

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. All questions, joys and concerns are welcome. Come when you can.	
“Bwana Asifiwe! Praise the Lord!”	Today 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
All are invited to move together in celebration of our unity with sisters and brothers around the world. We will learn 'Baraka za Mungu', a Kenyan song with gesture, and anticipate offering it in worship today, World Communion Sunday. Come as you are! Led by Director of Dance Ministry, Kathryn Sparks.	
“The Social Gospel Theology of Walter Rauschenbusch”	Today and October 11, 18 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.	
Presentation by Daoud Nassar	Sunday, October 11, 10:00 a.m.
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.	

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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, 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@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 4, 2015

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

World Communion Sunday

Prelude

“Come Christians, Join to Sing”

Introit

Traditional Spanish Melody, arr. Mayo

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

Spiritual

*** Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

***Call to Worship**

Kiswahili song with translation (from Kenya)

Leader:

Baraka za Mungu Baba ni za...ni za ajabu.

All:

The blessings of the Lord are wonderful,

Leader:

Zaweza kwenda juu.

All:

They can be above us,

Leader:

Zaweza kwenda chini.

All:

They can be below us,

Leader:

Zaweza kwenda mbele.

All:

They can be in front of us,

Leader:

Zaweza kwenda nyuma.

All:

They can be behind us,

Leader:

Upande upande kwa mataifa yote.

All:

Side by side with all nations.

***Opening Hymn**

“Baraka za Mungu” (The Blessings of the Lord)

Traditional Swahili

Fritz von Fleckenstein, Leader

Leader:

Baraka za Mungu Baba ni za...

All:

Ni za ajabu (x2)

Refrain:
(All Sing)

Zaweza kwenda juu

Zaweza kwenda chini

Zaweza kwenda mbele

Zaweza kwenda nyuma

Leader:

Upande upande kwa mataifa yote. (x2)

Verse 2

Leader:

Upendo wa Mungu (The love of the Lord)

All:

Ni wa ajabu (x2)

Refrain

Verse 3

Leader:

Amani ya Mungu (The peace of the Lord)

All:

Ni ya ajabu (x2)

Refrain

Verse 4

Leader:

Neema ya Mungu. (The grace of the Lord)

All:

Ni ya ajabu (x2)

Refrain

Prayer of Confession

God of every people and nation, we confess that we have not lived as global citizens in Your new realm of justice and peace. We build up dividing walls in the world. We contribute to division in the church. We ignore the suffering in distant nations and live in fear of our closest neighbors. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out Your Spirit of peace upon us, break down the dividing walls among us, and raise us up to be a holy temple—Your temple of peace in the world—built on the cornerstone of Jesus Christ, in whose holy name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

**Please stand, if able.*

*Response

#591, “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”
Halle, Halle

**Oh God, to whom shall we go?
You alone have the words of life.**

**Let Your words be our prayer
and the song we sing: hallelujah, hallelujah!**

Refrain

**Halle, halle hallelujah!
Halle, halle hallelujah!
Halle, halle hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Psalm 8, pages 466-467, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Jabula Jesu”
African Song, arr. Stephen Hatfield
Translation: We say, be joyful with Jesus.
We say, play Solly, have a good time with Him. Listen!

Time for Children

Second Lesson

Mark 10:13-16, page 43, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“A Kingdom of Nobodies”
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

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

Concerns of the Church

Offertory

“The Ground”
Ola Gjeilo
Translation: Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Blessed are they who walk in the way of the Lord, Hosanna in excelsis (Glory to God in the Highest).

*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

Almighty God, we present these gifts to benefit our brothers and sisters around the world. From many vocations, we all engage in Your global mission. Use our gifts to serve Your church and to reach out to our neighbors everywhere. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Litany of Thanksgiving

Leader: Christ came to us proclaiming peace— peace to all who are near, peace to all who are far away. In Christ’s body we are joined together. In Christ’s body we are made one. The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving with Prayers of the People

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. We give thanks that you have prepared this rich feast for us— a feast of grace for all the nations and peoples of the world, a sign of the day when you will swallow up sin and death forever. Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir.

Response

“Holy, Holy”
Holy, Holy (Irregular)
**Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty;
And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love,
Holy, holy, holy, holy.**

Blessed are you, O Christ, for coming to us as a little child to live baptized in the muck of our fallen world. Embodying God’s desire to bless all people you spoke peace to a war-mongering empire, and were blessed to be a blessing to all people....Gather all these prayers and praise and join them with those of all the saints and with our Great High Priest who taught us to pray, saying...

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.

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

(8:45 a.m.) Participants in the communion proceed down the aisles to the servers, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, partake, and remain at the front of the Sanctuary. Those unable to come forward will be offered the bread and the cup at their seats.

(11:00 a.m.) Participants in the communion proceed down the aisles to the servers, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and partake. Please return to your pew via the side aisles.

Those unable to come forward will be offered the bread and the cup at their seats. (There is a Gluten Free communion set available; raise your hand for a pastor to respond.)

Prayer After Communion

Help us rise in Your resurrection power from this table where You, the Ruler of the Universe, have served us by Your own hand, that we may extend Your arms of peace to a world at war. This we ask through Christ, in Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. May all honor and glory and dominion be Yours. Now and forevermore. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Sending Hymn

#526, “Let Our Talents and Tongues Employ”
Linstead

**1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy.
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

**Refrain Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**2 Christ is able to make us one.
At the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. *Refrain***

**3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share.
God (Immanuel) everywhere. *Refrain***

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
Ludwig van Beethoven, Arr. Mayo

*The liturgy for today’s service comes from the PCUSA resources for World Communion Sunday.

We wish to thank Fritz von Fleckenstein for his participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in joyful celebration of the wedding of **Spencer Gibbins** and **Cleveland H. Mosby**.

The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds us to pray for the refugees fleeing Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, and North Africa, as well as the thousands of displaced persons within these countries without homes, food, or water. Pray for the world community and aid agencies trying to help them.