


## Adult Sunday School

<b>Adventures in Prayer</b>	<b>Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel</b>
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.	
<b>Classic Lenten Texts</b>	<b>Today and February 28 10:00 a.m. in Room 520</b>
Join Frances Taylor Gench for communal Bible study of texts the church has traditionally pondered during its journey through Lent.	
<b>Jesus Christ and Christian Vision</b>	<b>March 6 and 13 10:00 a.m. in Room 511</b>
Rev. Roger Gench will lead a study on the person and work of Jesus Christ in preparation for Professor Doug Ottati's upcoming visit.	
<b>Radcliffe Room Ministry Update, Parts I and II</b>	<b>March 13 and 20 10:00 a.m. in Room 520</b>
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](mailto: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](mailto:directors@communityclub.org) or go to [www.communityclub.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net) Beth DuMez, [bethdumez@erols.com](mailto:bethdumez@erols.com) or Barry Tindall, [barrytindall@verizon.net](mailto:barrytindall@verizon.net)

**NYAPC's Young Adults** – For more information about Sunday brunches, Faith on Tap, Bible study, or other fellowship or service activities (or to be added to the e-mail list), contact Helen Anthony ([shanthon@ncsu.edu](mailto:shanthon@ncsu.edu)), Phil Bolles ([philbolles@gmail.com](mailto:philbolles@gmail.com)), or Katherine Leiden ([keleiden@gmail.com](mailto:keleiden@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/1OFPh6r>. If you are interested in signing up for one (or more!) services please contact Alison Kootstra Nowak at [amkootstra@gmail.com](mailto:amkootstra@gmail.com) or Paul Dornan at [pbdornanp@aol.com](mailto:pbdornanp@aol.com).



## Celebration of Worship

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

**February 21, 2016**

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

**Second Sunday of Lent**

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

### Prelude

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Lowell Mason arr. Joyce Jones

### Introit

“Come Worship God”

O Quanta Qualia, Paris Antiphons, 1681

### \*Lincoln Chimes

## I. The Community Gathers for Worship

### Call to Worship

*(Patrick of Ireland, 389-461)*

Leader: May the strength of God pilot us.

**All: May the power of God preserve us.**

Leader: May the wisdom of God instruct us.

**All: May the hand of God protect us.**

Leader: May the way of God direct us.

**All: May the shield of God defend us.**

Leader: May the host of God guard us against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world.

**All: May Christ be with us,**

Leader: Christ before us,

**All: Christ in us,**

Leader: Christ over us.

**All: May Your salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and forevermore. Amen.**

### \*Opening Hymn

#191, “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”

Brewer

### Prayer of Confession

*(source unknown)*

**Have mercy on us, O God. According to Your mercy and steadfast love blot out our transgressions. We are dust finite and fixed, human, incomplete, and fixed to this earthly home. Breathe life into our lungs of clay; let us sing Your heavenly praise. We are wounded broken and battered, guilty, spoiled, and veiled by the shadows of sin. Wash our wounds, cleanse our hearts, and bind up our brokenness. Make us radiant with Your love, confident in Your goodness that we might be Your voice and song for Your world. In all things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

*\*Please stand, if able*

**\*Response**

#555, “O Lamb of God”  
Land of Rest  
**O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us, Lamb of God,  
and grant us your peace.**

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

**II. The Community Hears the Word of God**

**First Lesson**

Psalms 27, pages 476-477, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

“Blessed are the Ones,” from **Elijah**  
Felix Mendelssohn

**Time for Children and Their Friends**

**Second Lesson**

Philippians 3:17-4:1, page 187, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

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

**III. The Community Responds to the Word**

**\*Sermon Hymn**

#168, “Within Your Shelter, Loving God”  
Abbey

**Concerns of the Church**

**Moment for Mission “One Great Hour of Sharing”** **Karen Milam**

**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.* “For He Shall Give His Angels Charge Over Thee,”  
from **Elijah**  
Felix Mendelssohn

**\*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** (from the United Church of Christ)

**God of all goodness, we thank You for Your blessings:  
more numerous than the stars; more bountiful than the  
greatest of harvests; more steady than the beat of our  
hearts. Here we dedicate our gifts and rededicate  
ourselves to Your vision of hope and wholeness. May all  
that we do and all that we give be pleasing to You, and a  
testimony to Your loving purposes. We ask it in Jesus’  
name. 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**

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

- 1 I will come to You in the silence;  
I will lift You from all Your fear.  
You will hear my voice;  
I claim you as my choice.  
Be still, and know I am near.**
- 2 I am hope for all who are hopeless;  
I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light.  
Come and rest in me. *Refrain*  
*Refrain* Do not be afraid, I am with you  
I have called you each by name  
Come and follow me  
I will bring you home  
I love you and you are mine.**
- 3 I am strength for all the despairing,  
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,  
And all will know my name. *Refrain***
- 4 I am the Word that leads all to freedom;  
I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain.  
Stand up, now, walk, and live. *Refrain***

**\*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**Postlude**

“Prelude in G minor Op. 29 No. 1”  
Gabriel Pierné

We wish to thank Samantha Scheff for her participation in worship as our Organ Scholar this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by Rebecca Davis and Glenn Davis in loving memory of their grandmother, Mildred Mogul.

The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds us to pray for peace in Syria and protection of innocents from bombing, food for the starving trapped in cities, safety for displaced refugees fleeing their homes and families.

Preaching Schedule	
February 28	Rev. Roger J. Gench
March 6	Rev. Roger J. Gench

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Liturgist</b>	Ann Davie	Tyler Feret
<b>Tour Guide</b>	John Schultheis	John Davies
<b>Worship Play</b>	Caroline White	Karen Dunlap

	Counters
<b>February 21</b>	John Schultheis and Adam Bain
<b>February 28</b>	Martha Davis and ShuXian McKenna
<b>March 6</b>	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](mailto: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!