Adult Sunday School

Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel **Gathered for Prayer**

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

Citizen: An American Lyric Today and March 12, 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 followon to Roger and Alice's class on "Stand Your Ground". Gwenn Gebhard will lead.



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Opportunities for Service

<u>7-2-9 Club</u> – 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, mis1wan2@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, mis1wan2@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/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.

> March 5, 2017 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. First Sunday of Lent Communion

Prelude

"Lied (Song)" 8:45 a.m.

by Gordon Young

"Kyrie," from St. Nicolai Mass Introit

by F. J. Haydn

Whitney McColley, Samantha Scheff, Manuel Melendez,

Nathan Moon, Solo Quartet

Professor Jan Schumacher, Guest Conductor

Translation: Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

Welcome, travelers, to the journey of faith. Leader:

People: The faith journey is the best route

through the land called life.

Then come and continue the quest, acting out of your faith Leader:

through your whole body, mind and soul.

We will let our spirits soar like eagles; People:

Taking a deep breath, we will Leader:

stretch ourselves fully ready to soar; People:

To drink in, fully, the world's color, absorbing its light and

texture, inhaling its fragrance, dancing to its music. This

is the way we worship God. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

#166, "Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days"

St. Flavian

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, what a gentle and healing balm it is to come to You with our secret thoughts, our sad discouragements, and our noblest dreams, and find You here to listen, to forgive and to renew us. We confess our reluctance to understand Your will and our hesitancy to act upon it. We are quick to blame others and slow to accept responsibility for ourselves. We sigh for signs of Your power while we take for granted the beauty and love with which You have surrounded us. We desire some guarantee of Your favor and, at the same time, shudder to think about the suffering of the cross and what it portends for us and for our world. Submerge us in Your Spirit and grant us faith to perceive good arising from evil and to sense Your immediate presence within the solitude of endless space. Amen.

^{*}Assurance of Pardon

^{*}Passing of the Peace

^{*}Please stand, if able

*Response

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

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)

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Psalm 32, page 479-480, NRSV

This is the word of the Lord. Leader:

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Gloria in Excelsis Deo," from St. Nicolai Mass

by F. J. Haydn

Translation: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all of good will. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we adore thee, we give thanks to thee for the great glory.

Time for Children

Second Lesson

Matthew 4:1-11, page 3, NRSV

This is the word of the Lord. Leader:

Thanks be to God. People:

Sermon "Lenten Practices of Resistance" Rev. Alice Tewell

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#523, (verses 1,3,5) "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Bicentennial

Reception of New Members and Adult Baptism 11:00 a.m. See insert.

Concerns of the Church

Offertory

8:45 a.m. We Gather Around the Table for Giving and Prayer

11:00 a.m. "Geistliches Lied," Op. 30

by Johannes Brahms

Translation: Do not be sorrowful or regretful; Be calm, as God has ordained, and thus my will shall be content. What do you want to worry about from day to day? There is One who stands above all who gives you, too, what is yours. Only be steadfast in all you do, stand firm; what God has decided, that is and must be the best. Amen.

*Response

#607, "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

Holy God, during these forty days breathe Your Spirit of justice and mercy into us. Through these gifts representing the gifts of our whole lives, we pray that we may be bearers of Your grace into the world. In all these things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation to the Table Litany of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. One: All: And also with you. Lift up your hearts. One:

We lift them to the Lord. All:

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, eternal God our creator and redeemer. In Your wisdom, You made all things and sustain them by Your power....Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name.

Response #595, "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Argentine Santo

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you! My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Iesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. He shares our life in every way, and though tempted, was sinless to the end. Baptized as Your own, he went willingly to his death and by Your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, You gave birth to Your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit ... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Let us pray for God's rule on earth, as Jesus taught us:

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.

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

Participants in the communion proceed down the aisles to the servers, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and partake. Please return to your pew via the side aisles. Those unable to come forward will be offered the bread and the cup at their seats. (There is a Gluten Free communion set available; raise your hand for a pastor to respond.)

Prayer After Communion

God of grace, You have called us to the holy table of the Lord, to proclaim his death and receive his gift of life. Help us to remember Christ's self-offering with thanksgiving and praise. Open our hearts and minds to a vision of his love, and pour into our souls the fullness of his grace. As we offer ourselves to You, let us go forth to live and serve as those whose lives are not our own but belong to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

*Sending Hymn

#618, "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" Deo Gracias

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.
- 2 For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore; for us temptations sharp he knew, for us, the tempter overthrew.
- 3 For us by wickedness betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed, he bore the shameful cross and death; for us gave up his dying breath.
- 4 For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign; for us he sent the Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- 5 All glory to our Lord and God, for love so deep, so high, so broad: the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

"Trumpet Tune" 8:45 a.m.

Gordon Young

Dona Nobis Pacem," from St. Nicolai Mass 11:00 a.m.

F. J. Havdn

Translation: Grant us peace.

*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 our choir and soloists for their participation in worship this morning. Also, we extend special thanks to our friend Jan Schumacher from the Musikhochschule in Frankfurt, Germany, who is visiting Washington to conduct at NYAPC and George Mason University. Jan is a frequent guest artist throughout Germany and abroad, presenting workshops and leading major choral festivals. Welcome!

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by the Dewhurst family in loving memory of Miriam's mother, Mary Mitchell.

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	Jim Spearman	John Quinn
Tour Guide	Len Shabman	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Courtney Spearman	Stacey Gagosian

Counters		
March 7	Nancy Dickinson and Jim Martin	
March 12	Barbara Dornan and Martha Davis	

Preaching Schedule		
March 12	Rev. Roger J. Gench	
March 19	Rev. Roger J. Gench	