The Candle of Joy
Candle Lighters

Astrid Brigham, Jack Gillies, Corinne White,
Elliot McCabe

Astrid: Greetings in the name of Christ! Watch and wait for Christ's coming! This Advent we light the candles hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

Jack: We first light the candle of hope looking for Christ's reign for our world. We light the candle of peace hearing our call to be Christ's peacemakers for the world.

Astrid: We light the candle of joy remembering that in the midst of darkness, we are called to rejoice that Christ's light always shines.

All: Rejoice! Our Lord is coming into the darkness of oppression and exile to lead us home.

Jack: Hear the words of Isaiah 35: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

All: Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God."

*Opening Hymn

#88, (verses 1 and 6) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Veni Emmanuel

*Please stand if able

III. The Community Hears the Word of God

The First Lesson

God tells Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise.

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19 as told in the
Desmond Tutu Jesus Storybook Bible

Lauren Gillies

Prayer of Confession

David Clark

God of Advent, You have loved us without condition and command us to love others in the same way, but we are a people divided, a people too often ruled by hate, oppression, stereotypes, or apathy. God of peace, You pour over us with the peace that passes all understanding, but our world is wrought with anxiety, depression, violence, and war. God of joy, You offer us grace and freedom and a full life, but we focus too much on trying to be happy and make others happy. God, You offer us so much, and we respond with so little. Forgive us and make us whole. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Hymn

#88, (*verse 7*), “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
Veni Emmanuel

Passing of the Peace

Alex Moore

Christmas Affirmation of Faith

Alex Moore

Holy God, Emmanuel, always You are with us. We are aware of You only because You have created us to know You and enjoy You forever. Covenant God, Emmanuel, always You are with us. You entered human history, chose a particular people, and walked with them in sorrow and in joy. Companion God, Emmanuel, always You are with us. You are God of Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses, Deborah and David, Elizabeth and Zechariah, Joseph and Mary. Humble God, Emmanuel, always You are with us, now as one with us, now as one of us. Jesus of Nazareth, both of a woman, with a face, a name, and a story. Word of flesh, Emmanuel, always You are with us. We praise and adore You. Amen.

The Second Lesson

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the Earth be blessed. Genesis 22:15-18, NRSV

Aidan Bain

Reflection on Christmas in Kenya

Annabel Rotchford, Corinne White, Penny Wagner, Astrid Brigham, Elliot McCabe

The Third Lesson

The Prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7, NRSV

Malcolm

Douglas

Offering of Dance

“Arise, Shine, Your Light has Come!”

based on Isaiah 60: 1-4, 18,19

Beth Clark, dance

Accompanied by

Whitney McColley, soprano
and Dr. Stan Engebretson, piano

*All children are invited to
join the dance and sing the chorus.*

The Fourth Lesson

The peace that Christ will bring is prophesied.

Isaiah 11:1-6, Common English Bible

Musical Offering

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”
Traditional
Youth Choir

Jack Anderson

Advent Prayers for Peace

Jack Gillies

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.

The Fifth Lesson

The Angel Gabriel visits Mary. Luke 1:26-35, 38, as told in the
Desmond Tutu Jesus Storybook Bible

Alex Moore

The Sixth Lesson

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus. Luke 2:1-7, NRSV

Liz Kelly-Doan

Carol

“The Dark Softly Falling”
Traditional Austrian Carol arr. Harriet Ziegenhals
Jack Anderson, Flute

The Seventh Lesson

The shepherds go to the manger. Angels enter.

Luke 2:8-16, Common English Bible

Lauren Gillies

Carol

All Children and Youth

#136, “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Children sing chorus and first verse. The congregation is invited to join in for verses 2 and 3 (and the chorus).

The Eighth Lesson

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Matthew 2:1-11 as told in Desmond Tutu Storybook Bible

Jack Gillies

III. The Community Responds to the Word

Reflection on Christmas in Cuba

Liz Kelly-Doan, Malcolm Douglas,
Betsy Merritt

Receiving Tithes and Offerings

Rev. Alice R. Tewell

Offertory

"Ode to Joy”
Beethoven
Carmen Ashworth, Violin

*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

Malcolm Douglas

Eternal God, through long generations You prepared a way for the coming of Your Son, and by your Spirit You still bring light to illumine our paths. Renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to claim our love. Amen.

The Ninth Lesson

John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

John 1:1-14, NRSV

Alex Moore

* Sending Hymn:

#145, “What Child is This?”
Greensleeves

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

2 Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;
the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!

3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high.
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Benediction

Rev. Roger Gench and Rev. Alice Tewell

All:

Friends, go in peace. Be steadfast in faith. Live in harmony with one another. And may the God of hope fill You with all joy and peace in believing, so that You may abound in hope, peace, and joy by the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
Arr. Chip Davis for Mannheim Steamroller
David Clark, Saxophone

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for all those struck by tragedy, suffering from loss and are homeless and hopeless—fires in Tennessee, earthquakes in Indonesia and Pakistan, bombings in Aleppo—all who need our prayers.

Parents and Caregivers – A Few Things to Note:

Are you a child who is new today or wasn't able to make it to a rehearsal? You are welcome to take an extra costume from the back (narthex) and join in with your part. If you need help, ask Sarah-Dianne, NYAPC Young Adult Volunteer.

When does my child enter?

- **First Time:** All children come and dance to the chorus of “Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come!” after the third lesson.
- **Second Time:** Angels (K-2nd grade) and Shepherds (3-4th grade) enter during the Seventh Lesson. Sheep (PreK and younger) enter during the Carol, *Go Tell It On the Mountain*, right after the Seventh Lesson. After that, the children can stay up front.

Where should my child sit? All children are encouraged to sit up front starting from the 2nd pew. We hope they will follow along with the service until they get to their part. They are welcome to sit on their own or with you. If your child would do better with some space to roam, the children's section on the H Street side has some coloring activities. Rev. Alice's office (outside of the sanctuary, New York Avenue side) is also open and has an additional bathroom and changing table.

A special note for sheep: We love that our youngest children play the sheep. We hope you will allow them to graze around the front of the sanctuary and enjoy the spirit of the pageant story. It is what sheep do! Other animals are welcome too!

Did you come early to practice?

We will have a quick snack on Park Level at 9:30 a.m. We will take a picture of everyone in the sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. Please be in your seats after the photo.

About Today's Service:

This morning's Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols has its origin beginning in 1880 with the Bishop of Truro, England, who used a wooden shed for his cathedral and developed this service for use on Christmas Eve.

In 1918 this service was adapted for use in the chapel of King's College, Cambridge, and has been used since then primarily in this form. It is intended to be a service full of participation, joyous sounds and reflective prayer as the biblical story is told from Genesis through the prophets to the Gospels.

*The liturgy for this service is adapted from Advent, Christmas and Epiphany: Liturgies and Prayers for Public Worship by Brian Wren and from shared resources on the Young Clergy Women's Project.

As part of our effort to know more about our Mission Partners around the globe, our youth researched Christmas traditions in Cuba and Kenya. These reports are to highlight our partnerships with the First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Havana, Cuba and the Kenya Orphans and Vulnerable Children Program in Njoro, Kenya.

Participants

Mary is played by **Corinne White**, Joseph by **Elliot McCabe**, Angel Gabriel by **Penny Wagner** and the Wise Women by **Linda Kelly, Astrid Brigham** and **Annabel Rotchford**. Herod is played by **Jack Anderson**.

The shepherds are played by our Upper Elementary Sunday School Class. These include **Carmen Ashworth, Philip Douglas, Jacob Gagosian, Sam Neill, Enola Yoder-Danewitz** and **Jorn White**.

The angels are played by our Lower Elementary Sunday School Class. These include **Wynn Ashworth, Sarah Bowman, Nori Gagoisan, Mika Inoue, William Kelly, Malcolm Laskowski, Evelyn McCabe, George Rotchford, Maya Smith, Naomi West,** and **Alistair Yoder-Danewitz**

The sheep are played by our PreK class and a few in the nursery. These include **Lila Ashworth, Ava Browning, Elie Browning, William Campbell, Anna Choi, David Dewhurst** (sheep captain), **Charlotte Dewhurst, Frederick Hoffman, Akira Inoue, Dylan Lauer, Felix McKee Wieseler, Xavier McKee Wieseler, Oliver Peltz, Lucy Smith, Sylvan Spearman, Christopher Tewell, Julia Thierry, Luke West,** and **Ambrose Yoder-Danewitz**.

Our readers and solo/accompanying and duet musicians are **Jack Anderson, Carmen Ashworth, Aidan Bain, Beth Clark, David Clark, Dr. Stan Engebretson, Malcolm Douglas, Jacob Gagosian, John Gagosian, Jack Gillies, Lauren Gillies, Liz Kelly-Doan, Whitney McColley,** and **Alex Moore**.

Our youth choir includes our upper elementary and middle school Sunday School class. Our youth choir is directed by **Samantha Scheff** and **Molly Johnson Wagner**. **Beth Clark** led and **Kathryn Sparks** helped with today's dance.

Thank You!

We would like to give a very special thank you to all who participated in today's pageant and all of the **parents, caregivers and grandparents** who made this pageant possible.

We would like to thank the congregation for joining us in worship through the eyes of our children!

We would like to thank our children Sunday School teachers **Doug House, Diane Douglas, Karin Lohman, Mary Anderson, John Schultheis, Carter Coker, Ashley Nunes Coe, Ross Coe, Don Kelly, Marsha Renwanz, Taylor Allison, Kathy Doan, David Gillies,** and **Emily Sabo** who supported our children in the pageant!

A very special thank you to our youth Sunday School teachers **Helen Anthony, Paul Dornan, Betsy Merritt, Elizabeth Bowman, Yongo Ding** and **Sarah-Dianne Jones** who helped our youth with the pageant!

We thank our music and pageant Directors **Molly Johnson Wagner, Samantha Scheff,** and **Rev. Alice Tewell**.

