

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.	
Sunday, October 8, 10:00 a.m. Room 511 Burial Rituals in Yemen: Negotiating Death During War Sama'a Al Hamdani, Journalist & Founder of Yemeniaty <i>Death & The Afterlife Series</i>	
Sunday, October 15, 10:00 a.m. Room 511 Living into Death, Dying into Life: Death and the Afterlife Dr. Peter C. Phan, The Ignacio Ellacuria, S.J. Chair of Catholic Social Thought, Department of Theology, Georgetown University <i>Death & The Afterlife Series</i>	
Sunday, October 29, 10:00 a.m. Room 511 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 Biblical Study Dr. Frances 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

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, robinsleanor@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).

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 worshipers 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/1OFPh6r>. 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 pbdornanp@aol.com.



Celebration of Worship

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

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

Prelude

“Sicilienne”
 Gabriel Fauré

Introit

“God, Reveal Your Presence”
 Tune of Arnsberg

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 23)

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want

**All: God makes us lie down in green pastures,
 God leads us beside still waters.**

Leader: God restores my soul.

All: God leads us in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Leader: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death

All: We walk through the valley of the shadow of death...

Leader: I will fear no evil.

All: We will fear no evil.

Leader: For You are with me.

All: You are with us. You are with us. Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn

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

Prayer of Confession

(Confession of 1967 9.31-32)

Merciful and compassionate God, we come to You broken and weary by the violence that surrounds us and the violence and fear that dwells within us. We come to You, confessing that we perpetuate violence by denying its very presence in our own lives and refusing to hold accountable the institutions that live and move by violent means. We come to You seeking mercy and forgiveness. Help us to name and claim all that separates us from You, from one another, and from the most vulnerable of Your creation. We come to You, praying for guidance and wisdom, that we might see Your way, delight in Your will, live as Jesus did, loving neighbors as ourselves, and be Your presence for healing and justice in this world. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, our Way, our Truth, and our Life, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

**Please stand, if able*

***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

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 pages 63-64, NRSV
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Keep Your Lamps”
 André Thomas

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14, page 187, NRSV
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “The Great Conversion” Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#291, “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”
 Spirit

Sacrament of Baptism Elaine China Diane Boak
11:00 a.m. See insert.

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

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

11:00 a.m. “Coronation Anthem”
 G. F. Handel, arr. Hopson

*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

God of all compassion and all justice, we offer our gifts to You. In these gifts we say that we believe that You claim us as Your children, that You name us beloved, and that You celebrate our presence. Use these gifts of tithes and offerings to further Your Kingdom. Thanks be to God. 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

#293, “Loving Spirit”
 Omni Die

- 1 **Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
 you have chosen me to be,
 you have drawn me to your wonder,
 you have set your sign on me.**
- 2 **Like a mother you enfold me,
 hold my life within your own,
 feed me with your very body,
 form me of your flesh and bone.**
- 3 **Like a father you protect me,
 teach me the discerning eye,
 hoist me up upon your shoulder,
 let me see the world from high.**
- 4 **Friend and lover, in your closeness
 I am known and held and blessed:
 in your promise is my comfort,
 in your presence I may rest.**
- 5 **Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
 you have chosen me to be,
 you have drawn me to your wonder,
 you have set your sign on me.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

***Congregational Response**
Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Trumpet Tune in D Major”
 Gilbert Martin

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of the volunteers who serve on the Stewardship and Capital Campaign Committees.

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	Miriam Dewhurst	Jenean McKay
Tour Guide	Paul Dornan	John O’Brien
Worship Play	Rev. Alice R. Tewell and Miriam Dewhurst	Rev. Alice R. Tewell and Stacey Gagosian

Counters	
October 10	Barbara Dornan and Jim Martin
October 15	Martha Davis and John Schultheis
October 22	Adam Bain and Dan Stokes
October 29	John Schultheis and ShuXian McKenna

Preaching Schedule	
October 15	Rev. Roger J. Gench
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 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.