

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.	
Honoring the Life and Service of Rev. Phineas D. Gurley	Today, 10:00 a.m., Docherty Center
This September marks the 150 th anniversary of the passing of the Rev. Phineas Gurley, Pastor of The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, friend and confidante of Abraham Lincoln, a Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. This class will describe Dr. Gurley's career and contributions to his church, his community and the Presbyterian denomination in America. John O'Brien will lead.	
Meet the Young Adult Volunteer	Today, 10:00 a.m., JQA
Meet Kasey Kelly, the Young Adult Volunteer, and learn about the YAV program in Washington DC and at NYAPC. Co-taught by Kasey Kelly and Alice Tewell.	
Congregational Sunday, September 30 No Adult Christian Education Electives	
The Prophets According to Ellen Davis	October 7 and 14 at 10 a.m.
An introduction to Ellen Davis' [Professor of Old Testament at Duke Divinity School] work on Biblical prophecy in preparation for her time with us as McClendon Scholar in Residence. The Rev. Roger Gench will lead.	

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	Young Adult Volunteer :	



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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. Contact Tom Karr or Shamika Bradley at directors@communityclub.org or go to www.communityclub.org for more information.

New York Avenue Education 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. Please 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.

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. Donation baskets are at the rear of the Sanctuary and 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, robinsseleanor@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 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).

NYAPC Parent's Listserve – For more information about ministry for infants to high schoolers, or to be added to the email list, contact Associate Pastor Alice Tewell (alice.tewell@nyapc.org).

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, Helen Anthony, the chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Roger Gench, the Senior Pastor, for more information, questions, or to make your pledge.

Volunteers are needed to staff the welcome table in the narthex, 20-30 minutes before a Sunday service greeting and then 15-20 minutes after, to chat with visitors and members during coffee time. For more details, visit <http://bit.ly/1OFPh6r> or contact Helen Anthony shanthon@ncsu.edu or Paul Dornan pbdornanp@aol.com.

Worship Service – Are you interested in ushering or serving as a liturgist during Sunday service? Please contact John Yoder at yoderja@gmail.com (usher) or Mark Zaineddin at zaineddin@gmail.com (liturgy) for more information.



Celebration of Worship

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

September 23, 2018

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

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude "I Come With Joy"
Tune of "Dove of Peace," arr. Powell

Introit "Where Charity and Love Prevail"
Tune of "Twenty-Fourth," 1812

* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks for all the wonderful works of God.

People: Praise the Lord!

Leader: Sing a new song of praise to the God of all peoples.

People: Praise the Lord!

Leader: Proclaim God's name to all the world.

People: Praise the Lord!

Leader: We are God's chosen people; God is with us always.

People: Praise the Lord!

Leader: Let our hearts rejoice, for the Lord is God.

People: Praise the Lord!

*Opening Hymn

#749, "Come! Live in the Light!"

We Are Called

Prayer of Confession

(Exodus 3, Romans 12, Matthew 16)

God of Mystery,
we are constantly amazed
by the depth and breadth of your love.
Over and over again,
you turn our expectations inside out
and upside down.
And still we don't understand
the radical nature of your grace.
We play by our own rules of justice,
even when it means excluding those
we are called to love and defend.
In our darkest moments,
we doubt if we are worthy of your trust.
God, help us remember
that you give us all the tools we need;
that through the solid foundation of your love,
we find the strength to follow your call
as true disciples of Jesus Christ.
Surprise us again, O God.
Surprise us again.

*Passing of the Peace

*Please stand, if able

***Response** *(All are invited to join in simple movement, following the worship leaders)*

#691, *(verse 1)* “Lord, When I Came Into This Life”
Land of Rest

- 1 Lord, when I came into this life
you called me by my name;
today I come, commit myself,
responding to your claim. [Repeat]**

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Exodus 3:1-6, page 48, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord”
Christopher Tye

Time for Children and Their Friends **Rev. Alice R. Tewell**

Second Lesson

Exodus 3:7-15, page 48, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **“Turning”** **Rev. Roger J. Gench**

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#177, “I Will Come to You”
You Are Mine

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission **“Stewardship”** **Helen Anthony**

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

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

11:00 a.m. “Sing Out the Praise of God”
Johann Kuhnau

*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** *(Matthew 16)*

Dear God, we offer you now these gifts. Take our money and use it to bring comfort to those in need. Take our service and use it to bring justice to those who are oppressed. Take our witness and use it to bring good news to those who hunger for hope. Take our lives and use them for our very salvation. We pray through Jesus Christ, the one whom we follow even to the cross. 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

#827, *(verses 1-2)* “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”
Wie Schön Leuchtet

- 1 “O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
you shine with God’s own truth and light,
Aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob’s line, King David’s son,
our Lord and savior, you have won
Our hearts to serve you only!
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious,
all victorious, rich in blessing!
Rule and might o’er all possessing!**
- 2 Lord, when you look on us in love,
at once there falls from God above
a ray of purest pleasure.
Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood
refresh our souls with heavenly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let your mercy warm and cheer us!
O draw near us! For you teach us
God’s own love through you has reached us.”**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Rejoice, for Christ is the King!”
Tune of Laus Regis, arr. Powell

**The liturgy for this service was found from resources on MinistryMatters.com.*

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in appreciation of the volunteers and staff who support programs for the homeless in our Radcliffe Room and the new Downtown Day Services Center.

The red rose on the Communion Table this morning is to welcome and celebrate the birth of Quinn, daughter of Will and Anna Davis and sister to Caroline. Quinn was born earlier in September.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for the victims of Hurricane Florence—those devastated by loss of life and loss of homes—that they may find support and aid to rebuild their lives and cities.

Participants in Worship		
	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Kristin Ford	Stacey Gagosian
Tour Guide	David Powell	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Karen Dunlap and Courtney Spearman	Cathleen Lauer and Alice Tewell
Counters		
September 23	Martha Davis and Dan Stokes	
September 30	Adam Bain and John Schultheis	
October 9	Jim Martin and Barbara Dornan	

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.

LARGE PRINT bulletins are now available for our worship services, including enlarged copies of the hymns. Please pick one up if it’s helpful to you, or ask a Deacon usher.

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. 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.

Nursery and Quiet Spaces for Families with small children: We are so happy to have infants and children in worship with us. Our nursery, located in Room 317 (3rd Floor), is another option for babies and children 4 and under. Licensed, paid professionals provide care. The nursery is open from 8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Parents are invited to feed their children in the sanctuary or if you prefer some privacy and a quiet place, we have some additional seating in the balcony area (3rd floor) as an area for parents and guardians to watch the service while caring for their child. There are couches in the main church office to use for fellowship, as well. You are also invited to use the meditation room located inside of the library on the 1st floor, as well as Alice and Stan’s outer office on the 2nd floor (sanctuary level). There is a single stall restroom with a changing table in that space.

Worship and Worship Play: We want children to feel included in worship and believe that they are a vital part of our community of faith. Being in worship together can help children understand God’s love and their identity as children of God. During our worship services, children’s worship bulletins, crayons and books are available in the rear of the Sanctuary. During the sermon time, 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 yours, please fill out a blank form with your name in the envelopes on either nametag kiosk in the narthex and the church entryway on the first floor. You will find your nametag on either kiosk on a following Sunday. Nametags are one more way NYAPC strives to be a welcoming presence in Washington.

Embodied Prayer in Today’s Worship: *Lord When I Came Into This Life*

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 moving ‘Lord, When I Came’ following the exchange of peace as a way to deepen our connection with God – through our physicality.