

Adult Sunday School	
<b>Gathered for Prayer</b>	<b>Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel</b>
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.	
<b>Stand Your Ground</b>	<b>Today, February 26, 10:00 a.m., Room 511</b>
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.	
<b>Cuba Partners Bible Study: "Turn the Other Cheek?? Love Your Enemies??"</b>	<b>Today, 10:00 a.m., Room 520</b>
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.	
<b>Testimonies about Giving</b>	<b>Today, 10:00 a.m., Room 127</b>
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](mailto: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](mailto:directors@communityclub.org) or go to [www.communityclub.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://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, [robinseleanor@hotmail.com](mailto:robinseleanor@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](mailto: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](mailto:mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net) Beth DuMez, [bethdumez@erols.com](mailto:bethdumez@erols.com) or Barry Tindall, [barrytindall@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto:shanthon@ncsu.edu)), Phil Bolles ([philbolles@gmail.com](mailto:philbolles@gmail.com)), or Katherine Leiden ([keleiden@gmail.com](mailto: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, Rachel Browning and Kim Johnson, 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](mailto:amkootstra@gmail.com) or Paul Dornan at [pbdornanp@aol.com](mailto:pbdornanp@aol.com).



## Celebration of Worship

The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church  
welcomes all people into community,  
worship, service and leadership.

**February 19, 2017**  
**8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**  
**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prelude** "Arioso, and Prelude in G Minor"  
J. S. Bach

**Introit** "Where Charity and Love Prevail"  
Lucas Chapin, 1812

**\*Lincoln Chimes**

### I. The Community Gathers for Worship

**\*Call to Worship** *(Psalm 121)*

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills- from whence will my help come?  
**All: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**  
 Leader: God will not let your foot be moved, God who keeps you will not sleep.  
**All: God who keeps Israel will not slumber or sleep.**  
 Leader: The Lord is your keeper, the Lord is your shade at your right hand.  
**All: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**  
 Leader: The Lord will keep you from evil, God will keep your life.  
**All: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

**\*Opening Hymn**  
 #65, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"  
 Cwm Rhondda

**Prayer of Confession** *(from Bread for the World)*

Lord, we listen to Your prophet's words, knowing they are for us. We have misused Your world, so perfect a Creation. Land meant to provide for all provides only for a few. Many dream of plows and corn but find instead guns and warplanes. Many who want home for their children and soup for their pots instead pitch refugee tents and boil grass for dinner. Many die of disease and starvation. In Your world of plenty, too many face impossible choices — food or heat, shoes or a coat, electricity or rent. Lord of all creation, move us from hardness to compassion, from guilt to forgiveness, from apathy to action, from complicity to justice. Heal our brokenness and the wounds of Your creation. 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)**

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

*\*Please stand, if able*

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

Hebrews 11 (selected verses); 12:1-2, page 211-213, NRSV  
*Gathered In* Liturgical Dance Ministry

*Congregation follows David's gesture to join him in saying:*

**All: By Faith.**

### Anthem

*8:45 a.m.* “Deep River”  
Spiritual, arr. Anders Paulsson  
David Clark, Saxophone  
*11:00 a.m.* “Call to Remembrance”  
Richard Farrant

### Time for Children and Their Friends

### Second Lesson

Hebrews 13:1-3, pages 213-214, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “This Far By Faith” Rev. Roger J. Gench

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#27, “Sacred the Body”  
Tenderness

### Concerns of the Church

*8:45 a.m.* **Cuba Delegation Commissioning**

### Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

*8:45 a.m.* *We Gather Around the Table for Giving and Prayer*  
*11:00 a.m.* “Deep River”  
Spiritual, arr. Anders Paulsson

### \*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

Eternal God, receive this offering. Guide those who use it, that it may help to bring fullness of life to those who live in need and long for our care. 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

796, “We Come to You for Healing, Lord”  
Land of Rest

- We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul, and pray that by your Spirit’s touch, we may again be whole.**
- As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain, we know you come among us still with power to heal again**
- You touch us through physicians’ skills, through nurses’ gifts of care, and through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.**
- Through nights of pain and wakefulness, Through days when strength runs low, Grant us your gift of patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.**
- We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain, in trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.**

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

### \*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

### Postlude

“Prelude in G Major”  
J. S. Bach

We wish to thank our readers Elizabeth Young and David Clark (saxophone), and our dancers, Frances Gench, Betsy Merritt, Sarah Hoffman, Brian Schimming, Beth Clark, John Clark, Mary Nell Clark, Laura West, Kathryn Sparks, for their participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in memory of Lucyle and Turley Mace by Mary, Jerry, Jason, and Katie Spatz.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for our partner church, First Presbyterian-Reformed Church of Havana, the NYAPC delegation visiting there February 20-27, Rev. Tewell as she preaches in the First Havana pulpit on Sunday, February 26, and the deepening of partnership-in-mission of our two churches.

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Paul Dornan	Nathan Moon
Tour Guide	John Schultheis	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Rev. Alice Tewell and Karen Dunlap	Rev. Alice Tewell and Karen Dunlap

Counters	
February 19	John Schultheis and Martha Davis
February 26	ShuXian McKenna and Adam Bain
March 7	Nancy Dickinson and Jim Martin

Preaching Schedule	
February 26	Rev. Roger J. Gench
Ash Wednesday	Rev. Roger J. Gench and Rev. Alice R. Tewell
March 5	Rev. Alice R. Tewell
March 12	Rev. Roger J. Gench

### 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.

**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](mailto: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.