

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.	
<b>Today, October 29, 10:00 a.m. PMH</b> <b>Being Prophetic in Our World Today</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	
<b>Sunday, November 19, 10:00 a.m. Room 511</b> <b>Living as a Refugee in Iraq</b> Mac Skelton, Fellow, Center for Medical Humanities & Social Medicine, Johns Hopkins University & School of Medicine <i>Death &amp; the Afterlife Series</i>	

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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 29, 2017  
 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Prelude

“Selections for Bagpipe”  
 Tyler Steffey, Piper

### Processional

#649 (verses 1, 2, and 5), “Amazing Grace”  
 Traditional American, Lyrics by John Newton

### \*Lincoln Chimes

## I. The Community Gathers for Worship

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world— which some seek to control, but which others view with despair—

**All: We declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God!**

Leader: From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until God's kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever.

**All: Our world belongs to God!  
 God is King! Let the earth be glad!**

Leader: Hallelujah! The Spirit is at work, renewing the creation.

**All: Praise the Lord! Let us worship the God of all creation.**

### \*Opening Hymn

#450, “Be Thou My Vision”  
 Slane

### Prayer of Confession

Most merciful and Holy God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not acted with justice towards our neighbor, instead speaking with false words and hearts of hate. We have failed to love You, turning our backs on others, choosing to act only for our own self-interest. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

### 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*

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

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18, page 102, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Second Lesson

I Thessalonians 2:1-8, pages 191-192, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

“A Mighty Fortress is our God”  
Ein’ feste Burg, Martin Luther

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing. Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.**
- 4 That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth. The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also. The body they may kill; God’s truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.**

### Time for Children and Their Friends

#### Third Lesson

Matthew 22:34-46, page 24, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Evangelical Chutzpah”  
Dr. Walter Brueggemann  
McClendon Scholar in Residence

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#203, “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”  
Chereponi

### 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. “Praise to the Lord”

Lobet den Herrn, arr. Radcliffe

### \*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. Guide our leaders as they prepare us financially for the upcoming year. 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. We pray over these gifts, blessing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. 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

#749, “Come! Live in the Light!”  
We Are Called

- 1 Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God!**  
  
*Refrain* We are called to act with justice.  
We are called to love tenderly.  
We are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.
- 2 Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,  
so hatred and violence will be no more! *Refrain***
- 3 Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers united in love! *Refrain***

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

#### \*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

#### Postlude

“Selections for Bagpipe”  
Tyler Steffey, Piper

\*The Call to Worship was adapted from liturgy for Reformation Sunday from the Presbyterian Church of Canada. The Prayer of Dedication was adapted from blog [preachinginpumps.com](http://preachinginpumps.com).

We wish to thank Tyler Steffey for his participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of the singers, musicians, and choral directors in the NYAPC choir and their Music Director, Stan Engebretson.

The red rose on the Communion Table today is to welcome and celebrate the birth on October 9 of Patrick Wesley Fowkes, son of Jen and Josh Fowkes.

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.

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Paul Dornan	Beth Braxton
Tour Guide	Marilyn Seiber	Paul Dornan
Worship Play	Courtney Spearman and Dawn Hill	Karen Dunlap and Rev. Alice Tewell

Counters	
October 29	John Schultheis and ShuXian McKenna
November 7	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
November 14	Barbara Dornan and Jim Martin

### Upcoming Parking Garage Limitations and Closures

Parking in the 1399 NY Avenue garage will be limited **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](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.