

Adult Sunday School	
Gathered for Prayer	Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel
Adventures in Prayer has become a group of people who gather each Sunday to pray for one another, for the people on the prayer/care list, for the church and the world. All questions, joys and concerns are welcome. Come anytime.	
Stand Your Ground	Today, February 19, 26, 10:00 a.m., Room 511
In recent years, many of us have been shocked by violence against Black men and women, often by the police. As we have pondered and protested this violence, we have become aware of the systems of oppressions and society-endorsed racism all around us. Since the election, we have been shocked by the rise of white nationalist and alt-right groups. This class will use Kelly Brown Douglas' book, <i>Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God</i> , to explore the historical, cultural and religious influences that undergird racism in our present context. Participants are encouraged to read the book, but a summary of the book will be provided, so, whether you read the book or not, come and participate in the discussion of this timely topic. This will be an intergenerational class (high school and up). We will start as a group each week and then break into smaller groups for discussion. This class is co-led by your pastors, Roger Gench and Alice Tewell.	
Cuba Partners Bible Study: "Turn the Other Cheek?? Love Your Enemies??"	February 19, 10:00 a.m., Room 520
Rev. Frances Taylor Gench will help us explore Jesus mandate in Matthew 5: 38-48 to turn the other cheek, to love our enemies. We will be sharing what we have learned with the members of our sister church, First Church Havana.	
Testimonies about Giving	February 19, 10:00 a.m., Room 127
NYA church members will share some of their experiences in giving to and receiving from the church. Cathy Schultheis will lead.	

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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 – Washington D.C.'s oldest tutoring and mentorship program for public and charter school students needs adult volunteers to make a difference in a child's life. Students and volunteers meet at the church on Thursday nights during the school year. Please contact Tom Karr or Shamika Bradley at directors@communityclub.org or go to www.communityclub.org for more information.

New York Avenue Foundation – The NYAF mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout the Washington, D.C. community. Annually, it solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots nonprofits, including Community Club, to further impact D.C. students. Contact Brian Schimming, nyavefoundation@gmail.com to learn more. Shopping at Amazon? Be sure to select the NYAF as your charity-of-choice at www.smile.amazon.com. Every purchase helps a child in need.

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.

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/1OEPH6r>. 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.

February 12, 2017
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude "Prelude and Fugue in C Major"
Georg Böhm
Samantha Scheff, Organ

Introit
8:45 a.m. "Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire"
O Waly Waly, arr. Hopson
11:00 a.m. "Sing Me To Heaven"
Daniel Gawthrop

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

(Psalm 119:1-8)

Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless.
All: Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord.
Leader: Happy are those who keep God's decrees.
All: Blessed are those who seek God with their whole heart.
Leader: God has commanded that God's precepts be kept diligently.
All: We pray that we may be faithful in keeping all his statutes.
Leader: If we pay attention to all his commands, we will not be put to shame.
All: As we learn God's righteous judgments, we will praise God with an upright heart.

*Opening Hymn

#689, "When the Morning Stars Together"
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Prayer of Confession

(From the United Church of Canada)

Leader: The drum does not beat alone, nor does the heart, in the circle of life.
All: How difficult it has been, O Creator, for us to be humble and caring. We so easily forget Your teachings of the just and right relationships that we are to have with each other, as brothers and sisters, in this land. We so easily forget that our responsibility carries from generation to generation for all those who are hurt and oppressed and denied their place in the circle of life-those who still need our support, who need justice and peace. How difficult it is for us to remain humble as we walk the road of life. May we find peace so that we might share peace that is genuine and real, and help others to know peace within. Spirit of life, help us to walk the road of integrity back to the circle of life, where we will be truly joined by all our brothers and sisters. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Response

#698, "Take, O Take Me as I Am"
Take Me As I Am
**Take, O take me as I am
summon out what I shall be
set your seal up on my heart
and live in me. (Repeat 3 times)**

*Please stand, if able

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 30:15-20, page 179, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

8:45 a.m.

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

Brother James’ Air, Arr. Mack Wilberg

11:00 a.m.

Daniel, Daniel, Servant of the Lord

Traditional, arr. Undine Smith Moore

The Vocal Ensemble of The Episcopal Academy

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Matthew 5:21-37, pages 4-5, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Skin Deep”

Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#410, “God Is Calling through the Whisper”

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Concerns of the Church

Ordination and Installation of New Officers

See insert.

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“The Pilgrim’s Hymn”

Stephen Paulus

*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 all creation, we give You thanks for these gifts and all of the gifts You give us. In this offering, we affirm that You alone are God who gathers, protects and cares for Your church through the Word and Spirit. Through these offerings and the offerings of our lives, guide us to be Your disciples who work in every way that we can to do Your work for the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, 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.

*Sending Hymn

691, “Lord, When I Came into This Life”

Land of Rest

1 **Lord, when I came into this life**

you called me by my name;

today I come, commit myself,

responding to your claim.

2 **Within the circle of the faith,**

as member of your cast,

I take my place with all the saints

of future, present, past.

3 **In all the tensions of my life,**

between my faith and doubt,

let your great Spirit give me hope,

sustain me, lead me out.

4 **So help me in my unbelief**

and let my life be true:

feet firmly planted on the earth,

my sights set high on you.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Festive Trumpet Tune”

Gilbert Martin”

We wish to thank organist **Samantha Scheff** and **The Episcopal Academy** under the direction of **James Erwin** for their participation in worship this morning. The Vocal Ensemble is a select high school choral ensemble from The Episcopal Academy, founded in Newton Square, PA in 1785, as one of the oldest independent schools in the country. The Vocal Ensemble has toured both internationally and nationally, and will sing at the Evensong Choral Festival at the National Cathedral today.

The **flowers in the chancel today** are given to the glory of God in memory of **LTG Hillman Dickinson** (February 9, 1926 - September 2, 1994) by Nancy, Cindy, and Stuart Dickinson.

The **Peace Candle in the chancel** reminds us to pray for all refugees and immigrants everywhere, for their welcome, for their care, for banishing their fear.

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Laura Asiala	Nathan Moon
Tour Guide	Len Shabman	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Rev. Alice Tewell and Karen Dunlap	Sarah-Dianne Jones

Counters	
February 14	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
February 19	John Schultheis and Martha Davis
February 26	ShuXian McKenna and Adam Bain

Preaching Schedule	
February 19	Rev. Roger J. Gench
February 26	Rev. Roger J. Gench
Ash Wednesday	Rev. Roger J. Gench and Rev. Alice R. Tewell
March 5	Rev. Alice R. Tewell

Information for Sunday Visitors

Garage parking extended until 3:00 p.m. today for the Congregational Meeting.

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 josephnthierry@gmail.com or 703-568-5158 for more information.

Tours: Meet a tour guide at the front of the Sanctuary immediately following the service to tour the building and learn about our congregation’s heritage, current ministry, and outreach.

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.

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 NYAPC 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!

Embodied Prayer in Today’s Worship: *Take, O Take Me*

Offering ourselves to God in worship as a community can take on an additional layer of meaning when we involve our entire body in our prayer and praise. This Sunday and for several more upcoming Sundays we will practice “Take O Take Me” following the exchange of peace as a way to deepen our connection with God – through our physicality.