

## 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.

**Theology 101 and beyond: Intergenerational Christian Formation** Today, and January 24, 10:00 a.m., Lincoln Parlor

Join us in January as your pastors team up to lead an intergenerational group (high school age through adults) to learn more about and discuss the central elements of our Christian faith.

**January 3:** "The Trinity" led by Associate Pastor Alice Tewell

**January 10:** "Jesus Christ" led by Pastor Roger J. Gench

**January 17:** "Sacraments" led by Pastor Roger J. Gench

**January 24:** "The Church" led by Associate Pastor Alice Tewell

We will be using the text Faith Seeking Understanding by Daniel Migliore, Professor Emeritus of Princeton Theological Seminary. You may buy your own copy of the entire text or pick up selected chapters at the front desk starting December 24.

**The Transfiguration - Movement in Worship** Today and January 24 and 31 10 a.m., PMH

Come play with the Light through movement, stillness, song and story. This inter-generational class (for teens and adults) offers an opportunity to explore the Transfiguration story through our physicality and prepare a movement offering for worship. ALL are welcome and encouraged to join in the creative process! Led by Kathryn Sparks.



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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, and other fellowship or service activities (or to be added to the e-mail list), contact Richard Snyder ([snyder.richard@gmail.com](mailto:snyder.richard@gmail.com)) or Benno Lauer ([benno.lauer@gmail.com](mailto: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](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.

January 17, 2016

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

First Sunday After Epiphany

### Prelude

"There is a Balm in Gilead"  
arr. Robert J. Powell

### Introit

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"  
Rev. Thomas A. Dorsey

### \*Lincoln Chimes

#### I. The Community Gathers for Worship

##### Call to Worship

Leader: We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

**All: We need not look up to find God,**

Leader: We need only look around:

**All: Within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.**

Leader: We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God,

**All: We need only listen to the music of life,**

Leader: The words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.

**All: We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives.**

##### \*Opening Hymn

#350, (verses 1-3) "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning,"  
Keep Your Lamps

##### Prayer of Confession

**Most Holy and merciful God: we have condemned racial injustice in our pronouncement, yet we cling to the privileges derived from social inequities. All too often we are blind to our complicity in maintaining systems of oppression and deferring the hopes and dreams of the oppressed for freedom. Give us the courage to name our sin, give us the strength to claim responsibility for our actions. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

##### Silent Confession

##### Assurance of Pardon

*\*Please stand, if able*

##### \*Response

#350, (verse 4) "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning,"  
Keep Your Lamps

**Every round goes higher, higher;**

**every round goes higher, higher;**

**every round goes higher, higher,**

**for the time is drawing nigh.**

**Sisters, don't grow weary;**

**brothers, don't grow weary;**

**children, don't grow weary**

**for the time is drawing nigh.**

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

John 2:1-11, page 87, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

“He’s Blessing Me”

Norris Garner

### Time for Children and Their Friends

### Second Lesson

Psalms 36:5-10, pages 482-483, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

“The Mountaintop”

Rev. Roger J. Gench

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#792, “There is a Balm in Gilead”

Balm in Gilead

### 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.* “Hear My Prayer”

Moses 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

**O God, who has created Your children to be free, we attest in word and deed that You are our God and we are Your people. From our earliest days You have called us forth from self-seeking bondage, comfort, complacency, and complaint, to freeing and redeeming action for justice everywhere in the world. At every turn we hear Your voice in the cries of the poor, the hungry, the imprisoned, and the broken, for You made Yourself one with those who seek justice, freedom, and peace. We pledge ourselves now to pursue relentlessly that living, breathing justice which transforms persons and peoples. To Your will for justice we recommit ourselves and pledge ourselves, funds, and actions. Through Christ we pray. 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

#339, “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Lift Every Voice

- Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty.**

**Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;**

**let it resound loud as the rolling sea.**

**Sing a song full of the faith that the**

**dark past has taught us;**

**sing a song full of the hope**

**that the present has brought us.**

**Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,**

**let us march on, till victory is won.**

- Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,**

**felt in the days when hope unborn had died.**

**Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet**

**come to the place for which our parents sighed?**

**We have come over a way that**

**with tears has been watered;**

**we have come, treading our path**

**through the blood of the slaughtered,**

**out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last**

**where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.**

- God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,**

**thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;**

**thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,**

**keep us forever in the path, we pray.**

**Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,**

**where we met thee;**

**lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world,**

**we forget thee;**

**shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,**

**true to our God, true to our native land.**

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

### \*Congregational Response

**Alleluia! Amen!**

### Postlude

“Trumpet Tune in D Major”

David Johnson

\*The Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession and the Prayer of Dedication are adapted from resources for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day from the Presbyterian Church USA.

We wish to thank Daniel Stokes, Samantha Scheff, and Purev Arslanbaatar for their leadership in worship while Dr. Engebretson is recovering from minor eye surgery this week. The introit this morning was one of the favorite hymns of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., frequently sung by Mahalia Jackson when he led worship services.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation for civil rights leaders everywhere and in memory of Martin Luther King Jr. (1929 -1968).

The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds us to pray for hope in this city and around the world as we seek to understand the justice-seeking challenge of God’s Epiphany light.

Preaching Schedule	
January 24	Rev. Roger J. Gench
January 31	Rev. Roger J. Gench
February 7	Rev. Roger J. Gench
February 14	Rev. Alice Rose Tewell

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Liturgist</b>	Laura West	Stacey Gagosian
<b>Tour Guide</b>	Barry Tindall	Len Shabman
<b>Worship Play</b>	Rev. Alice Tewell and Dawn Hill	Karen Dunlap Rev. Alice Tewell

	Counters
<b>January 19</b>	Jim Martin and Barbara Dornan
<b>January 24</b>	John Schultheis and Martha Davis
<b>January 31</b>	Dan Stokes and ShuXian McKenna

### 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. **There is no worship play on December 13 or 24.**

**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!