

### Adult Sunday School

<b>Adventures in Prayer</b>	<b>Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Parlor</b>
Maybe you are new to prayer. Maybe prayer is as natural to you as breathing. This class, meeting in the Lincoln Chapel at 10:20 a.m., is for everyone and anyone who takes prayer seriously. We learn together and pray together and currently are using Marjorie Thompson's <i>Soul Feast</i> as a guide. All questions, joys and concerns are welcome. Come when you can.	
<b>"The Social Gospel Theology of Walter Rauschenbusch"</b>	<b>Today and October 18 10:00 a.m., Room 520</b>
Walter Rauschenbusch, a Baptist minister in New York City and later theological seminary professor, was a leader of the social gospel, a reform movement that began in the 1880's as a Protestant response to increasing immigration, urbanization, industrialization, and poverty in the United States. The class will study his 1917 book, <i>A Theology for the Social Gospel</i> , an attempt to rethink Christian theology in the light of social problems. The book is available online or can be purchased at the first meeting. Professor Dewey Wallace will teach.	
<b>Presentation by Daoud Nassar</b>	<b>Today, 10:00 a.m. Room 511</b>
Please join us for a presentation by Daoud Nassar, a Palestinian Christian farmer whose family works its 100-acre farm and orchard just outside the town of Bethlehem. It is on his farm that the family members strive to maintain a haven of peace and brother/sisterhood through activities at Tent of Nations (TON), a dynamic peace and local education center established by the Nassar family in 2000. International visitors, including many Israelis, join together to plant trees, harvest olives and fruit, teach at the Women's Education Center, lead activities in Youth Summer Camps, and come together in solidarity and shared goals in the pursuit of a just peace through non-violent activities. On May 19 of 2014, Israeli Military bulldozers destroyed several hundred trees on their farm. Come and hear his family's courageous response to such an aggressive action and that of 1000's of volunteers around the world.	

### Preaching Schedule

October 11	Rev. Roger J. Gench
October 18	Rev. Alice Rose Tewell

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Liturgist</b>	Marilyn Seiber	Benjamin Lauer
<b>Tour Guide</b>	Joe Riley	Barry Tindall
<b>Worship Play</b>	Karen Dunlap	Kathryn Doan

	Counters
<b>October 14</b>	Barbara Dornan Nancy Dickinson
<b>October 20</b>	Jim Martin, Nancy Dickinson & Barbara Dornan
<b>October 25</b>	Adam Bain and ShuXian McKenna
<b>November 3</b>	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

### The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church

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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** – A one-with-one tutoring and mentoring program, for DC public and charter school students (grades 7-12), meets at the church on Thursday nights, during the school year. Adult volunteers are needed! Please contact Tom Karr and Shamika Bradley at [directors@communityclub.org](mailto:directors@communityclub.org) or go to [www.communityclub.org](http://www.communityclub.org) for more information.

**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.

**New York Avenue Foundation** – The NYAF mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout Washington, DC. Annually it solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots non-profits, which further that mission. A volunteer Board of Trustees conducts the work of NYAF. If you are interested in learning more or participating in the NYAF mission, contact Brian Schimming, [nyavefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:nyavefoundation@gmail.com)

**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@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, and other fellowship or service activities (or to be added to the e-mail list), contact Richard Snyder ([snyder.richard@gmail.com](mailto:snyder.richard@gmail.com)) or Benno Lauer ([benno.lauer@gmail.com](mailto:benno.lauer@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.

	Ministers:	The Entire Congregation
	Pastor:	Roger Joseph Gench, Ph.D.
	Associate Pastor:	Alice Rose Tewell, M. Div.
	Director of Music:	Stanley P. Engebretson, D.M.A.
	Parish Associate for Visitation:	Ann Rose Davie, M. Div.
	Director of Planned Giving:	Catherine Schultheis, B.A., Chr.Ed.
	Parish Associates:	Beth Braxton, M. Div., MRE, D. Min. J. Gary Campbell, M. Div., M.A. Frances Taylor Gench, M. Div., Ph.D. Linda LeSourd Lader, M. Div.
	Director of Dance:	Kathryn Sparks, M.T.S.
	Young Adult Volunteer:	Angela Williams; Community Club and Radcliffe Room



## Celebration of Worship

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

**October 11, 2015**

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

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Prelude

“Prayer”

Leon Boellmann

### Introit

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Tune of Hyfrydol, Text by Charles Wesley

### \*Lincoln Chimes

### I. The Community Gathers for Worship

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

**All: For God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors!

**All: That the King of glory may come in.**

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

**All: The Lord of hosts is the King of glory.**

#### \*Opening Hymn

#307, (verses 1-3) “God of Grace and God of Glory”  
CWM Rhondda

### Prayer of Confession

God of amazing grace, You have asked us to give of ourselves, wholly and completely. We have heard Your call and have responded with great affirmation and joy. Yet there are times when we fall short. Times when we forget. Times when we focus on the wrong things. Times when we put our money and our resources into our earthly possessions and not into a church that You have created and blessed. Help us to have faith, O God. Help us to give through that faith. Help us to be blessed by that faith. Amen.

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

*\*Please stand, if able*

**\*Response**

#307 (*verse 4*) “God of Grace and God of Glory”  
CWM Rhondda  
Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

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

**II. The Community Hears the Word of God**

**First Lesson**

Mark 10:17-31 pages 43-44, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

**Anthem**

“Sing Out the Name of God Forever”  
Johann Kuhnau  
Purev Arslanbaatar, Conductor

**Time for Children and Their Friends**

**Second Lesson**

Hebrews 4:12-16, pages 206-207, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

“The Two Edged Sword” Rev. Roger J. Gench

**III. The Community Responds to the Word**

**\*Sermon Hymn**

#691, “Lord, When I Came into This Life”  
Land of Rest

**Concerns of the Church**

**Moment for Mission** Annual Stewardship - Vision 2020

**Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

8:45 a.m. \*The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around  
the Table for Giving and Prayer

11:00 a.m. “Earth Song”  
Peter Ticheli

**\*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**

We dedicate our gifts to You, O God help us to use  
them to glorify You; to be vessels of Your work in this  
world. Use us, O God, to do Your work in this world.  
Encourage us to see that we are all ministers called into  
the Body of Christ. Use us in our service. 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.

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**\*Sending Hymn**

#716, “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”  
Beach Spring

- 1 God, whose giving knows no ending,  
from Your rich and endless store,  
nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom,  
costly cross, grave’s shattered door:  
gifted by You, we turn to you  
offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever,  
gracious donor of our days.
- 2 Skills and time are ours for pressing toward  
the goals of Christ, Your son:  
all at peace in health and freedom,  
races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor,  
lest we strive for self alone.  
Born with talents, make us servants  
fit to answer at Your throne.
- 3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,  
gain through powers Your grace conferred:  
ours to use for home and kindred  
and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing,  
as we heed Christ’s ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
serving You by loving all.

**\*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

**Postlude**

“Trumpet Tune”  
Robert Lau

\*The Prayers of Confession and Dedication for today’s service comes from  
*Blessed to Be a Blessing* by Sarah Weaver.

We wish to thank Purev Arslanbaatar and Daniel Stokes for their  
participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation  
for the counters of the tithes and offerings by members and friends of the  
congregation through their contributions to the Flower Fund.

The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds us to pray for those who are  
hungry and malnourished, and to pray for food justice during the global  
Churches Week of Action on Food, October 11-18, 2015.

**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 [jthierry@erols.com](mailto:jthierry@erols.com) or  
(703) 568-5158 for more information.

**Building Tours:** To take a tour of our building and learn about this congregation’s  
heritage, current ministry, and outreach, meet the tour guide at the front of the  
Sanctuary immediately following the service.

**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.

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***“Just Mercy”*: An Introduction**

**October 18 10:00 a.m., Room 511**

Bryan Stevenson, founder and Executive Director of the Equal  
Justice Institute and author of the New York Times Notable Book  
“Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption”, will speak at  
the New York Avenue Church as McClendon Scholar in Residence on Wednesday  
evening, November 4. Theo Brown, Executive Director of the McClendon Scholar in  
Residence Program, and Philip Telfeyan, Co-Founder of Equal Justice Under Law,  
will introduce and lead a discussion of Mr. Stevenson’s book on his efforts to assure  
equality under the law to death row inmates.

