

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, 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.	

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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 26, 2017**  
**8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**  
**Transfiguration of the Lord**

**Prelude** Prelude on "Leoni"  
 Flor Peeters

**Introit** "From All that Dwell Below the Skies"  
 Psalm 117, Lasst uns erfreuen

### \*Lincoln Chimes

## I. The Community Gathers for Worship

### \*Call to Worship

One: Something drew us together this morning

**All: Something we can't name  
 but which we experience in worship**

One: Some holy mystery we call God

**All: Some sacred calling, we hear in the life of Jesus**

One: Some indescribable hope we feel when we gather in the Spirit

**All: May our experience of the Divine transform our doubts  
 and fears and prepare us to love the world.**

### \*Opening Hymn

#4, (verses 1-3), "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"  
 Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich

### Prayer of Confession

One: Peter, James, and John went up on the side of a mountain with Jesus and experienced glory. But then Peter wanted to stay. "It's good for us to be here. Let's get comfortable." We are also often tempted to keep the experience of the Divine to ourselves, to enjoy the company of the saints instead of going back down the mountain to continue the work of the Kingdom of God. God knows this temptation of our hearts, so let us confess and pray for forgiveness.

**All: God of glory and light, forgive us when we are comfortable with keeping the riches of Your love to ourselves. Keep calling us down from our mountains of privilege. Keep expecting more of us as Your disciples. Keep reminding us to listen to Your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

### \*Passing of the Peace

*\*Please stand, if able*

**\*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)

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

Exodus 24:12-18, page 68, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

“Notre Père” (The Lord’s Prayer)  
Maurice Duruflé

### Time for Children and Their Friends

### Second Lesson

Matthew 17:1-9, pages 17-18, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “The Cost of Discipleship” Rev. Roger J. Gench

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#707, “Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”  
Hall

### Concerns of the Church

### Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

8:45 a.m. *We Gather Around the Table for Giving and Prayer*  
11:00 a.m. “Father We Praise Thee”  
French Melody, 1732, arr. Healey Willan

### \*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, 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.

### 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

#721, “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”  
Pescador De Hombres

1 **Lord, You have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
You only asked me to follow humbly.**

Refrain **O Lord, with Your eyes, You have searched me,  
and while smiling have spoken my name;  
now my boat’s left on the shoreline behind me.  
By Your side I will seek other seas.**

2 **You know so well my possessions;  
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;  
you will find there my nets and labor. Refrain**

3 **You need my hands, full of caring  
through my labors to give others rest  
and constant love that keeps on loving. Refrain**

4 **You, who have fished other oceans,  
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,  
my loving friend, as thus You call me: Refrain**

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

### \*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

### Postlude

“Toccata”  
Theodore Dubois

We wish to thank **Samantha Scheff and Purev Arslanbaatar** for leading our music this morning while Dr. Engebretson is away at a Bach Festival in Princeton, N.J

The flowers in the chancel today are given by Robert H. Osborn in loving memory of his wife, **Elizabeth C. Osborn**, who died February 27, 2016.

The red roses on the chancel table are to welcome and celebrate the birth, on February 7, of **Marin Ella Laskowski**, daughter of Ellison and Chris Laskowski and sister of Malcolm; and welcome and celebrate the birth, on February 20, of **Elaine China Diane Boak**, daughter of China Boak Terrell and Joshua Boak.

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	Ann Davie	John O’Brien
Tour Guide	David Powell	John O’Brien
Worship Play	Sarah-Dianne Jones	Sarah-Dianne Jones

Counters	
February 26	ShuXian McKenna and Adam Bain
March 7	Nancy Dickinson and Jim Martin
March 12	Barbara Dornan and Martha Davis

Preaching Schedule	
Ash Wednesday	Rev. Roger J. Gench and Rev. Alice R. Tewell
March 5	Rev. Alice R. Tewell
March 12	Rev. Roger J. Gench
March 19	Rev. Roger J. Gench

### Information for Sunday Visitors

**Garage parking extended to 3:00 p.m. today for the Pancake Lunch.**

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.