

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.	
Pilgrimage to the Promised Land	Today, and January 29 10 a.m., PMH
All are invited to group engagement with the great cloud of witnesses in Hebrews chapter 11 through Bible study, embodied prayer and creative dance. Come 'move' your leaps of faith and glean wisdom from the pathways that have illuminated your life with God as we explore lessons from Hebrews. This is a four-week series leading to a presentation in worship on Feb 5. All bodies (high school and above) are encouraged to participate. And we want all who are thinking of joining us to know that there are different ways in which you can participate in our Bible study and collective interpretation, including remaining in your chair as part of the great cloud of witnesses! Participation in the class does not require participation in the liturgical dance that will be offered. Led by Frances Taylor Gench and Kathryn Sparks.	
Understanding Abraham Lincoln's Faith	Today, 10 a.m., Room 511
John O'Brien who has completed path breaking new research on the relationship between NYAPC minister Gurley and Lincoln will describe the founding of NYAPC the bond between NYAPC pastor Phineas Gurley, and the Lincoln faith journey.	

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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. *Consider giving to Community Club through the Combined Federal Campaign #25839.*

**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, [robinsleanor@hotmail.com](mailto: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](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, 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](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.

January 22, 2017  
 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
 Third Sunday after Epiphany

**Prelude** Prelude "America the Beautiful"  
 arr. Clare Fischer

**Introit** "I've Got Peace Like a River"  
 African-American Spiritual

**\*Lincoln Chimes**

### I. The Community Gathers for Worship

**\*Call to Worship**

*Ministry matters by Rev. Mary Patrina Boyd.  
 (based on Psalm 27)*

Leader: O God, our light and our salvation, shelter us in Your love.

**All: O God, our stronghold, protect us from danger.**

Leader: We come with shouts of joy to worship You this day.

**All: We come with song and music to celebrate Your love.**

Leader: We come with longing to seek Your presence.

**All: Be with us now, O God, as we sing Your praises. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

#69, "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

Here I Am (Schutte)

**Prayer of Confession**

*by Rev. Beth Merrill Neel, PCUSA [boldfastonwhatisgood.com](http://boldfastonwhatisgood.com)*

**Holy God, we know that in so many ways**

**We have run from You,**

**We have ignored Your call,**

**We have closed our eyes to Your presence,**

**We have disbelieved Your mercy,**

**We have disregarded Your words,**

**We have belittled ourselves,**

**We have forsaken others,**

**We have forsaken our own humanity as Your beloved creation.**

**So we ask, once again, for Your forgiveness.**

**When we are weary, O God, give us bread for the journey.**

**When we are complacent, O God, set a fire in our bellies.**

**When we are frightened, O God,**

**put courage in our hearts and hands.**

**When we are angry, O God, turn our anger into faithful response.**

**When we are bewildered, O God, help us to see and follow You.**

**In all these things we pray in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.**

**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*

*See insert.*

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

Psalm 27:1-9, page 476-477, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

### Anthem

“Keep Hope Alive”  
Ysaye Barnwell (Sweet Honey in the Rock)  
Connor Schaeffer, Tenor

### Time for Children and Their Friends

### Second Lesson

Matthew 4:12-23, page 3, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

### Sermon

“The Call”

Rev. Roger J. Gench

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#749, “Come! Live in the Light!”  
We Are Called

### 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. “Cause Us, O Lord”  
Ron Nelson

### \*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 of creation, in this service of worship and through these gifts, we thank You for every good gift You have given us. We thank You that nothing in life or in death may separate us from Your ever-present love. Show us how to be Your disciples who listen to Your call on each of our lives and Your call on the whole church. Show us how to listen to You and all of our neighbors — and then to act with justice, mercy and love. In all these things, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, 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

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”  
African-American Spiritual, arr. Colvin

We wish to thank Connor Schaeffer for his participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in memory of Rev. Dr. Jack E. McClendon (1926–2010) by members and friends of the congregation through their contribution to the Flower Fund.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for peace in our country, peace in transition to a new Administration, peace in our political system, peace in the world.

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Rob Neill	Robert Savage
Tour Guide	David Powell	Paul Dornan
Worship Play	Rev. Alice Tewell	Karen Dunlap

Counters	
January 24	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
January 29	Dan Stokes and Adam Bain
February 5	Barbara Dornan and Martha Davis
February 14	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

## Information for Sunday Visitors

Garage parking is extended to 6:00 p.m. today (as of Wednesday, January 18).

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.