

Summer Schedule through September 6
Adult Education Classes at 9 a.m.
Worship at 10 a.m.

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 is for everyone and anyone who takes prayer seriously. We learn together and we pray together, and currently are using Marjorie Thompson's Soul Feast as a guide. (Sept 6 – Conscience and Consciousness) All questions, joys, and concerns are welcome. Come when you can.	
“Dorothy Day for Armchair Theologians”	September 6 at 9:00 a.m., and September 13 at 10:00 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 The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church 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

One worship service at 10 a.m. through September 6	
September 13	Rev. Roger J. Gench

10:00 a.m. Service

Liturgist	Paul Dornan
Tour Guide	Paul Dornan
Worship Play	Rev. Alice Tewell

Counters

September 8	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
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.), beginning September 9 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.



Celebration of Worship

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

September 6, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The worship service begins with a brief period for personal meditation and the Prelude.

Prelude “Bist du bei mir,” (Be Thou With Me)
J. S. Bach

Adam McColley, Trombone

Introit “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”
Tune of Beach Spring
Whitney McColley, Soprano

*** Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The sinners, the saints; the broken, the whole

All: We all come seeking the One who offers grace and hope;

Leader: The doubters, the devout; the wonderers, the wanderers.

All: We all seek to follow the One who works for justice and hope for all of God's people;

Leader: The hesitant, the heroic; the grandparents, the little children;

All: We all listen for the songs of joy all creation sings to the One who gives life and peace.

***Opening Hymn**

#681, (verses 1-3)

“This Is the Day that the Lord Hath Made”

Nun Danket All' Und Bringet Ehr'

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we open our hearts up to You, trusting that Your love and goodness are stronger than all of our shortcomings. We have been afraid to trust You, and we have forgotten the assurance of Your unending presence. We have sacrificed our convictions, quieted our voices, given in to distractions, and looked out for ourselves above all else. We have thought about giving up when the task before us seems too great. Forgive us for all these things, and help us to be guided by Your Spirit and to be filled with the One who gives us life. Amen.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

**Please stand, if able.*

***Response**

#681, (*verse 4*) “This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made”
Nun Danket All’ Und Bringet Ehr’
**Hosanna in the highest strains
the church on earth can raise!
The highest heavens in which God reigns
shall now resound with praise.**

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

James 2:1-10 page 215, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“Walk Together Children”
Moses Hogan

Time for Children

Second Lesson

James 1:22-27, page 215, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Mirrors” **Rev. Roger J. Gench**

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn**

#664, “Morning Has Broken”
Bunessan

Concerns of the Church

Offertory

“Solveig’s Song”
Edvard Grieg

***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**

You have brought us to Yourself, O Lord. You have given us the gift of faith. Your mercies toward us are more than we could ever hope to deserve. We stand in awe before You today offering our gifts, our hearts, our abilities and our worship. Come now, O Holy One, and make us fully Your own through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Litany of Thanksgiving

Leader: 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

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, O Lord our God, Creator and Redeemer of the universe...Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

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.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Let us pray for God’s rule on earth, as Jesus taught us:

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

Loving God, We thank You that You have fed us in the Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in Your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of Your Spirit to live and work to Your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

***Sending Hymn**

#663, “Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”
Morning Hymn

- 1 Awake, my soul, and with the sun
Your daily stage of duty run;
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
to pay Your morning sacrifice.**
- 2 Lord, I my vows to You renew.
Disperse my sins as morning dew;
guard my first springs of thought and will,
and with Yourself my spirit fill.**
- 3 Direct, control, suggest, this day,
all I design or do or say,
that all my powers,
with all their might,
in Your sole glory may unite.**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“The Rejoicing,” from **Music for the Royal Fireworks**
G. F. Handel

*The liturgy for today’s service comes from “A Collection of Worship Liturgy Resources” by the United Church of Christ.

We wish to thank Whitney and Adam McColley for their beautiful music presented in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of **Jim Davidson** and **Jay Davenport** for their volunteer work on the weekly *Care Prayer List* by members and friends of the congregation through their contribution to the Flower Fund.

The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds us to pray for people affected by environmental disasters —wildfires, floods, drought, toxic waste spills, and the other disasters.