

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.	
Citizen: An American Lyric	Today, 10:00 a.m., Room 511
Citizen: An American Lyric, published in 2014, is a collection of poetry by Claudia Rankine, in which the poet takes on the challenge of making racism relevant, or even evident, to those who do not bear its full brunt. These poems bear witness to issues of micro-aggression and to the deaths of young black men. The book was a finalist for the National Book Award and winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award in Poetry. It will be an apt follow-on to Roger and Alice's class on "Stand Your Ground". Gwenn Gebhard will lead.	
Back to Basics: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer	March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 10:00 a.m. Room 511
Revs. Roger Gench and Alice Tewell will lead this Lenten exploration of the basics of being Christian, using Rowan Williams' book "Being Christian" as a text. The series will prepare us for a renewal of baptism on Easter Sunday. The book will be available in the class and at the entryway desk for \$6.	

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General Church Hours:

(If we have no evening event scheduled, we may close the building.

Please check the website/email for updates.)

Mondays, Fridays, Sundays: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursdays: 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Saturdays: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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.

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, 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/1OEP66r>. 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.

March 12, 2017

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Lent

Prelude

8:45 a.m. "Vivace," and "Adagio e dolce," from Trio Sonata in C Minor, BWV 526

J. S. Bach

Samantha Scheff, Organ

11:00 a.m. Trio Sonata in C Minor, BWV 1079

J. S. Bach

Mary Anderson, Flute; David Brown, Violin

Introit

"Ye Servants of God, your Master proclaim"
Charles Wesley

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

One: We gather this day to worship our God, whose words and ways challenge us.

All: **God invites us to lose our selfishness and to find ourselves.**

One: God calls us to be fools in the world to show forth the wisdom of Christ.

All: **God urges us to empty ourselves to discover life's fullness.**

One: God bids us to be obedient to the divine will so we might know true freedom.

All: **We come to worship our Creator, seeking to have our faith challenged into growth. We root our faith in worship seeking to find nourishment for our spirits in this growing season of Lent.**

*Opening Hymn

#45, "I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes"

Dundee

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, You know how we rebel against You. You know how we doubt and fear and hold back, when You call us to freedom and to partnership in Jesus Christ. God, forgive us. Free us by the power of Your cross, that we may serve You without fear. Grant us Your peace, through Jesus Christ who was faithful to the end. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

**Please stand, if able*

***Response**

#286 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"
Trentham

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do. (Repeat 2 times)**

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Genesis 12:1-4a, page 9, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“Singin’ with a Sword in my Hand”
Spiritual, arr. Zsolt Gárdani

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

John 3:1-17, pages 88, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Fences” Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#480, “Take Me to the Water”
Take Me to the Water

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. “My Lord, What a Morning”
Spiritual, Arr. Farrow

*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 the wealthy, God of the poor, we do not desire to pile up earthly riches. Our desire is to share the resources with which You have blessed us. With gratitude, we make this offering as a fulfillment of responsibility to give back a portion of what You so graciously bestow. Praying in the name of Your son, the 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

#475, “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
Nettleton

- Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it,
mount of God’s unchanging love!**
- Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I’m come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**
- O to grace how great a debtor
daily I’m constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here’s my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Andante,” from Trio Sonata in C Minor, BWV 526
J. S. Bach

*The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession are adapted from Touch Holiness edited by Ruth Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi.

We wish to thank **Samantha Scheff, Mary Anderson, and David Brown** for their participation with special music by J. S. Bach this morning!

The **flowers in the chancel today** are given to the glory of God in memory of **Mildred Mogul** by her grandchildren, Rebecca Davis and Glenn Davis.

The **Peace Candle in the chancel** reminds us to pray for all refugees and immigrants everywhere, for their welcome, for their care, for banishing their fear.

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Molly Johnson	Yongo Ding
Tour Guide	Paul Dornan	Barry Tindall
Worship Play	Rev. Alice Tewell	Rev. Alice Tewell

Counters	
March 12	Barbara Dornan and Martha Davis
March 21	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
March 26	ShuXian McKenna and Dan Stokes

Preaching Schedule	
March 12	Rev. Roger J. Gench
March 19	Rev. Roger J. Gench
March 26	Rev. Roger J. Gench
April 2	Rev. Alice Tewell

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: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

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 ‘Breathe on Me, Breath of God’ following the exchange of peace as a way to deepen our connection with God – through our physicality.