

Adult Sunday School	
Adventures in Prayer	Today, 9:00 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.	
“Dorothy Day for Armchair Theologians”	Today, 9:00 a.m., Room 511
In this two-week series, Rev. Roger Gench will introduce this book by our next Scholar in Residence, Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, Professor of Theology at Bellarmine University in Louisville, Kentucky, who will be speaking at New York Avenue Church on the weekend of September 19-20. Professor Hinson-Hasty’s book outlines the life and thought of Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement, a lay Catholic movement promoting hospitality and social reform. Copies of the book will be available at the first class for \$14 apiece.	

Preaching Schedule	
September 13	Rev. Roger J. Gench
September 20	Dr. Hinson-Hasty (McClendon Scholar in Residence)

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	David Inoue	Beth Braxton
Tour Guide	Len Shabman	Joe Riley
Worship Play	Rev. Alice Tewell and Caroline White	Karen Dunlap and Stacey Gagosian

	Counters
September 13	John Shultheis and Adam Bain
September 22	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
September 29	Jim Martin and Nancy Dickenson

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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.

September 13, 2015
10:00 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

8:45 a.m. “My Faith in Thee is Sure”
J. S. Bach
11:00 a.m. “Grandioso,” from **Concerto in E Major**
Giuseppe Tartini
J. David Brown, Violinist

Introit

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
Tune of Azmon, Charles Wesley

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

(from Celtic oral tradition)

Leader: You are the place of all things calm,
All: You are the place to hide from harm.
Leader: You are the light that shines in dark,
All: You are the heart’s eternal spark.
Leader: You are the door that’s open wide,
All: You are the guest who waits inside.
Leader: You are the stranger at the door,
All: You are the calling of the poor.
Leader: You are my Lord and with us still,
All: You are my love, keep us from ill.
Leader: You are the light, the truth, the way,
All: You are our Savior this very day.

*Opening Hymn

#666, “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”
Puer Nobis Nascitur

Prayer of Confession

(adapted from the Iona Community, Scotland)

God, You are love that dares to speak out, the love that listens, the love found most powerfully in weakness and the love that heals. Forgive us for loving the idols of the world, for failing to see Your glory in the vulnerable, and for attaching more worth to the seen than the unseen. Forgive us for our lack of perseverance in the face of failure, doubt or rejection. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. 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

Psalms 119 pages 535-539, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“When In Our Music God is Glorified”

Tune of Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Mark 9:27-38, page 42, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Losing and Gaining”

Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#655, “What Shall I Render to the Lord”

Martyrdom

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission

Vision 2020 Campaign

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

11:00 a.m. “Allegro Gracioso,” from Concerto in E Major

Giuseppe Tartini

*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

**Merciful God, we thank You for Your wonderful works
among humankind. Accept this offering with the
dedication of our lives and help us be for the world an
emblem of Your steadfast love, in Jesus Christ. 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

#291, “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

Spirit

**Refrain Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness,
calling and free.**

**Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea. Refrain**

- 1 You moved on the waters, You called to the deep,
then You coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep,
and over the eons You called to each thing:
Awake from Your slumbers and rise on your wings. Refrain**
- 2 You swept through the desert,
You stung with the sand,
and You goaded Your people with a law and a land,
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then You spoke through Your prophets
to open their eyes. Refrain**
- 3 You sang in a stable;
You cried from a hill;
Then You whispered in silence
when the whole world was still.
And down in the city, You called once again
When You blew through Your people
on the rush of the wind. Refrain**
- 4 You call from tomorrow, You break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions Your people arise. Refrain**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“The Hornpipe,” from Water Music
G. F. Handel

We wish to thank our guest violinist **J. David Brown** and the Sanctuary Choir for their participation in our services this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of the **NYAPC Sunday School teachers** at the start of their new academic year 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 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.

Meet Angela Williams! Angela will be serving at NYAPC this upcoming year as a Young Adult Volunteer; working for the church 16 hours week on Thursdays and Sundays. Her work will focus on the Community Club, Radcliffe Room and related outreach ministries. Angela grew up in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Rock Hill, SC. She studied Religion, Psychology, and Human Capability and Poverty Studies at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA and graduated in 2014. Since then, she experienced a transformative year in the Philippines as a 14/15 YAV. She is incredibly excited to see how the Spirit moves this year in Washington, DC, and how this experience will impact her time at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary after she completes these two years of service. Angela will be attending the 11 a.m. worship service as a participant and a listening ear. Please introduce yourself to her!

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 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.

The Nursery is back on the Park Level Space (basement level, turn left off of the elevators and go down hallway). **Worship Play is back in Pastor Alice's 2nd floor Office Suite.**

Families with Infants and children: Infants and toddlers under 4 are welcome in the **Park Level nursery**. Care is provided by licensed, paid professionals. The nursery is open from 8:45 a.m.–12:00 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 in the library on the 1st floor** for ages 4-9. 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.

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.