

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.	
“Living by an Authentic Ethic of Piece”	Today, 10:00 a.m., PMH
Professor Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty of Bellarmine University will present a lecture and then invite discussion on the ethics of peace, using the thought and works of Dorothy Day for illustration and instruction. Professor Hinson-Hasty’s lecture is part of her Scholar in Residence weekend with us on “Lessons from Dorothy Day for 21 st Century Christians.”	
“Bwana Asifiwe! Praise the Lord!”	September 27 and October 4 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
All are invited to two gatherings of moving 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 on Oct 4th, World Communion Sunday. Early service attendees, be sure to join us on Sept 27. We will gather in the sanctuary both Sundays from 10:00-10:40. Come as you are! Led by Director of Dance Ministry, Kathryn Sparks.	
“The Social Gospel Theology of Walter Rauschenbusch”	September 27 and October 4, 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.	

Preaching Schedule	
September 27	Rev. Roger J. Gench

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Mary Spatz	Ann Davie
Tour Guide	Len Shabman	Barry Tindall
Worship Play	Rev. Alice Tewell	Karen Dunlap and Benno Lauer

	Counters
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 20, 2015

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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

“Sing Praise to God,” (*Mit freuden Zart*)
 Traditional German from the Bohemian Brethren Songbook

Introit

“God, Reveal Your Presence”
 Tune of Arnsberg, Joachim Neander, 1680

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

***Call to Worship** (*from the PCUSA, based on works by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*)

Leader: We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

All: We need not look up to find God,

Leader: We need only look around:

All: Within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.

Leader: We need not listen for a distant thunder to listen to God,

All: We need only listen to the music of life, the words of children,

Leader: The questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.

All: We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives.

*Opening Hymn

#401, “Here in This Place”
 Gather Us In

Prayer of Confession (*adapted from a quotation from Dorothy Day*)

God of justice, we confess that in the pursuit of our own dreams and desires, we have not always been civil, not always humane, and not always right. Guided by Your Spirit, what we would like to do is change the world – make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves as You intended them to do. Help us to be Your witnesses, by fighting for better conditions, by crying out unceasingly for the rights of the workers, the poor, of the destitute – the rights of the worthy and the unworthy poor, so that we can, with your help, change the world. Enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbor, and to love our enemy as our friend.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**Please stand, if able*

*Response

Repeat #582, “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”
2 times 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

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 page 164, NRSV
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“The Gift to Be Simple”
 Arr. Bob Chilcott

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Proverbs 31:10-31, page 579, NRSV
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Sola Caritate, Love Alone” Dr. Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#301, “Let Us Build a House”
 Two Oaks

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission

Peacemaking

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:45 a.m. *The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around
 the Table for Giving and Prayer

11:00 a.m. “Laudate Dominum,” from **Vespers for the Confessor, KV. 339**

W. A. Mozart
 Whitney McColley, Soprano
 Translation:
 Praise the Lord, all nations;
 Praise Him, all people.
 For He has bestowed
 His mercy upon us,
 And the truth of the Lord endures forever.
 Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever,
 and for generations of generations. Amen.

*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 (adapted from a quotation from Dorothy Day)

**God of all people, we humbly give to You these gifts, for
 we seek Your guidance to show us how to work to change
 Your world. With these gifts, we cry out for the rights of
 the workers, of the poor, and of those who seem to have
 no hope. Show us how to give of our whole selves
 showing us that like throwing a small pebble, causing
 rippling affects across the whole pond, we too, by each
 giving of ourselves so the entire world may feel Your love.
 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

#205, “Live in Charity”
 UBI Caritas

Repeat 3 times Live in charity and steadfast love.
 Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

Toccata on “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing,”
 Tune of Warrenton, arr. James Pethel

We wish to thank Whitney McColley for her participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary by **Cathy and John Schultheis** who were married in our sanctuary at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 20, 1964.

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.

Information for Sunday Visitors

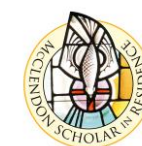
We extend a warm welcome to visitors! We invite you to sign the guest book at the rear of the Sanctuary.

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.

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** 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.



Scholar in Residence: Dr. Elizabeth Hinson Hasty

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty is chair of the department of theology at Bellarmine University and professor of theology. The church's role in addressing issues of social and economic justice has long been Hinson-Hasty's concern. She is frequently called upon to preach and speak on faith and public life in a variety of settings. She served as a research consultant for the World Council of Churches' North American Regional Forum and Hearings on Poverty, Wealth, and Ecology from 2010-2014.

In addition to numerous articles and other publications, she is author of *Dorothy Day for Armchair Theologians* (2014) and *Beyond the Social Maze: Exploring the Theological Ethics of Vida Dutton Scudder* (2006) and co-editor of *Prayers for the New Social Awakening* (2008) with Christian Iosso and *To Do Justice: A Guide for Progressive Christians* (2008) with Rebecca Todd Peters. Among other honors, she has distinguished herself as a Fulbright Scholar (Hungary 2010) and received the Wilson Wyatt Faculty Fellowship for excellence in teaching and scholarship (2010). She and her partner, Lee, make their home in the Highlands of Louisville with their two children, Garrison and Emme, and their dog, Bacsí.