

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, 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 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

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/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.

January 24, 2016

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

"Pastorale in F Major (movement I)"

J.S. Bach

Introit

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Tune of Azmon

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Creative Spirit, renewer of the earth,

All: Give us and all of creation a new song and new hope.

Leader: Eloquent Spirit, giver of speech,

All: Put Your words of love in our mouths.

Leader: Blessed Spirit, steward of fire,

All: Ignite our hearts to proclaim God's word.

Leader: Blowing Spirit, dynamic wind,

All: Disturb our ways of thinking about You.

Leader: Gathering Spirit, embracing all people,

All: Unite us with God's children, far and near.

Leader: Helping Spirit, revealer of truth,

All: Teach us the grace and peace of Christ.

Leader: God of great beginnings: loud cries of new birth, noisy eruptions of new creation,

All: Your voice creates form out of chaos; Your hand spins the earth on its axis.

Leader: Come and join all peoples who sing to God's glory.

All: With the powerful and meek, men and women, old and young together, we praise the Lord!

*Opening Hymn

#291, (verses 1-3) "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Spirit

Prayer of Confession

(from the Book of Common Worship)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**Please stand, if able*

***Response**

#291, (*verse 4*) “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”
Spirit
You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dreams.
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.
Refrain Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:12-31, pages 163-164, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“The Church’s One Foundation”
Samuel Sebastian Wesley, arr. David Hines

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Luke 4:14-21, page 57, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Spirit’s Work” **Rev. Roger J. Gench**

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#300, “We Are One in the Spirit”
They’ll Know We Are Christians

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. “The Heavens are Telling," from **The Creation**
Franz Joseph Haydn
Whitney McColley, Manuel Melendez, Nathan Moon, Solo Trio
Translation: Choir - The heavens are telling the glory of God:
The wonder of his work proclaims the firmament.
Gabriel, Uriel, Raphael - The day that is coming speaks it the day:
the night that is gone to following night.
Choir - The heavens are telling ...
Gabriel, Uriel, Raphael - In all the lands resounds the word:
Never unperceived, ever understood.
Choir - The heavens are telling...

***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**

Holy God, we give You thanks for the movement of Your Spirit amongst us, Your creation. You have honored each of us with unique spiritual gifts. Help us to offer our talents so that others may be encouraged to share abundantly. May we do all things in service to You. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. 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

#286, “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”
Trentham

- 1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.**
- 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.**
- 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, til I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine**
- 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Trumpet Tune in D Major”
John Stanley

We wish to thank Whitney McColley, Manuel Melendez, Nathan Moon, and Daniel Stokes for their special music in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of **Rev. Dr. Jack E. McClendon** (1926 - 2010).

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 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.
Liturgist	Meg House	Mac Skelton
Tour Guide	John Schultheis	Barry Tindall
Worship Play	Rev. Alice Tewell	Karen Dunlap and Stacey Gagosian

	Counters
January 24	John Schultheis and Martha Davis
January 31	Dan Stokes and ShuXian McKenna
February 9	Nancy Dickinson and Barbara Dornan
February 16	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

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.

There will be no Sunday school for children and youth today, due to inclement weather.

Next Sunday, January 31, is congregational Sunday. Join us in Peter Marshall Hall for an intergenerational activity.

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!