Advent Congregational Sunday

Today, 10:00 a.m., PMH
Begin Advent with some congregation-wide, intergenerational service projects. Come to Peter Marshall Hall at 10 am between services to wrap gifts and make cards for our Radcliffe Room guests. For details, see the Church Newsletter,
December 6
Winter Pageant (one service at 11:00 a.m.)
December 13
Christmas Pageant
8:45 a.m.
1:00 a.m.
Candle Lighters
Warren Krug
Doug Porter
Dinner Committee
Frieden Family
Lauer Family
11:00 a.m.
Sorrows
Rev. Roger J. Gench
Rev. Ann Davie
Rev. Roger J. Gench

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The Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Roger Gench, the Senior Pastor, for more information. Contact the church
The Peace Candle
Now that you know who you are. For more information about Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Marilyn Seiber.
Ralph Wagner
Paul Lauer
New York Avenue Foundation
Radcliffe Room Ministry

Advent 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 Schmimmer.
nyavefoundation@gmail.com

Adventures in Prayer

“Maybe prayer is as natural to you as breathing. Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Parlor
Barry Tindall
Marilyn Seiber
Angela Williams, Young Adult Volunteer:

The Wye Chapel

December 6
Rev. Roger J. Gench
December 13
Christmas Pageant

December 20
Dan Stokes and Shuxian McKenzie
December 29
Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

January 3
Molly Williams

Angela Williams, Young Adult Volunteer:

Advent: Stories and Poems

December 6 and 13, 10:00 a.m., Room 511

Adventues in Advent: Stories

Adventures in Advent: Stories and Poems

Radcliffe Room Ministry

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Prelude

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Food for the Hungry

“O, Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Plainchant – Veni, Emmanuel

*Lincoln Chimes
I. The Community Gatherings for Worship

The Lighting of Advent Candles

The Hope Candle

All: Why do we do this?
Leader: Because the old proverb is true: “What I hear, I forget. What I see, I remember. What I do, I understand.”

All: As we light our Advent candles, may they bring us together in the warm light of God’s love.
Leader: The Gospel of Luke speaks about the future: “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth, distress among nations. People will faint from fear and foreboding.” (Luke 21:25-36). Because our world is full of fear and distress, we light our first candle trusting that Christ is alive on earth and the Spirit of Christ lives among us.

All: Living Christ, give us faith to trust you. We trust You, we love You, You, we praise You. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

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

Prayer of Confession

Ministers:
The Entire Congregation

Roger Joseph Gench, Ph.D.
Alisa Rose Tewell, M.Div.
Stanley P. Engebretson, D.M.A.
Ann Risse Davie, M.Div.
Catherine Schulteis, B.A., Chr.Ed.
Beth Braxton, M.Div., MRE, D. Min.
J. Gary Campbell, M.Div., M.A.
Frances Taylor Gench, M.Div., Ph.D.
Linda LaSourd Lader, M.Div.
Kathryn Sparks, M.T.S.

Angela Williams; Community Club and Radcliffe Room

November 29, 2015
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
First Sunday of Advent

Preachers

Prelude and Fantasy on “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Austin Lovelace
Samantha Schef, Organist

*Introtio

“You, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Please stand, if able

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 Sprece Gibbins, sprecegibbons@aol.com

Community Club – A one-with-one tutoring and mentoring program for DC public and charter student (grades 7-12) mentees at the church on Thursday nights during the school year. Adult volunteers are needed! Please contact Tom Karr or Shamina Bradley at directors@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.

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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 ralphwagner@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 Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Marilyn Seiber.

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Triangular 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, mapply@bellsouth.net; Beth DuMes, bethdumes@gmail.com; or Barry Trindall, barrytrindall@verizon.net

NYAFC’s Young Adults – For more information about Sunday brunches, Faith on Tap, Bible study, and fellowship or service activities (or to be added to the e-mail list), email mollywagner22@bellsouth.net; or Benno Lauer, benno.lauer@gmail.com

Annual Stewardship - Each of the ministries described on this page, as well as everything that happens at this church, is supported in a significant way by Annual Stewardship. Any giving, no matter how small, is a significant step toward our goal of membership and mission.

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Free Speech

Preaching Schedule

Counters
December 1
Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
December 6
Barbara Freeman and Sirphan McKenzie
December 13
John Schulteis and Martha Davis
December 20
Dan Stokes and Shuxian McKenzie
December 29
Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

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Christmas Gift Wrapping!

Today, 10:00 a.m., Radcliffe Room
In order to spread the holiday cheer, we are preparing individual gifts for our Radcliffe Room guests that we will deliver on Sunday, December 13th. We will be using the intergenerational educational hour on Sunday, November 29 at 10 am to begin to prepare those gifts for our neighbors.

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Free Speech
**Response**  
#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 Brief Statement of Faith**  
(Page 37-38, "Glory to God" hymnal)

### II. The Community Heears the Word of God

#### First Lesson
Psalms 25:1-22, pages 478-476, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
“Show Me Thy Ways,”
Walter Pelz
Meg House, Flute

#### Time for Children and Their Families

**Second Lesson**
Jeremiah 33:14-16, page 694, NRSV  
1 Thessalonians 3:3-13 page 192, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

“Waiting”  
Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader

### III. The Community Responds to the Word

**Sermon Hymn**  
#87, “Comfort, Comfort, Ow My People”  
Genevan

The Sacrament of Baptism  
1500 a.m.  
Dylan Tiernan Lauer

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.  
“And The Glory of the Lord,” from Messiah  
G. F. Handel

**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**

Holy God, You call us from every tribe, language, people,  
and nation to share in Your everlasting kingdom. Bless  
and multiply these gifts that we offer, that they would  
extend Your love to those in need. May Your kingdom  
come, in our hearts, and in the world. In the name of  
Jesus we pray. Amen.

**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

All: 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**

#93, “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”  
Texts

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
behold the King of glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near;  
the Savior of the world is here.

2 Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
make it a temple,  
set apart from earthly use for heaven’s employ,  
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

3 Redeemer, come! Open wide my heart to thee;  
here, Lord, abide.  
Let me thy inner presence feel;  
thy grace and love in me reveal.

**Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

**Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

**Postlude**

Toccata on “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”  
Austin Lovelace

*The Call to Worship for today’s service comes from Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, Liturgies and Prayers for Public Worship by Brian Wren. (2008)*

We wish to thank our flautist Meg House and our choral-organ scholar, Samantha Scheff, for their participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by Pauline Irene Ngo Mbock in loving memory of her father, *Moise Mbock Boumal*, her nephew Salomon Serges Loga, and her grandmother, Naomie Ngo Bikun Boumal. At the beginning of the 11:00 am service, Pauline will lead the congregation in her father’s favorite hymn, “In the Hollow of His Hand.”

The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds us to pray for refugees and victims of terrorism around the world.

**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 Christmas tide Season, for 4 Sundays, we also join together for a single service. On Dec 13, 20, 27 and January 3 please join us for a single service at 11 am. (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 t-coil equipped hearing aids with the receiver. Please contact Joe Thierry at 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 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.

**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 wave, it is an expression of joy in the moment and our connections with sisters and brothers in faith.