

Adult Sunday School

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| 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. | |
| The Christian Community and the Situation in Damascus, Syria | Today, 10:00 a.m., Room 511 |
| Meet Miray Zaour , daughter of a Presbyterian minister in Damascus, Syria. Ms. Zaour will discuss the current situation, life and ministry of Christians in Damascus and Syria in general. Ms. Zaour's father is the pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Damascus. She has been in Washington, D.C. since Spring 2015 but is in continual contact with her family and friends around Syria. She will lead a discussion based on her experience as a Syrian Christian and answer your questions about the Christian experience in a war-torn country. Rev. Dr. Nancy Fox, a Trustee of The Outreach Foundation, will join Ms. Zaour to add stories and pictures of the work of the Presbyterian Synod of Syria and Lebanon with displaced peoples and refugees. This ministry is in partnership with PC(USA) and Outreach. | |
| Classic Lenten Texts | February 14, 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. | |

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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, robinsleanor@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/1OFPh6r>. 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 pbdornanp@aol.com.



Celebration of Worship

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

February 7, 2016

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

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Communion Sunday**

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

Prelude “Tantum Ergo”
Louis Vierne
Samantha Scheff, Organ

Introit “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
Welsh Tune of St. Denio, 1839

*** Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Living Word and shining Sun of God,

All: In Your presence we see the face of holiness.

Leader: Overshadow us with Your power and grace,

All: So that we may keep Your commandments

Leader: And speak Your truth with courage and love;

All: All for the dazzling glory of Your holy name. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

#189, (verses 1-4), “O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”
Deo Gracias

Prayer of Confession

(from the Book of Common Worship)

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ You reveal the light of Your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our obsessions, our self-worship, and our fears. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Forgive us for living without vision and for living as though we are at the world's center. Grant us wisdom to live in Your light and to follow in the way of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

**Please stand, if able.*

*Response

#189, (verse 5), “O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”
Deo Gracias

**And faithful hearts are raised on high
by this great vision's mystery,
for which in joyful strains
we raise the voice of prayer,
the hymn of praise.**

*A Brief Statement of Faith

(Pages 37-38, "Glory to God" hymnal)

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Luke 9:28-36 page 65, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

8:45 a.m. “This Little Light of Mine”

Spiritual, arr. Hogan

Whitney McColley, Purev Arslanbaatar, Soloists

11:00 a.m. “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”

Tune of Brewer, David Ashley White, 1991

Gathered In Liturgical Dance Ministry and David Clark, Saxophone

Time for Children

Second Lesson

Luke 9:37-43 pages 65-66, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **“The Cross Examen”**

Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#192, “Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining”

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Concerns of the Church

Offertory

8:45 a.m. *The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around

the Table for Giving and Prayer

11:00 a.m. “This Little Light of Mine”

Spiritual, arr. Hogan

*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 God, let Your love flow through these gifts we now give. As Your children, strengthened by Your Spirit, we offer our love and our lives. Let our love be an instrument of peace, an expression of hope, a sign of Your presence in the world. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Litany of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, eternal God our Creator... Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the heavenly 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, 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. On a lonely mountain his human body was transfigured by Your divine splendor. In his face, we have glimpsed Your glory. In his life, we see Your love... 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

Everlasting God, we bless You that You have brought us to the mountaintop and fed us with the life and light of Your Son. Send us in his name from this place to bring light into dark corners, healing where lives are torn, and nourishment to every hungry heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Sending Hymn

#494 "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

Quebec

- 1 Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of all, from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to heed thy call.**
- 3 We taste thee, O thou living bread, and long to feast upon thee still; we drink of thee, the fountain head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.**
- 4 Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast, glad when thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.**
- 5 O Jesus, ever with us stay; Make all our moments calm and bright. O chase the night of sin away; shed o'er the world thy holy light.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude “Fugue,” from **Sonata No. 2 in C Minor**
Felix Mendelssohn

We wish to thank our *Gathered In* dance ministry along with our vocal soloists, **Whitney McColley, Purev Arslanbaatar, and David Clark and Samantha Scheff** for their participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by Robert Savage in loving memory of his mother, **Lucille Savage.**

The rose on the Communion Table this morning is in celebration of the birth of Stewart Keanu Reasonover, son of Carrie and Stephen Reasonover.

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 | |
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| February 14 | Rev. Alice Rose Tewell |
| February 21 | Rev. Roger J. Gench |
| February 28 | Rev. Roger J. Gench |

| | 8:45 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. |
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| Liturgist | Miriam Dewhurst | Robert Savage |
| Tour Guide | Laura Asiala | Len Shabman |
| Worship Play | Rev. Alice Tewell | Karen Dunlap |

| | Counters |
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| February 9 | Nancy Dickinson and Barbara Dornan |
| February 16 | Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein |
| February 21 | John Schultheis and Adam Bain |

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!