


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.	
Classic Lenten Texts	Today 10:00 a.m. in Room 520
Join Frances Taylor Gench for communal Bible study of texts the church has traditionally pondered during its journey through Lent.	
Jesus Christ and Christian Vision	March 6 and 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.	

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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, 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

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 pbdornan@aol.com.



Celebration of Worship

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

February 28, 2016

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Lent

Prelude

"Andante," from **Italian Concerto**, BWV 971
J.S. Bach

Introit

#435, "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
In Babilone, 1906

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship

("Lent" by Ann Weems)

Leader: Lent is a time to let the power of our faith story take hold of us,

All: A time to let the events get up and walk around in us,

Leader: A time to intensify our living unto Christ,

All: A time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,

Leader: A time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and listen to his word,

All: A time to touch his robe and to feel the healing surge through us.

Leader: A time to ponder and a time to wonder...

All: Lent is a time to allow in the challenge of God! Amen.

*Opening Hymn

#213, (*verses 1-4*) "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"
Rathbun

Prayer of Confession

(*from the United Church of Christ*)

Leader: God of mercy, hear the prayers of Your thirsting people. For every time we have attributed Your miracles in our lives to our own hands alone,

All: Forgive us, we pray.

Leader: For every time we promised to trust You but turned to our own way when Your response did not come soon enough or in the way we expected,

All: Grant us mercy, O God.

Leader: For the many opportunities to extend forgiveness that we have refused,

All: Show us what it means to love, again, dear Lord.

Leader: For each way we put our own understandings above Your wisdom; For each time we resist Your command to be reconciled with those who believe differently from us,

All: Direct us in the way of peace, we pray.

Leader: For our silent sins, our quiet acts of violence, and our indifference to the suffering round us,

All: Forgive us, Loving One, and quench our thirst with Your grace; remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion. For Christ's sake we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**Please stand, if able*

***Response**

#213, (verse 5) “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”
Rathbun
**In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o’er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.**

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Psalms 63:1-8, page 498, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“The Call,” from **Five Mystical Songs**
Ralph Vaughan Williams

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-9, pages 644-645, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Thirst” **Rev. Roger J. Gench**

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn**

#808, “When Memory Fades”
Finlandia

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission “Vision 2020 Capital Appeal”

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:45 a.m. *The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around
the Table for Giving and Prayer
11:00 a.m. “Like as the Hart”
Herbert Howells

***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** (from the United Church of Christ)

**Great Provider, bless these offerings and multiply them
according to Your will. May they restore hope and
wholeness to those who benefit from them. In Christ’s
name, 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.**

***Passing of the Peace** (11:00 a.m.)

***Sending Hymn**

#792, “There Is a Balm in Gilead”
Balm in Gilead

Refrain **There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.**

- 1 Sometimes I feel discouraged
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. Refrain**
- 2 Don’t ever feel discouraged,
for Jesus is your friend,
and if you lack for knowledge,
he’ll not refuse to lend. Refrain**
- 3 If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus
and say, "He died for all." Refrain**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Christ lag in Todesbanden,” BWV 625
J.S. Bach

We wish to thank our Organ Scholar Samantha Scheff for her participation in worship as this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in appreciation for the **Radcliffe Room volunteers** 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 peace in Syria and protection of innocents from bombing, food for the starving trapped in cities, safety for displaced refugees fleeing their homes and families.

Preaching Schedule	
March 6	Rev. Roger J. Gench
March 13	Rev. Roger J. Gench
March 20	Dr. Doug Ottati, McClendon Scholar in Residence
March 27	Rev. Roger J. Gench
April 3	Rev. Roger J. Gench

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Meg House	Phil Bolles
Tour Guide	Len Shabman	John O’Brien
Worship Play	Rev. Alice Tewell and Caroline White	Karen Dunlap and Stacey Gagosian

	Counters
February 28	Martha Davis and ShuXian McKenna
March 6	Dan Stokes and Seth Doleman
March 13	John Schultheis and Anders Larsson
March 22	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

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 jthierry@erols.com or 703-568-5158 for more information.

Building Tours: To take a tour of our building and learn about this congregation’s heritage, current ministry, and outreach, meet the tour guide at the front of the Sanctuary immediately following the service.

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.–12:30p.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 the New York Avenue Church 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!