

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.	
The Prophets According to Ellen Davis	Today and October 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.	
Thinking about the Environment in the Light of the Old Testament	October 21 at 10 a.m.
Professor Ellen Davis, McClendon Scholar in Residence, will bring the Old Testament record to bear on how we respond to issues of global warming, environmental degradation and species extinction.	

Participants in Worship		
	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Marie Meka	Kolonia Randrianarivony
Tour Guide	Paul Dornan	Melissa Jane Taylor
Worship Play	Karen Dunlap and Molly Smith	Karen Dunlap
Counters		
October 9	Jim Martin and Barbara Dornan	

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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/1OFPPh6r> 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.

October 7, 2018

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

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Communion Sunday

Prelude

Prelude on "Crimond" (The Lord's My Shepherd)
Crimond, arr. Thomas

Introit

"Ubuthula"
Traditional Zulu
The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church Youth Choir,
Taisha Estrada, Director
Translation: In this world, through the blood of Jesus: We find peace,
we are filled with gratitude, we are consoled.

* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 150)

Leader: We have come together to praise God
from whom all blessings flow.

All: **The firmament, the covering of earth and seas,
is the roof of our sanctuary.**

Leader: And so, we dwell in the house of God
all the days of our lives as one people.

All: **We will sing songs of praise and give thanks for God's
steadfast hope in us.**

Leader: Who today will bless God for God's surpassing greatness?

All: **Let everything that breathes worship and praise God!**

*Opening Hymn

#317, "In Christ There Is No East or West"
Mc Kee

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Response

#591 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

Halle, Halle

Halle, hale, hallelujah! Halle, hale, hallelujah!

Halle, hale, hallelujah! Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

*Please stand if able.

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Joel 2:21-27, page 799, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“Esto los Digo”

Kinley Lange

Translation:

Wherever two or three are gathered in my name,
there I will be also.

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Joel 2:28-29, page 799, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **“My Kingdom”** Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#515, “I Come with Joy”

Dove of Peace

Sacrament of Baptism **Rose Victoria Tewell**
(11:00 a.m. See insert)

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission **“Stewardship”** John O’Brien

Offertory

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

11:00 a.m. “Cantate Domino”

Josu Elberdin

Translation: (Sung in English, Basque, and Latin) sing to the Lord a new song, all the earth joyfully fulfill his will. Let us come before him with thanks. Let us shout songs of joy to him. Sing and praise with the harp, sing praises with a psalm, for he has done wonders.

*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

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Litany of Thanksgiving

This table is for all of us, near and far, high and low, east and west and north and south. This table is for all of us, but it is not our table. It’s not a Presbyterian table. It’s not an American table. It’s God’s table, for all of us, and it’s a table of grace. So come and take your place at the table. You are welcome, you are invited, you are called: come, let us share this meal together.

Let us pray:

Leader: *It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. Even when we were dust, when our story begins in dust, you were there, your word was there, your breath into the lifeless void. And upon your word all creation sprang into life.*

All: **When we were in the wilderness, terrified, timid, you were there, your word was there, with manna just enough for today, with water even from the driest rock, with the abundant grace upon which our story always rests.**

And when we fell short, slaves to power and greed, you were there, your word was there, on the lips of prophets, and in the hearts of servants, in stories of revolution and revelation and liberation, calling us even now to acts of courage and witness and peace.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, 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!

Leader: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Indeed blessed are you, O Christ, our Lord, for risking yourself among us, vulnerable and rejected; for teaching among us, teaching the radical hope of God; teaching grace to a world bent on vengeance, teaching love to a world bent on destruction, teaching peace to a world bent on tearing itself apart. You were there, your word was there, even to the point of death itself. Even faced with terror and hatred and the brokenness of the world, you rose again, to new life, to new creation, to resurrection, that we might know something other than the dust, that we might expect something other than the end, that we might work for something other than ourselves.*

All: **And so you speak to us again, with these abundant gifts of bread and wine, with which we joyfully celebrate your dying and rising, as we await the table of the Kingdom yet to come, and as we dedicate ourselves again to you, thankful, and transformed, as living and holy sacrifices, that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.**

Leader: *Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break together, and the cup we share together, may retell our common stories together and reshape our common bonds together, and remember our common grace together; ^[L]_[SEP] in the communion of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ, the one in whose life and death you have torn down our divisions. As this bread is Christ’s body for us, through Christ and in Christ, the one who came for us, died for us, and rose for us, the one who prays even for us, the one who first taught us to pray, 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

Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole communion of saint’s witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread, may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.

*Sending Hymn

#526, “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

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1 **Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken; the wine is poured;
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

Refrain **Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

2 **Christ is able to make us one;
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. [Refrain]**

3 **Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God [Immanuel] everywhere! [Refrain]**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Lasst uns erfreuen, arr. Helvey

We wish to thank our Sanctuary and Youth Choirs, led by Taisha Estrada this morning, in celebration of World Communion Sunday.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by Spencer Gibbins and Cleveland Mosby in celebration of the third anniversary of their wedding at The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church and their 21 years together.

The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds us to pray for peace as we conclude a “Season of Peace,” and pray that we might be peacemakers in our communities, cities, nation, and world. Jesus Christ called us to be peacemakers, and so we shall.