

Adult Sunday School	
<b>Adventures in Prayer</b>	<b>Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel</b>
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.	
<b>Series on Christian-Muslim Dialogue, History and Relationships</b>	<b>April 3 and 10, from 10:00 a.m. Room 520</b>
<b>April 3: Part One: "History and Complexities of Christian and Islamic Fundamentalism"</b> 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.	
<b>April 10: Part Two: "Building Bridges between Christians and Muslims"</b> 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.	
<b>Bible Study with Cuba Partners: "Breakfast on the Beach"</b>	<b>April 10, 10 a.m. Room 511</b>
Join Rev. Frances Taylor Gench as she leads this "Bible Study with Cuba Partners" on <b>John 21: 1-19</b> , 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, [robinseleanor@hotmail.com](mailto: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](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).



Prelude

Canzona per sonare No. 1 "La Spirita"  
Giovanni Gabrieli  
"La Tromba"  
Francois Couperin  
"The Heavens Are Telling"  
Benedetto Marcello  
"Maestoso," from **Organ Symphony**  
Camille Saint-Saëns

**The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church Brass Quintet**  
Jesse Tubb, James McKenzie, Trumpets, Heather Parnell, Horn,  
Michael Parnell, Darryl Buning, Trombones

### Introit

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"  
Tune of Llanfair, 1817

### \*Lincoln Chimes

## I. The Community Gathers for Worship

### \*Call to Worship *(adapted from "Easter begins so Small" by Kathryn Hawker)*

Leader: Resurrection starts with the cry of grief,  
an empty place, a familiar voice.  
It's tiny... like the fingers of a newborn.  
Seemingly insignificant and often overlooked –  
like the first bud on the tree.

**All: Christ has risen.  
Waiting for us to take notice.**

Leader: Christ has risen.  
Waiting for us to respond.

**All: Christ has risen.  
Christ has risen indeed!**

### \*Opening Hymn

#232 (*verses 1-3*), "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"  
Easter Hymn

*\*Please stand, if able*

### Prayer of Confession *(adapted from the book of Common Worship)*

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We confess that we overlook those who are most in need and pass by those who mourn. We confess that we ignore the cries of those experiencing injustice and pass over the weak. We confess that we abuse Your precious creation. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust Your power to change our lives and make us new, which we may know the joy of life abundant, given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

### \*Response

#232 (*verse 4*), “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Easter Hymn

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!**

**Praise eternal as God’s love Alleluia!**

**Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!**

**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

### \*A Brief Statement of Faith

(*Pages 37-38, "Glory to God"*

*hymnal*)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

John 20:1-10 , page 108, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

8:45 "God of Great and God of Small"

Natalie Sleeth

Youth Choir, Molly Johnson Wagner, Director

11:00 "Alleluia"

Traditional German Hymn, Arr. Roger Wagner

### Time for Children and Their Friends

### Second Lesson

John 20:11-18, page 108, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

**“Back to the Garden”**

**Rev. Roger J. Gench**

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#239, "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

Gelobt Sei Gott

### The Sacrament of Baptism

11:00

### Renewal of Baptism

11:00

### Concerns of the Church

### Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

## Offertory

8:45 "Alleluia"

Traditional German Hymn, Arr. Roger Wagner

11:00 "Easter Hymn: Regina Coeli," from **Cavalleria Rusticana**

Pietro Mascagni

Rhianna Cockrell, Mezzo Soprano

Translation:

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia.

Has risen, as He said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, alleluia. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

O God, who through the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ

gave rejoicing to the world, grant, we pray, that we may obtain the joy of everlasting life.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### \*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

God of the resurrection, You give us hope this day. You make all things new! We give You thanks and dedicate these gifts in the name of the risen Christ. We pray that these gifts may be life-giving bringing hope, peace, and love to Your world. 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

#233, “The Day of Resurrection”

Lancashire

**1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.**

**2 Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light, and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the victor strain.**

**3 Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin; the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein. Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.**

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

### \*Congregational Response

**Alleluia! Amen!**

### Benediction Response

8:45 Go Ye Now in Peace

Joyce Eilers

Youth Choir

## Postlude

"Hallelujah Chorus," from **Messiah**

(*Congregation may remain seated*)

**We wish to thank the Youth Choir, Molly Johnson Wagner, Rhianna Cockrell, the Sanctuary Choir, and the New York Avenue Brass Quintet** for their special music in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of **Frank M. van der Linden** (1919-2011) and **Margaret B. McKay** (1958-2005) by their family.

**The Peace Candle** on the chancel reminds us to pray for the peace of Christ in the world during this Easter week of the Passion and Resurrection.

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Liturgist</b>	Ann Davie	Len Shabman
<b>Tour Guide</b>	Paul Dornan	Len Shabman

Preaching Schedule	
April 3	Rev. Roger J. Gench
April 10	Rev. Roger J. Gench
April 17	Rev. Alice Tewell
April 24	Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader

### 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.

**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.

**If you have been worshipping regularly** at the New York Avenue Church and do not yet have a permanent nametag or have somehow mislaid your permanent nametag, please fill out a blank form with your name in the envelopes on either of the nametag kiosks in the narthex and the church entryway on the first floor. You will find your permanent nametag on one of the kiosks on one of the next two Sundays. Nametags are just one more way New York Avenue strives to be a welcoming presence in Washington!