

Adult Sunday School	
Gathered for Prayer	October 29, 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.	
Sunday, October 29, 10:00 a.m. PMH Biblical Study Dr. Walter Brueggemann, Professor Emeritus, Columbia Theological Seminary, <i>McClendon Scholar in Residence</i>	
Sunday, November 5, 10:00 a.m. Room 511 Jesus was a Mammal: Reading the Gospel of John Ecologically Dr. Frances Taylor Gench, Herbert Worth and Annie H. Jackson Professor of Biblical Interpretation, Union Presbyterian Seminary	
Sunday, November 12, 10:00 a.m. Room 511 Jesus was a Mammal: Reading the Gospel of John Ecologically Dr. Frances Taylor Gench, Herbert Worth and Annie H. Jackson Professor of Biblical Interpretation, Union Presbyterian Seminary	
Sunday, November 19, 10:00 a.m. Room 511 Living with Cancer in Iraq: War, Hope & Finitude Mac Skelton, Fellow, Center for Medical Humanities & Social Medicine, Johns Hopkins University & School of Medicine <i>Death & the Afterlife Series</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

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, 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.

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 Beth DuMez, bethdumez@erols.com or Barry Tindall, 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) or Taylor Allison (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).

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 or Paul Dornan at pbdornan@aol.com.



Celebration of Worship

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

October 22, 2017
11:00 a.m.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

“Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott”
Dieterich Buxtehude

Introit

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”
Tune of "In Babilone"

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

(Ancient Celtic rune of hospitality by Brigid of Kildare)

Leader: The Lord is Lord over all people and all creation.

All: The foundations of God’s throne are justice and equity, and Holiness and Justice are names for the Lord our God.

Leader: The Lord is Lord over the nations, and humanity’s cultures, traditions and relationships.

All: The foundations of God’s throne are love and mercy, and Love and Mercy are names for the Lord our God.

Leader: The Lord is Lord over all thought, imagination, intuition, and the endless search for knowledge.

All: The foundation of God’s throne is wisdom, and Wisdom is a name for the Lord our God. Come, let us worship this Holy and Wise God. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

#681, “This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made”
Nun Danket All’ Und Bringet Ehr’

Prayer of Confession

(from Ministry Matters based on Exodus 32)

Leader: **Have mercy on us, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, forgive us. Free us from the guilt that weighs us down, from the sin that controls us.**

All: We have sinned against you, and done what is wrong in your eyes. We are well aware of the wrong we do: the words we speak which wound, the unloving thoughts and actions which hurt others and ourselves. We know that these things distance us from you, and keep us from recognizing your life in us. Forgive us.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*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

**Please stand, if able*

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

I Thessalonians 1:1-10, page 191, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“Cantate Domino”
Hans Leo Hassler

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Matthew 22:15-22, page 23, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **“Give to God the Things that are God’s”**
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

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

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Psalm 42”
Douglas Major
(Composed for the Washington National Cathedral with four antiphonal choirs, synthesizer, and organ)

*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, You call us from every tribe, language, people, and nation to share in Your everlasting kingdom. Bless and multiply these gifts that we offer, that they would extend Your love to those in need. May Your kingdom come, in our hearts, and in the world. In the name of Jesus we pray. 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

#307, “God of Grace and God of Glory”
Cwm Rhondda

- God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**
- Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.**
- Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**
- 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.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response
Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Prelude and Fugue in G Major BWV 557”
J.S. Bach

We wish to thank **Samantha Scheff** for her 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 as counters and recorders of gifts** to the church.

The **Peace Candle on the chancel** reminds us to pray for the fallen — men and women in our military, those killed by senseless gun violence, those lost to natural disasters. We remember and pray.

11:00 a.m.	
Liturgist	Sarah Lartey
Tour Guide	David Powell
Worship Play	Clare Forrister

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

Preaching Schedule	
October 29	Dr. Walter Brueggemann, McClendon Scholar in Residence

Upcoming Parking Garage Limitations and Closures

Parking in the 1399 NY Avenue garage will be limited. There will be no pedestrian, vehicular or bicycle access between levels P2 and P3 through **Monday, October 23**. P1 and P2 level will open, while P3 will remain closed from **October 23-27**.

On October 28 and 29, only P1 and P2 levels will be accessible for parking. P3 will remain closed.

The garage will be completely closed on November 4 and 5

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 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.