



# This Fall at The Church of the Ascension

## Forums after the 11 a.m. Services

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### Seminarian Introduction

Meet Shana Kaplanov  
Sunday, Sept. 27

### A New Monasticism

Srs. Shane Phelan & Elizabeth Broyles  
Companions of Mary the Apostle  
Sunday, Dec. 6

### Hospitality and Jesus in Luke's Gospel:

#### Then and Now

Dr. Deirdre Good  
Sundays, Oct. 11 & Dec. 13

In Luke's Gospel Jesus receives and gives hospitality from birth through his ministry and even beyond death.

What does this look like and is it something we can emulate today?

### Theology & Science Series

Led by Dr. Clay Williams  
October 18 – *Anthropos*  
November 8 – *Cosmos*

*Ongoing this winter*

January 10 – *Bios*  
February 7 – *Nous*  
April 10 – *Technos*  
May 1 – *Theos*

## Ongoing Classes

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### Lectionary Bible Study

Monday Nights at 7:00

### Bible Study: The Psalms

Thursday Nights at 7:00

### Resistance Cinema

First Tuesday of the Month

October 6: *Citizen 4* (2014; 114 min)  
An Interview with Edward Snowden

November 3: *Inequality for All* (2013; 89 min)  
The issue of income inequality  
written and narrated by Robert Reich

December 1: *Fed Up* (2014; 92 min)  
Fat, Sugar & Exercise -  
Where have we gone wrong?

## Special Events

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### Bluestone Farm Volunteer Day

Saturday, Oct. 17, All day

### Parish Harvest Dinner

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 7:00 p.m.

### Advent Quiet Day

#### Mary's "Yes" and Ours

Led by Srs. Shane Phelan and Elizabeth Broyles, CMA  
December 5, 10:00 a.m.

## Coming up on Sundays

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**Back to School Blessing**

Sept. 6

**Welcome Back Sunday**

Sept. 20

**Blessing of Animals**

Oct. 4

**New-comers' Brunch (in the Rectory)**

Oct. 25

**All Saints Day & Stewardship Commissioning**

Nov. 1

**Ingathering of Pledges**

Nov. 22

### Guest Preachers:

Sept. 13 – The Rev. Mary Cat Young,  
Chaplain, Canterbury Downtown

Oct. 11 – Dr. Deirdre Good

Dec. 6 – Srs. Shane Phelan & Elizabeth Broyles  
Companions of Mary the Apostle

## About the Speakers

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**Deirdre Good** is presently theologian in residence at Trinity Wall Street. She was professor of New Testament at General Seminary for 28 years. She grew up in Kenya and has written books on Matthew's portrait of Jesus (Jesus the Meek King 1999), on Mary traditions in Judaism, Christianity and Islam (Mariam, the Magdalen and the Mother 2005), on households and families at the time of Jesus (Jesus' Family Values, 2006) and with Bruce Chilton, Reading the New Testament: A Fortress Introduction 2010).

**The Companions of Mary the Apostle** is an emerging religious community rooted in the Episcopal church and spilling beyond its borders. Open to people of both genders, they include both vowed Companions living in residential community under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, and covenanted Companions living and working wherever they find themselves. Drawing from the rich traditions of monasticism, their mission is to proclaim the renewing and transforming power of encountering Christ in our lives and in the world. Their particular apostle is, of course, Mary Magdalene, but this Advent quiet day focuses on Mary the mother of Jesus.

**Clay Williams** is a computer scientist and theologian. He earned his PhD in computer science from Texas A&M University and his MA in systematic theology from the General Theological Seminary. His scientific interests include artificial intelligence, computational biology, and medical informatics. All of his work is grounded in the field of complex systems, which provide the ability to uncover deep connections among seemingly unrelated biological, physical, and social phenomena. Complex systems thinking is also the starting point for his theological explorations.

Ascension is a welcoming, diverse, and inclusive community of people who gather to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, to give praise and thanks to God through the beauty of worship, and to love and serve God and our neighbors.

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