


Adult Sunday School

Adventures in Prayer	Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel
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.	
Classic Lenten Texts	Today and February 21 and 28 10:00 a.m. in Room 520
Join Frances Taylor Gench for communal Bible study of texts the church has traditionally pondered during its journey through Lent.	
Jesus Christ and Christian Vision	March 6 and 13 from 10:00 am in Room 511
Rev. Roger Gench will lead a study on the person and work of Jesus Christ in preparation for Professor Doug Ottati's upcoming visit.	
Radcliffe Room Ministry Update, Parts I and II	March 13 and 20 from in Room 520
A panel of regular volunteers to our Sunday morning food program with homeless and street people will share what the Radcliffe Room Ministry does, communicating concerns and entertaining questions. For part 2, a panel of Radcliffe Room guests will share their stories.	

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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.

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 worshipers 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/1OFP66r>. 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 pbdornan@aol.com.



Celebration of Worship

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

**February 14, 2016
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
First Sunday of Lent**

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

Prelude

“O People, Mourn Your Great Sin”
J.S. Bach

Introit

“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”
Text by Isaac Watts; Tune of St. Agnes by John Bacchus Dykes, 1866

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship

(From Sounds of the Eternal, J. Philip Newell, 2002)

Leader: Early in the morning I seek Your presence, O God,

All: Not because You are ever absent from me, but because often I am absent from You,

Leader: At the heart of each moment where You forever dwell.

All: In the rising of the sun, in the unfolding color and shape of the morning,

Leader: Open our eyes to the mystery of this moment, that in every moment of the day we may know Your life-giving presence.

All: Open our eyes to this moment, that in every moment we may know You as the One who is always now.

*Opening Hymn

#166, (verses 1-3) “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days,”
St. Flavian

Prayer of Confession

(From Henri Nouwen “A Prayer for Lent” in A Cry for Mercy and excerpts from Psalm 51)

How often have I lived through these weeks without paying much attention to penance, fasting, and prayer? How often have I missed the spiritual fruits of the season without even being aware of it? But how can I ever really celebrate Easter without observing Lent? Create in me a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within me. Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**Please stand, if able*

*Response

#166, (verse 4) “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days,”
St. Flavian

**Abide with us,
till when this life of suffering shall be past,
An Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.**

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16, pages 518-519, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"I Go to the Rock"

Traditional Gospel, Arr. Hayes

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Luke 4:1-13, page 57, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Love and Lent"

Rev. Alice Rose Tewell

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#43, "You, Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord"

On Eagle's Wings

Ordination and Installation

Concerns of the Church

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. "Cantate Domino"

Vytautis Miskinis

Translation:

Sing unto the Lord a new song:

Sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

Sing unto the Lord, bless His name;

show forth His salvation from day to day.

*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

O Lord God, You led Your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Through these gifts here and in our actions, guide us so that in following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 (*11:00 a.m.*)

*Sending Hymn

#215, "What Wondrous Love is This"

Wondrous Love

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?**
- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down; when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.**
- 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM - while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing.**
- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

"O Lamb of God, Unspotted"

Johann Pachelbel

We wish to thank **Dan Stokes** for his participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by Nancy, Cindy, and Stuart Dickinson in loving memory of Lt. **General Hillman Dickinson** (February 9, 1926 - September 2, 1994).

The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds us to pray for peace, understanding, and openness to others in this climate of division in politics and religion in our country and around the world.

Preaching Schedule	
February 21	Rev. Roger J. Gench
February 28	Rev. Roger J. Gench

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Warren Krug	John O'Brien
Tour Guide	Joe Riley	John O'Brien
Worship Play	Miriam Dewhurst	Stacey Gagosian

	Counters
February 16	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
February 21	John Schultheis and Adam Bain
February 28	Martha Davis and ShuXian McKenna
March 6	Dan Stokes and Seth Doleman

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.

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.

Families with Infants and children: Infants and toddlers 4 and under are welcome in the **Park Level nursery**. Care is provided by licensed, paid professionals. The nursery is open from 8:30 a.m.–12:30p.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 3-10. 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.

If you have been worshipping regularly at the New York Avenue Church and do not yet have a permanent nametag or have somehow mislaid your permanent nametag, please fill out a blank form with your name in the envelopes on either of the nametag kiosks in the narthex and the church entryway on the first floor. You will find your permanent nametag on one of the kiosks on one of the next two Sundays. Nametags are just one more way New York Avenue strives to be a welcoming presence in Washington!