

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.	
<b>Sunday, October 1, 10:00 a.m. Room 511</b> <b>Living in Hope</b> Rev. Héctor Méndez, Pastor Emeritus, First Presbyterian-Reformed Church of Havana	
<b>Sunday, October 8, 10:00 a.m. Room 511</b> <b>Burial Rituals in Yemen: Negotiating Death During War</b> Sama'a Al Hamdani, Journalist & Founder of Yemeniaty <i>Death &amp; The Afterlife Series</i>	
<b>Sunday, October 15, 10:00 a.m. Room 511</b> <b>Living into Death, Dying into Life: Death and the Afterlife</b> Dr. Peter C. Phan, The Ignacio Ellacuria, S.J. Chair of Catholic Social Thought, Department of Theology, Georgetown University <i>Death &amp; The Afterlife Series</i>	
<b>Sunday, October 29, 10:00 a.m. Room 511</b> <b>Biblical Study</b> Dr. Walter Brueggemann, Professor Emeritus, Columbia Theological Seminary, <i>McClendon Scholar in Residence</i>	

## Opportunities for Service

**7-2-9 Club** – Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), September through 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.

**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, [robinseleanor@hotmail.com](mailto: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@gmail.com](mailto:mjs1wan2@gmail.com).

**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@gmail.com](mailto:mjs1wan2@gmail.com) 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 Faith on Tap, Bible Study, other fellowship and service activities, or to be added to the e-mail list, contact Helen Anthony ([shanthon@ncsu.edu](mailto:shanthon@ncsu.edu)) or Taylor Allison ([taylorallison93@gmail.com](mailto:taylorallison93@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 Lance Jameson, the church book keeper, 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/1OEPH6r>. 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 [pbdornan@aol.com](mailto:pbdornan@aol.com).



## Celebration of Worship

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

**October 1, 2017**  
**8:45 and 11:00 a.m.**  
**World Communion Sunday**

**Prelude** “Come Sunday,” from **Sacred Service**  
Duke Ellington  
Nathan Moon Soloist; Victor Provost, Steel Pans

**Introit** “Un Son”  
Traditional Cuban Hymn as recorded by **Villazul**

\* **Lincoln Chimes**

## I. The Community Gathers for Worship

**Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 150)*

**Leader:** We have come together to praise God from whom all blessings flow.

**All:** **The firmament, the covering of earth and seas, is the roof of our sanctuary.**

**Leader:** And so, we dwell in the house of God all the days of our lives as one people.

**All:** **We will sing songs of praise and give thanks for God's steadfast hope in us.**

**Leader:** Who today will bless God for God's surpassing greatness?

**All:** **Let everything that breathes worship and praise God!**

\***Opening Hymn**

#394, “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”  
Westminster Abbey

**Prayer of Confession** **Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader**

**Holy One of peace, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of Your righteousness, by the power of Your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

**Silent Confession**

\***Assurance of Pardon**

\***Passing of the Peace**

*\*Please stand, if able.*

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**\*Response** *All are invited to join in moving, as we sing, by following the leaders.*  
#591, (*Refrain*), “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”  
Halle, Halle  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**  
*Repeat once*

\*A Brief Statement of Faith *(Pages 37-38, "Glory to God" hymnal)*  
*8:45 am only; as the Affirmation of Faith will be during the baptism at the 11:00 a.m. service.*

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

Psalm 25:1-9, page 475, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

"Kyrie," from **Missa Criolla**  
Ariel Ramirez  
Manuel Melendez, Purev Arslanbaatar, *Soloists*  
Translation: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

**Time for Children** **Cuba /World Communion**

### Second Lesson

Matthew 8:23-27, page 8, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

**“Faith in Times of Crisis”**  
**Rev. Héctor Méndez**

*Pastor Emeritus, First Presbyterian-Reformed Church of Havana*

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#538, “Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”  
Hallelujah! Pelo Tsa Rona, South African

**The Sacrament of Baptism** **Grace Ann Naadu Lartey**  
*11:00 a.m. See insert*

### Concerns of the Church

**Minute for Mission** **Peace and Global Witness Offering**

### Offertory

"Gloria," from **Missa Criolla**  
Ariel Ramirez  
Translation: Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to all those of good will. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory. Hosanna in the highest.

### \*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 communion, pray that these gifts may be part of Your peace and reconciliation for the world. We pray that these gifts may be used for Your mission in the world. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

### Service of Communion

#### Invitation to the Table

#### Litany of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
One: Lift up your hearts.  
**All: We lift them to the Lord.**  
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**  
**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

*Creator God, we are amazed at Your holy and diverse creation. You made us in Your image and offered us every good gift in the garden, yet we took for ourselves forbidden fruit, thinking we could be like You. In so doing, we rejected Your intended diversity for us, a human sin that we still can't shake. Prophets came through the ages to help us mend our ways. Still we fought and tried to conquer others to make all manner of nations live like one another. Jesus came and finally showed us how to truly love. He sat with sinners and tax collectors, he touched diseased bodies with gentleness, he lifted others from their deathbed and, even with his dying breath, promised rest to a thief on the cross. Gracious God, You gave us Your Son. He died and rose again on the third day so that we might have life everlasting. With the ancestors, on this World Communion Sunday Your people cry out:*

**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 every harvest and every people. We bring You now the prayers of our world and the prayers of our hearts.... The grains have been harvested and the bread has been baked. The grapes have been collected from the vine and the juice has been pressed. They come together on this table for a holy purpose. Holy Spirit come, breathe Your blessings on these common elements of bread and juice. Bring us to the table with Christ. Hear us as we now declare the mystery that is our faith:*

**All: Christ has died,**  
**Christ is risen,**  
**Christ will come again**

*And let us pray the Lord's Prayer 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

**Holy Triune God, we thank You for this meal that proclaims the peace and healing of the nations. We thank You for this meal where a little is enough to change our lives; where a little is more than enough to feed those whose hearts yearn for communion in community. May this bread and fruit of the vine nourish us so that we may grow in the faith and knowledge that in You, we are one. Amen.**

### \*Sending Hymn

#526, “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”  
Linstead

**1 Let us talents and tongues employ,**  
**reaching out with a shout of joy:**  
**bread is broken; the wine is poured;**  
**Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

**Refrain Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;**  
**pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**2 Christ is able to make us one;**  
**at the table he sets the tone,**  
**teaching people to live to bless,**  
**love in word and in deed express. *Refrain***

**3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out**  
**bearing fruit in a world of doubt,**  
**gives us love to tell, bread to share:**  
**God [Immanuel] everywhere! *Refrain***

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

**\*Congregational Response**  
**Alleluia! Amen!**

Postlude “David Danced and Sang,” from **Sacred Service**  
Duke Ellington

\*The liturgy for this service including the liturgy for the celebration of Communion is adapted for resources for World Communion Sunday from the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

**We wish to thank Nathan Moon, Victor Provost, Manuel Melendez, and Purev Arslanbaatar** for their music in today's services. "Un Son" is a popular folk music rhythm heard throughout Cuba. The lyrics ask, "why not sing a "Son" unto the Lord," (similar to the Psalms).

**The flowers in the chancel today** are given to the glory of God by **Spencer Gibbins and Cleveland Mosby** in celebration of the **second anniversary of their wedding** at The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church and their 20 years together.

**The Peace Candle on the chancel** reminds us to pray for peace as we conclude a “Season of Peace,” and pray that we might be peacemakers in our communities, cities, nation, and world. Jesus Christ called us to be peacemakers, and so we shall.

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Liturgist</b>	John O'Brien	Stacey Gagosian
<b>Tour Guide</b>	David Powell	Len Shabman
<b>Worship Play</b>	Rev. Alice R. Tewell	Rev. Alice R. Tewell

Counters	
<b>October 3</b>	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
<b>October 10</b>	Barbara Dornan and Jim Martin

Preaching Schedule	
<b>October 8</b>	Rev. Roger J. Gench
<b>October 15</b>	Rev. Roger J. Gench