

Adult Sunday School

Adventures in Prayer	Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel
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.	
Introducing the Theology of Doug Ottati	Today and March 13 10:00 a.m. in Room 511
Rev. Roger Gench will lead a study on the person and work of Jesus Christ in preparation for Professor Doug Ottati's upcoming visit.	
Radcliffe Room Ministry Update, Parts I and II	March 13 and 20 10:00 a.m. in Room 520
A panel of regular volunteers to our Sunday morning food program with homeless and street people will share what the Radcliffe Room Ministry does, communicating concerns and entertaining questions. For part 2, a panel of Radcliffe Room guests will share their stories.	
Love Your Enemies: The Teaching of Jesus and the Theological Dynamic of Crusading Violence	March 20, 10 a.m. PMH
Professor Douglas Ottati, McClendon Scholar in Residence, will present on his newest research. Dr. Ottati is the Craig Family Distinguished Professor of Reformed Theology and Justice at Davidson College in North Carolina. Professor Ottati is the co-general editor of the multi-volume series, The Library of Theological Ethics. His recent books include Theology for Liberal Presbyterians and Other Endangered Species, Reforming Protestantism: Christian Commitment in Today's World, and Hopeful Realism: Recovering the Poetry of Theology.	

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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 – 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 or go to 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

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, robinsleanor@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.

March 6, 2016

8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
Communion Sunday**

The worship service begins with a brief period for personal meditation and the Prelude.

Prelude “Blessed Jesus, We Are Here”
J. S. Bach

Introit “As Morning Dawns”
Tune of Wareham, 1738

*** Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 32 from the United Church of Christ)*

Leader: Be glad in our GOD and rejoice, O righteous ones. Shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

All: **Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Therefore, we worship our God, and rejoice.**

Leader: In Christ, we become as a new creation. Everything old has passed away. See how God makes things new.

All: **Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven and whose lives become new. Through our worship, we praise God who makes us new. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn**

#298, (verses 1-4), “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”
Abbot's Leigh

Prayer of Confession *(from the Book of Common Worship)*

God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your ways. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored Your truth. Have mercy, O God, and force our sin. Return us to the paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

**Please stand, if able.*

***Response**

#298, (verse 5), “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”
Abbot's Leigh

Lord, you bless with words assuring:

“I am with you to the end.”

Faith and hope and love restoring,

may we serve as you intend,

and, amid the cares that claim us,

hold in mind eternity:

with the Spirit's gifts empower us

for the work of ministry.

***A Brief Statement of Faith** (Pages 37-38, "Glory to God" hymnal)

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Psalm 32 pages 479-480, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Set Me as a Seal,” from **A New creation**

René Clausen

Time for Children

Second Lesson

Luke 15:1-3, 11-13 page 73, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Lenses” Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#497, “Bread of Life from Heaven”

Argentine Santo/Break Now the Bread

Reception of New Members and Adult Baptism 11:00 a.m. (see insert)

Concerns of the Church

Offertory

8:45 a.m. *The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around

the Table for Giving and Prayer

11:00 a.m. “Quando Corpus, Morietur,” from **Stabat Mater**

Gioacchino Rossini

Whitney McColley, Rhianna Cockrell, Purev Arslanbaatar,

David Williams, Solo Quartet

Translation:

When my body dies, grant that to my soul is given the glory of paradise.

*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

Thank You, O God, for loving us and laboring with us as we seek you and as we help others in their seeking. Bless these offerings which we return to You, that in our seeking and our serving, we may help others to feel the embrace of Your and our wide welcome. Guide us in Your wisdom and love that we may use these gifts to manifest Your righteousness in the world in all that we do. Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Litany of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, eternal God our creator and redeemer. In Your wisdom, You made all things and sustain them by Your power....Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name.

Response “Holy, Holy”

Holy, Holy (Irregular)

Holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty;

And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love,

Holy, holy, holy, holy.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. He share our life in every way, and though tempted, was sinless to the end. Baptized as Your own, he went willingly to his death and by Your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, You gave birth to Your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit ... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Let us pray for God’s rule on earth, as Jesus taught us:

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.

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

Participants in the communion proceed down the aisles to the servers, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and partake.

Please return to your pew via the side aisles.

Those unable to come forward will be offered the bread and the cup at their seats.

(There is a Gluten Free communion set available; raise your hand for a pastor to respond.)

Prayer After Communion

God of grace, You have called us to the holy table of the Lord, to proclaim his death and receive his gift of life. Help us to remember Christ’s self-offering with thanksgiving and praise. Open our hearts and minds to a vision of his love, and pour into our souls the fullness of his grace. As we offer ourselves to You, let us go forth to live and serve as those whose lives are not our own but belong to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Sending Hymn

#494 "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"
Quebec

**1 O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,
the fount of life, the light of all,
from fullest bliss that earth imparts
we turn unfilled to hear your call.**

**2 Your truth unchanged has ever stood;
you save all those who on you call.
To those who seek you, you are good;
to those who find you, all in all.**

**3 We taste you, ever-living Bread,
and long to feast upon you still;
we drink of you, the fountain-head,
our thirst to quench, our souls to fill.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude “My Jesus I Shall Never Leave”
Johann Gottfried Walther

We wish to thank our solo quartet and Daniel Stokes for their participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in appreciation for the **volunteers who act as tour guides for NYAPC guests**, by members and friends of the congregation through their contributions to the Flower Fund.

The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds us to pray for the homeless, in our neighborhoods and city, our nation, and in the world where millions are without homes due to war.

Preaching Schedule	
March 13	Rev. Roger J. Gench
March 27	Rev. Roger J. Gench
April 3	Rev. Roger J. Gench

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Paul Dornan	Yongo Ding
Tour Guide	Len Shabman	John O’Brien
Worship Play	Rev. Alice Tewell	Karen Dunlap

	Counters
March 6	Dan Stokes and Seth Doleman
March 13	John Schultheis and Anders Larsson
March 22	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
March 29	Jim Martin and Barbara Dornan