

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 10, 17 and 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 10, 17, 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 on February 7. Led by Kathryn Sparks, Director of Liturgical Dance at NYAPC.



Ministers: The Entire Congregation
Pastor: Roger Joseph Gench, Ph.D.
Associate Pastor: Alice Rose Tewell, M. Div.
Director of Music: Stanley P. Engebretson, D.M.A.

Director of McClendon Scholar in Residence Program: Theo Brown, M. Div.
Parish Associate for Visitation: Ann Rose Davie, M. Div.
Director of Planned Giving: Catherine Schultheis, B.A., Chr.Ed.
Parish Associates: Beth Braxton, M. Div., MRE, D. Min.
J. Gary Campbell, M. Div., M.A.
Frances Taylor Gench, M. Div., Ph.D.
Linda LeSourd Lader, M. Div.
Director of Dance: Kathryn Sparks, M.T.S.
Young Adult Volunteer: Angela Williams; Community Club and Radcliffe Room

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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, robinsseleanor@hotmail.com

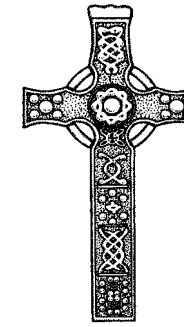
The Peace Candle – Visitors are invited to take a Peace Candle home to their congregations. Candles are at the back, right side, of the sanctuary. Please sign the note card there, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Marilyn Seiber, 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 pbdornan@aol.com.



Celebration of Worship

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

January 3, 2016

11 a.m.

Second Sunday After Christmas

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

Prelude Prelude on the Introit for the Epiphany
Maurice Duruflé

Introit "The New Year's Carol"
Benjamin Britten

* **Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship

(based on Jeremiah 31:7-14)

Leader: Thus says the Holy One: See, I shall gather a great company from the farthest parts of the earth, and they shall proclaim, give praise, and say,

All: **The Holy One is our Deliverer, our Shepherd, our Mother and our Father! Amen! Hallelujah!**

Leader: The Holy One gathers old and young in every condition: sightless and seeing, leaping and limping, hearing and hearing impaired - and they shall proclaim, give praise and say,

All: **The Holy One is our Deliverer, our Shepherd, our Mother and our Father! Amen! Hallelujah!**

Leader: With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back. I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not humble; and they shall proclaim, give praise, and say,

All: **The Holy One is our Deliverer, our Shepherd, our Mother and our Father! Amen! Hallelujah!**

*Opening Hymn

#307, (verses 1-3), "God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM Rhondda

Prayer of Confession

(based on Ephesians 1:7)

God of grace, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart or our neighbors as You would have us love. We have brought harm to others and to the planet entrusted to our care. Incarnate One, forgive us, for we believe You to be the risen Christ, whose blood was shed, not to satisfy God's needs but to show God's love. Guide us to tell the story of Your cross so that in all that we say and that all that we do, we may proclaim the end of the ways of violence and death and the beginning of loving and living in Your name. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

**Please stand, if able.*

***Response**

#307, (verse 4), “God of Grace and God of Glory”
CWM Rhondda

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we
adore, serving thee whom we adore.**

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:7-14 page 690, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“While By My Sheep”
Hugo Jungst

Time for Children

Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-14, page 180-181, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Through His Blood?” **Rev. Roger J. Gench**

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn**

#394, “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”
Westminster Abbey

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission **Meg Neill, Choir**

Offertory

“The Shepherds’ Farewell,” from L’Enfance du Christ
Hector Berlioz

***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 One, with these gifts we proclaim that we are alive in
Christ and that we seek to live lives worthy of Your calling
on each us. Show us how to lift of the name of Christ with
love, with care, and with praise singing Your love song all
our days. 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. You
created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed
us in Your image and called us to love and serve You... Therefore we praise
you, joining our voices with the celestial 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. Born in humility, he came to rule over all. Helpless as an infant, he
showed the power of Your love. Poor in the things of the world, he brought
the wealth of Your grace. Rejected by many he welcome all who sought him.
In his dying and rising, you gave birth to Your church, delivered us from
slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the
Spirit.... 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

**Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in
which You have given Yourself to us. Grant that we may go
into the world in the strength of Your Spirit to give ourselves
for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Passing of the Peace**

***Sending Hymn**

#503 "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"
O Quanta Qualia

- 1 Lord, we have come at Your own invitation,
chosen by you, to be counted Your friends;
Yours is the strength that sustains dedication;
ours, a commitment we know never ends.**
- 2 Here, at your table, confirm our intention;
Give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;
Teach us to serve without pride or pretension,
Lord, in Your kingdom, whatever our place.**
- 3 When, at Your table, each time of returning,
vows are renewed and our courage restored,
may we increasingly glory in learning
all that it means to accept You as Lord.**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude Song for a New Year
Gilbert Martin

*The Call to Worship, Confession, and the Prayer of Dedication are adapted from
“Advent, Christmas and Epiphany: Liturgies and Prayers for Public Worship” by Brian
Wren (2008).

We wish to thank Daniel Stokes and Purev Arslanbaatar for their leadership in
worship this morning while Dr. Engebretson is in Germany.

The poinsettias in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory
and honor of friends and family of the congregation as listed in the bulletin insert.

The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds us to pray for *peace* around the world in
this Christmas Season and for tolerance among and between religions.

Preaching Schedule	
January 10	Rev. Alice Rose Tewell

11:00 a.m.	
Liturgist	Warren Krug
Tour Guide	Paul Dornan
Worship Play	Rev. Alice Rose Tewell and Karen Dunlap

Counters	
January 5	Nancy Dickinson and Dan Stokes
January 10	Adam Bain 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 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.