

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, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
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.	
Stand Your Ground	February 5, 12, 19, 26, 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.	

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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. *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 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, 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 pbdornanp@aol.com.



Celebration of Worship

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

January 29, 2017

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

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude "Teach Me to Fly"
Mark A. Miller
Jordan Koontz, Soloist
IMPACT from Burke Presbyterian Church, Burke, VA
Julianne Erbrecht, Director

Introit "I Lift My Eyes to the Mountains on High"
Randy Edwards

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship *(from the Uniting Church in Australia, remembering refugees)*

Leader: There is no place where You cannot reach:
All: God who made the heavens and the earth.
Leader: There is no journey which You have not traveled:
All: God who shared our life in Jesus Christ.
Leader: There are no people beyond Your care:
All: God who is the Spirit, the Comforter.
United together, let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn
#757, "Today We All Are Called to be Disciples"
Kingsfold

Prayer of Confession *(adapted from the PCUSA)*

Leader: O God, You made the world and everything in it. You created humanity as one people, and gave us the earth as the place for our faithfulness to be expressed.

All: Break down the walls that separate us, and make us one people.
Leader: O God, we come before You in sadness, for we have failed:
All: Failed to be the imprint of Your image, failed to be Your stewards of all creation, failed to reflect Your love and mercy, failed to be servants of reconciliation and servants of resistance. Break down the walls that separate us, and make us one people.

Leader: O God, You made us to be a single people, joined together as one body:

All: A body ruled by peace, feasting in freedom, freed from injustice, truly human, responsive and responsive in the life we lead, the love we share, and the relationships we creation. Break down the walls that separate us, and make us one people.

Leader: O God, renew within us the image of Your Son. Give us courage to do what is right and persistence in challenging unjust structures all around us. Spread among us the fiery tongues of Your Spirit, that we may burn with compassion for all who hunger for freedom and humanness, that we may be doers of the Word and so speak with the power about the wonderful deeds that You have done.

All: O God, in Your mercy, forgive us in all these ways that we have sinned against You and against our neighbors. Empower us, O God for Your serve of justice and love into this world. 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

Micah 6:1-8, page 816, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”
Dale Grotenhuis

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12, page 4, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

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

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn**

#774, “There Is Now a New Creation”
Stuttgart

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission Jan 20-22 Thank You

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:45 a.m. “Higher Ground”
Dan Goeller
11:00 a.m. “The Ground”
Ola Gjeilo
Combined IMPACT with The New York Avenue Presbyterian
Church Sanctuary Choir

***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 whose bounty we have all received, accept this offering of the people, and so follow it with Your blessing, that it may promote peace and good will among all people, and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior 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**

#772, “Live into Hope”
Truro
**1 Live into hope of captives freed,
Of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
The year of God's own jubilee!**
**2 Live into hope the blind shall see
With insight and with clarity,
Removing shades of pride and fear
A vision of our God brought near.**
**3 Live into hope of liberty,
The right to speak, the right to be,
The right to have one's daily bread,
To hear God's word and thus be fed.**
**4 Live into hope of captives freed
From chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
To faith and hope and joy and peace.**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Standing on the Promises”
arr. Mark Hayes

We wish to thank IMPACT from Burke Presbyterian Church under the direction of **Julianne Erbrecht** for their participation in worship this morning. Welcome!

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in appreciation for the **volunteers who serve in the Radcliffe Room as greeters and servers** by members and friends of the congregation through their contributions 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	Mary Clark	John O’Brien
Tour Guide	David Powell	John O’Brien
Worship Play	Rev. Alice Tewell	Karen Dunlap

Counters	
January 29	Dan Stokes and Adam Bain
February 5	Barbara Dornan and Martha Davis
February 14	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
February 19	John Schultheis and Martha Davis

Preaching Schedule	
February 5	Rev. Alice R. Tewell
February 12	Rev. Roger J. Gench
February 19	Rev. Roger J. Gench
February 26	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 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.