

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>Today, 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>	
<b>Sunday, November 5, 10:00 a.m. Room 511</b> <b>Jesus was a Mammal: Reading the Gospel of John Ecologically</b> Dr. Frances Taylor Gench, Herbert Worth and Annie H. Jackson Professor of Biblical Interpretation, Union Presbyterian Seminary	
<b>Sunday, November 12, 10:00 a.m. Room 511</b> <b>Jesus was a Mammal: Reading the Gospel of John Ecologically</b> Dr. Frances Taylor Gench, Herbert Worth and Annie H. Jackson Professor of Biblical Interpretation, Union Presbyterian Seminary	

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## 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, [robinsseleanor@hotmail.com](mailto:robinsseleanor@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)).

**NYAPC Parent's Listserve** – For more information about ministry for infants to high schoolers, or to be added to the email list, contact Associate Pastor Alice Tewell ([alice.tewell@nyapc.org](mailto:alice.tewell@nyapc.org)).

**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 worshippers 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/1OFP6r>. 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 [pbdornanp@aol.com](mailto:pbdornanp@aol.com).



## Celebration of Worship

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

October 15, 2017  
 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Prelude

"En Bateau," from **Petite Suite**  
 Claude Debussy  
 Samantha Scheff, Stan Engebretson, Piano Duet

### Introit

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"  
 Tune of Ratisbon

### \*Lincoln Chimes

## I. The Community Gathers for Worship

### \*Call to Worship

*(Ancient Celtic rune of hospitality by Brigid of Kildare)*

Leader: We saw a stranger yesterday.

**All: We put food in the eating place,**

Leader: Drink in the drinking place,

**All: Music in the listening place.**

Leader: And in the sacred name of the triune God

**All: God blessed us and our house**

Leader: Our cattle and our dear ones.

**All: As the lark says in her song,**

Leader: 'Often, often, often, goes Christ in the stranger's guise'.

**All: Let us worship God!**

### \*Opening Hymn

#611, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Hymn to Joy

### Prayer of Confession

*(from Ministry Matters based on Exodus 32)*

**Confession is not an easy or a pleasant thing to do. We would like to think that we have been good and faithful disciples, following Your way. But we know in our hearts the many ways in which we have turned our backs on You and rejected Your will for us. Like the people in the wilderness, we create for ourselves idols and worship them, only to discover their shallowness and emptiness for our lives. And we wonder what went wrong. Stop us in our tracks, O Lord. Help us to be open to Your will for our lives. We know what You want us to do. Give us the persistence and the courage to do Your will. Heal us from our wayward actions and attitudes. Remind us that we must reach out to others in compassion and peace. Merciful God, come to us this day with Your healing power and help us again to be Your disciples, offering hope and peace to Your hurting and wounded world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

*\*Please stand, if able*

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**\*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)

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

Philippians 4:1-9, page 187, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

“The Rune of Hospitality”  
Alf Houkom

### Time for Children and Their Friends

### Second Lesson

Exodus 32:1-14, pages 75-76, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “The Big Picture” Rev. Roger J. Gench

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#687, “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”  
Traditional

### Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission Stewardship

### Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

8:45 a.m. *Please gather around the table for giving and prayer.*

11:00 a.m. “He’s Blessing Me”  
Norris O. Garner  
Nathan Moon, Soloist

### \*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

Holy God, cheerfully and joyously, we lift up these offerings to You. You have poured out Your generosity upon us without restraint. Thank You for our being able to make a difference in the church and in the world by the offering of our time, talent, gifts and service. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

#39, “Great is Thy Faithfulness”  
Faithfulness

- Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

### Refrain

- Great is thy faithfulness!**  
**Great is thy faithfulness!**  
**Morning by morning, new mercies I see.**  
**All I have needed thy hand hath provided.**  
**Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**
- Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]**
  - Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]**

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

### \*Congregational Response

**Alleluia! Amen!**

### Postlude

“A Trumpet Call”  
Gilbert Martin

We wish to thank Samantha Scheff, Nathan Moon and dancers, Sarah Barclay Hoffman and Kathryn Sparks, for their participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of the volunteers who serve on the Nurture Committee.

The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds us to pray for the hungry that they will have food; for children and elderly who are especially vulnerable to food deprivation; for farmers, farm workers, and food providers; for those who have lost their farms and way of life; for efforts to achieve food sustainability worldwide.

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Meg House	Nathan Moon
Tour Guide	David Powell	Paul Dornan
Worship Play	Rev. Alice R. Tewell and Caroline White	Rev. Alice R. Tewell and Karen Dunlap

Counters	
October 15	Martha Davis and John Schultheis
October 22	Adam Bain and Dan Stokes
October 29	John Schultheis and ShuXian McKenna
November 7	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

Preaching Schedule	
October 22	Rev. Roger J. Gench
October 29	Dr. Walter Brueggemann, McClendon Scholar in Residence

### 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](mailto:josephnthierry@gmail.com) or 703-568-5158 for more information.

**Tours:** Meet a tour guide at the front of the Sanctuary 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.

**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 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 nametag on either kiosk on one of the next two Sundays. Nametags are just one more way NYAPC strives to be a welcoming presence in Washington.

### Embodied Prayer in Today’s Worship: Halle, Halle

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 ‘Halle Halle’ following the exchange of peace as a way to deepen our connection with God – through our physicality.