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.

*So Sarah Laughed: Laughter in the Bible*

Today, 10:00 a.m., Room 511

*Introducing Islam*

Today and Monday, November 22, 10:00 a.m., Room 520

Is Islam 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. Suyyid Syed, National Director of the Office for Interfaith and Community Affairs 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 Muslims? (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-Muslims hold about Islam and how would you go about dispelling them? and (4) And, if we want to know more, where can we find knowledgeable Muslims to introduce their faith to us?

Worship Play

Dawn Hill

Karen Dunlap

December 6

8:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Liturgist

FRED DUNN

JOHN QUINN

Tour Guide

John Schultheis

John Davids

Worship Play

Dawn Hill

Karen Dunlap

November 15

Martha Davis and Barbara Dorrant

November 22

John Schultheis and Adam Ban

December 1

Beth and Fritz von Hekkenstein

December 6

Barbara Dorrant and ShuXian McKenna

December 13

John Schultheis and Martha Davis

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Opportunities for Service

7-29 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 Spencer Gibbins, spencer.gibbins@svlcom.org

Community Club – A one-on-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 Kurt or Shumika Bradley at dirguests@communityclub.org or see 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 – NYAF seeks to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need through 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

Radicliff 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 rebenleear@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, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Marilyn Seiber, mrs295@hotmail.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, mrs295@hotmail.net; Beth DauMeis, bethdau@yahoo.com or Barby Toudahl, barbytoudahl@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), email stacye.richard@gmail.com or 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.

The Entire Congregation

Roger Joseph Gench, Ph.D.

Alta Rose Tewell, M. Div.

Stanley P. Engerbretson, D.M.A.

Am Rose Davie, M. Div.

Catherine Schultheis, B.A., Chr.ED.

Beth Braxton, M. Div., M.R.E., D. Min.

J. Gary Campbell, M. Div., M.A.

Frances Taylor Gench, M. Div., Ph.D.

Linda LeSourd Lader, M. Div.

Kathryn Sparks, M.T.S.

Angela Williams; Community Club and Radicliff Room

Ministers:

Associate Pastor:

Director of Music:

Parish Associate for Visitation:

Director of Plannned Giving:

Parish Associates:

Director of Dance:

Young Adult Volunteer:

Prelude

“The Lord is My Shepherd”

Brother James’ Air, arr. Wood

Introit

“Lobe den Herren” BWV137

J. S. Bach

Choral Translation: Praise ye the Lord, O let all that is within me Praise the Lord. All that hath birth and breath come now with praise. Let the Amen sound from the people again. Gladly for aye we adore the Lord.

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gatherings for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord together!

All: We take refuge in God, who shows us the path of life.

Leader: Let your hearts be glad; let your souls rejoice.

All: We rejoice in the Lord, whose loving kindness never lets us go.

*Opening Hymn

#687, “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

St. ALEX.

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only those things that bring us closer to you. We yield to you our burdens and our sorrows. We yield to you our desires and our dreams. We yield to you our love and our loyalty. We yield to you our praise and our thanksgiving. We yield to you our lives and our selves.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Pastor, if able

#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 Winter’s Night,” a

Do you have difficulty hearing the service? Our assisted
Concerns of the Church

First Lesson
Psalm 16, page 469, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
“Lobe den Herren,” BWV137
J. S. Bach
Chorus Translation: Praise ye the Lord of Creation. O my soul praise, our health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to this temple draw near, join me in glad adoration!

Moment for Mission
"Vision 2020”
8:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
David and Amy Gillies Laura Asiala

Time for Children and Their Friends
Second Lesson
Hebrews 10:11-25, page 210-211, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon
“For Sin” Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn with Procession of Pledges and Commitments

#69, “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” (Here I Am, Lord) (Here I Am
Referain
Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord. If you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.
1 I, the Lord of the sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of the night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Referain
2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? Referain
3 I the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread, I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them, whom shall I send? Referain

Concerns of the Church
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.
“Laudate Puect,” from Vespers, KV339
W. A. Mozart
Translation: Praise the Lord, O sons, Praise the name of the Lord.
May the name of the Lord be blessed from henceforth, and forevermore.
From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is praiseworthy.
The Lord is exalted above all people, and His glory is above the heavens. Who is like the Lord our God, who dwells high and regards the lowly in heaven and on earth?
Supporting the needy on the earth, and raising up the poor from the dust; in order to place him with the princes of His people. Who makes the barren one to dwell in a house as the happy mother of children. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever, and for generations of generations. Amen.

*Response
#607, “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Docatogy
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
Giving God, we offer these gifts back to You. Bless and multiply them so that they may bring light and hope to the world around us and honor to You. In Jesus’ name we pray, 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 (11:00 a.m.)

*Sending Hymn
#744, “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”
Festal Song
1 Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit’s call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God,
which shines on you today.
2 Arise, your light is come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captives’ liberty,
good tidings to the poor.
3 Arise, your light is come!
All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.
4 Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God’s power will make us strong.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude
“In dir ist Freude,” (In Thee is Gladness)
Giovanni Gastoldi, arr. Wood

*This morning’s liturgy is adapted from “Voicing the Word Worship Companion.”

We wish to thank the Sanctuary Choir for their participation in worship today in these larger Bach and Mozart works. The next major presentation is on Sunday, December 20 in our 11:00 a.m. service, when they will sing “A Winter’s Night,” a Christmas cantata featuring traditional carols in new rhythmic, dance-like arrangements.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by Jay Davenport in loving memory of his parents, Jay H. and Lillian Davenport.

The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds us to pray for victims of the earthquake in Pakistan and Afghanistan, and for the people in Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand affected by the smoke of peatlands fires in Indonesia, termed an environmental disaster.

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.

During part of the Advent and Christmastide Season, for 4 Sundays, we will come together for a single service. On December 13, 20, 27 and January 3 please join us for a single service at 11 a.m. (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 a simple hearing aid with the receiver. Please contact Joe Thierry at jtiherry@redskoon.com or 703-568-5188 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.-12:30 p.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.