

Adult Sunday School	
Gathered for Prayer	Today, 9:20 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.	

September Sermon Series

Celebrating and Exploring Powerful Women in the Bible

Taking a cue from our McClendon Scholar in Residence for **September 9/10**, Professor Alice Ogden Bellis, author of Helpmates, Harlots, and Heroes: Women's Stories in the Hebrew Bible, for the month of September we will be focusing on powerful women in the Bible. **Today** we are looking at the Prophet Deborah and exploring the brave character of Jael. **September 10**, Dr. Ogden Bellis will be taking us through the book of Ruth with a sermon entitled "Not Just Allies, But Friends." On **September 17**, Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader will explore with us the character of Lydia in Acts 16. Rev. Tewell will conclude on **September 24** with Proverbs 31, the Wise Woman. We hope you will explore these women with us!

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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, robinscleanor@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 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 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/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.

September 3, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Communion

Prelude

"Summer, Allegro non molto" from **Four Seasons**
Antonio Vivaldi
David Brown, Violin

Introit

"We Gather Here in Jesus' Name"
Brian Jeffery Leach

* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

***Call to Worship** *(Resources for Labor Day from the United Church of Christ)*

Leader: God of Life,

People: You are as near to us as our breath.

Leader: Touch our eyes,

People: That we may see You in one another.

Leader: Open our ears,

People: That we may hear Your voice in the cries of the oppressed.

Leader: Enter our hearts,

People: That we may be filled with Your love toward all people.

Leader: Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness.

People: Be with us now. Show us the way to new life and grant us the courage to be people of Your Way.

*Opening Hymn

#432, "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"
Repton

Prayer of Confession

(adapted from PCUSA resources for Celebrating the Gifts of Women Sunday 2017)

O God, we confess that we have often not spoken up for justice. We have not stood with the oppressed. We have walked the other way, sometimes immobilized by fear and sometimes not knowing what else to do. Rekindle the gift of God within us and remind us of our faith, a faith kindled through our foremothers and forefathers, through our teachers and mentors, through our guides on this journey of faith. God of grace, forgive us and transform us into whom You would have us to be, so that we delight in Your will and walk in Your way.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Response

#582, *(verse 1)*, "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.

Repeat once

**Please stand, if able*

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II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Judges 4:1-10, page 210, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether”

Harold Friedell

Time for Children and Their Friends

Rev. Matthew Schlageter

Second Lesson

Judges 4:17-24, 5:31b page 210-212, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**“Women of Power, Exploring Women
in the Hebrew Bible: Deborah and Jael”**

Rev. Alice R. Tewell

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#523, “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

Bicentennial

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission

Church Assessment Tool

Session

Offertory

“Brother James' Air”

Arr. Wood

*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 work for You, God, in whatever we do. Paid labor, volunteer work, our home life--all our time we spend for You. Thank You for jobs and resources which provide us with an income; we share the fruit of our labor with You, knowing that You are the Great Provider. Use these offerings in Your kingdom work, as You provide good news, healing and hope to all people. Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Litany of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, eternal God our creator and redeemer. In Your wisdom, You made all things and sustain them by Your power...Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name.

Response

#595, “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Argentine Santo

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. He shares our life in every way, and though tempted, was sinless to the end. Baptized as Your own, he went willingly to his death and by Your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, You gave birth to Your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit ... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Empowered by the Spirit, let us now offer the prayer our Lord taught us, 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

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

God of grace, You have called us to the holy table of the Lord, to proclaim his death and receive his gift of life. Help us to remember Christ's self-offering with thanksgiving and praise. Open our hearts and minds to a vision of his love, and pour into our souls the fullness of his grace. As we offer ourselves to You, let us go forth to live and serve as those whose lives are not our own but belong to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

*Sending Hymn

#351, “All Who Love and Serve Your City”

Charlestown

**1 All who love and serve your city,
all who bear its daily stress,
all who cry for peace and justice,
all who curse and all who bless:**

**2 In your day of wealth and plenty,
wasted work and wasted play,
call to mind the word of Jesus,
“You must work while it is day.”**

**3 For all days are days of judgment,
and the Lord is waiting still,
drawing near a world that spurns him,
offering peace from Calvary's hill.**

**4 Risen Lord, shall yet the city
be the city of despair?
Come today, our judge, our glory.
Be its name “The Lord is there!?”**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Summer, Presto” from **Four Seasons**

Antonio Vivaldi

We wish to thank our volunteer summer choir and David Brown for their participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving and celebration of 50 years of marriage by Beth and Bob Braxton.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for the flood victims in Houston and cities of the East Texas coast—for the rescued and rescuers; for volunteers and relief supplies; for government policies and efforts that will need to persevere in the months ahead to restore housing, transportation, communication, medical, and other services desperately needed by the displaced.

10:00 a.m.	
Liturgist	Nathan Moon
Tour Guide	Barry Tindall
Worship Play	Karen Dunlap and Dawn Hill

Counters	
September 5	Jim Martin and Dan Stokes
September 10	John Schultheis and Adam Bain
September 17	Barb Dornan and Martha Davis
September 26	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

Preaching Schedule	
September 10	Dr. Alice Ogden Bellis
September 17	Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader
September 24	Rev. Alice R. Tewell
October 1	Rev. Dr. Hector Mendez