

Adult Sunday School

Adventures in Prayer	Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Parlor
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 Soul Feast as a guide. All questions, joys and concerns are welcome. Come when you can.	
"The Social Gospel Theology of Walter Rauschenbusch"	Today 10:00 a.m., Room 520
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.	
"Just Mercy: An Introduction"	Today, 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.	

Preaching Schedule

October 18	Rev. Alice Rose Tewell
October 25	Rev. Roger J. Gench
November 1	Rev. Jessica Tate
November 8	Rev. Roger J. Gench
November 15	Rev. Roger J. Gench

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Hal Hiemstra	Seth Doleman
Tour Guide	John Schultheis	Paul Dornan
Worship Play	Caroline White and Dawn Hill	Karen Dunlap and Stacy Gagosian

	Counters
October 20	Jim Martin, Nancy Dickinson & Barbara Dornan
October 25	Adam Bain and ShuXian McKenna
November 3	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
November 10	Jim Martin and Nancy Dickinson
November 15	Martha Davis and Barbara Dornan

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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

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 or go to 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

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, and other fellowship or service activities (or to be added to the e-mail list), contact Richard Snyder (snyder.richard@gmail.com) or Benno Lauer (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 18, 2015

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

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

"Morning Has Broken"
Arr. Johnson

Introit

"Morning Has Broken"
Bunessan, Gaelic Melody

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: On this new morning and in every moment of our lives, gracious God,

All: From generation to generation, we praise Your holy name.

Leader: Like our ancestors before us, we proclaim Your greatness to our children,

All: For we have seen Your deeds of power and witnessed Your goodness in our lives.

Leader: You have opened Your hand to all, satisfying the desire of every living thing open our hearts so that we might share the gifts we have received from You.

All: Let us worship God in gratitude and joy!

*Opening Hymn

#687, "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"
St. Anne

Prayer of Confession (from Homiletics, 2004)

Loving Creator, so often we conceive patterns of life that reflect our understandings instead of Yours. Mystified by the myriad differences in human colors, cultures and ways of life, we invent categories to simplify our interactions. In our own lives, our thinking, acting and worshiping fall similarly into convenient patterns and rituals. We enjoy and rely on what seems easy or assumed rather than trusting and glorifying You in your endless creativity and surprise. Disturb us in our complacency, O God. Remove all that keeps us from seeing each other or ourselves as Your wondrous children. In its place, give us Your marvelous love. Teach us to reject all that would separate us from the rest of our brothers and sisters, from our truest selves, from Your mercy. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose persistent care always finds a way, even in the midst of our human distinctions. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**Please stand, if able*

***Response**

#582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”
Glory to God
**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen**

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Job 38:1-7, 34-41 pages 458-459, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“My God is So High”
Spiritual, Arr. Hogan
Rhianna Cockrell, Mezzo Soprano

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Mark 10:32-45, page 44, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Take a Pause” Rev. Alice Rose Tewell

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn**

#727, “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”
The Servant Song

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission	<i>8:45 a.m.</i>	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>
“Vision 2020”	Beth Braxton	Rachel Browning and Kim Johnson
“Nominating Committee”	Mary Spatz	Whitney McColley

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. “Deep River”
Arr. Paulsson
David Clark, Saxophone

***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.

***Passing of the Peace**

***Sending Hymn**

#700, “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”
I’m Gonna Live

- I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)
I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)**
- I'm gonna work so (work so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)
I'm gonna work so (work so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)**
- I'm gonna pray so (pray so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)
I'm gonna pray so (pray so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)**
- I'm gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)
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***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Prelude in Classic Style”
Gordon Young

We wish to thank Rhianna Cockrell and David Clark 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 members of the Evangelism Committee 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.

On November 1, there will only be one worship service at 11:00 a.m. due to the All Church Retreat occurring the same weekend. During part of the Advent and Christmastide Season, for 4 Sundays, we also join together for a single service. On Dec 13, 20, 27 and January 3rd please join us for a single service at 11 am. (Please note the change in time from previous years).

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 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.–12:30p.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.

Upcoming Adult Sunday School Class:

“So Sarah Laughed: Laughter in the Bible.”
October 25 and November 1, 8, 15, 22, 10:00 a.m., Room 511
Rev. Paula Hall of Howard Divinity School will lead a Bible study of the role of laughter, a very human response to the vagaries of life, in the Biblical narratives. Rev. Hall has been a regular participant in the church’s adult program for the last two years, and we welcome her presence among us.

Worship Service Schedule Changes for Fall and Winter Seasons

- Nov. 1:** one service at **11:00** a.m. only
- Dec. 13:** one service at **11:00** a.m. only
- Dec. 20:** one service at **11:00** a.m. only
- Dec. 27:** one service at **11:00** a.m. only
- Jan. 3:** one service at **11:00** a.m. only

