

## 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>The Church as a Welcoming Community in a Time of Migrants and Refugees</b>	<b>Today, 10 a.m. PMH</b>
Professor Douglas Ottati, McClendon Scholar in Residence, will present on his newest research. Dr. Ottati is the Craig Family Distinguished Professor of Reformed Theology and Justice at Davidson College in North Carolina. Professor Ottati is the co-general editor of the multi-volume series, The Library of Theological Ethics. His recent books include Theology for Liberal Presbyterians and Other Endangered Species, Reforming Protestantism: Christian Commitment in Today's World, and Hopeful Realism: Recovering the Poetry of Theology.	
<b>Series on Christian-Muslim Dialogue, History and Relationships</b>	<b>April 3 and 10, from 10:00 a.m. Room 520</b>
<b>April 3: Part One: "History and Complexities of Christian and Islamic Fundamentalism".</b> Matthew Taylor, our instructor, is a Presbyterian layman and Ph.D. candidate at Georgetown. Matthew will offer an overview of whence the term and idea of fundamentalism came, how it became applied to Islam and other religions and why it is both a helpful and confused concept. We shall also discuss the ways in which all our terms to categorize the contemporary turmoil within Islam are limited.	
<b>April 10: Part Two: "Building Bridges between Christians and Muslims".</b> Matthew Taylor will continue his two-week series on relationships between Christianity and Islam. He will focus on the prospects for interfaith dialogue and even how Christians and Muslims can counter some of the more contentious versions of our faiths in the public marketplace.	

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### The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church

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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 [pbdornan@aol.com](mailto:pbdornan@aol.com).



## Celebration of Worship

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

**March 20, 2016**

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

**Palm Sunday**

### Prelude

"King ever glorious!"  
John Stainer

### Introit

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"  
St. Drostane, 1862

### \*Lincoln Chimes

## I. The Community Gathers for Worship

### Call to Worship

*(based on writings of Hildegard of Bingen, 12th c.)*

Leader: O Holy Spirit, root of life, creator, cleanser of all things:

**All: Anoint our wounds, awaken us with lustrous movement of Your wings.**

Leader: Eternal Vigor, Saving One, You free us by Your living Word,

**All: Becoming flesh to wear our pain, and all creation is restored.**

Leader: O holy Wisdom, soaring power, encompass us with wings unfurled,

**All: And carry us, encircling all above, below, and through the world.**

### \*Opening Hymn

#196, *(verses 1-3)* "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"  
Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

### Prayer of Confession

*(from Life Prayers, Ted Loder, 1984)*

**Gentle me, Holy One  
Into an unclenched moment  
A deep breath,  
A letting go  
Of heavy experiences  
Of shriveling anxieties,  
Of dead certainties,  
That, softened by the silence  
Surrounded by the light  
And open to the mystery,  
We may be found by wholeness,  
Upheld by the unfathomable  
Entranced by the simple  
and filled with the joy that is You. Amen.**

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

*\*Please stand, if able*

## \*Response

#196, (*verse 4*) “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”  
Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

**Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!**

### *Refrain*

**All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

## \*A Brief Statement of Faith

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

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 pages 534-535, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

*8:45 a.m.* “Ave Verum Corpus”  
William Byrd

*11:00 a.m.* “Sanctus,” from Requiem  
Maurice Duruflé

Translation:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Heaven and Earth are full of thy Glory. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### Time for Children and Their Friends

### Second Lesson

Luke 19:28-40, page 78, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon “What King Is This?” Dr. Douglas Ottati**

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#221, “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”  
Passion Chorale

### 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.* “Ave Verum Corpus”  
William Byrd

Translation:

Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary, Thou who was hung upon the cross. Thou whose side was riven, whence the stream of blood did flow. Be with us at death’s hour, o tender, loving, Jesus, son of Mary. Show thy mercy upon us. Amen.

## \*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

**With these gifts we give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,  
and God’s steadfast love endures forever. 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

#215, “What Wondrous Love Is This”  
Wondrous Love

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**
- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!**
- 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!**
- 4 And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;  
and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on;  
and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;  
and through eternity I’ll sing on.**

## \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

### \*Congregational Response

**Alleluia! Amen!**

### Postlude

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"  
St. Theodulph arr. Gerhard Krapf

**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 and in thanksgiving for the ministry of The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in the lives of **Elizabeth and George E. Jacobs; Annie, Hugh, Hugh Stewart and Marguerite Smith; Viola and Robert S. Jacobs; Elizabeth and Robert G. Kissner; and William T. Grier**. They are the gift of Elinor Jacobs Grier, Nancy and Gordon Kissner, and Catherine (Kissner) and John Schultheis, representing five generations of worshipers in this church.

**The Peace Candle** on the chancel reminds us to pray for the peace of Christ in the world during this Easter week of the Passion and Resurrection.

Preaching Schedule	
March 27	Rev. Roger J. Gench
April 3	Rev. Roger J. Gench
April 10	Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader
April 17	Rev. Alice Tewell

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Liturgist</b>	James Spearman	Don Campbell
<b>Tour Guide</b>	John Davies	Barry Tindall
<b>Worship Play</b>	Rev. Alice Tewell and Caroline White	Rev. Alice Tewell and Stacey Gagosian

	Counters
<b>March 22</b>	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
<b>March 29</b>	Jim Martin and Barbara Dornan

### Holy Week Schedule:

- As we are every week, you are invited to come by the sanctuary for prayer. We have put out a self-guided **Holy Week reflection** on our stained glass windows. The sanctuary is open Monday from 8a.m.-5p.m., Tuesday-Thursday 8a.m.-9p.m., Friday 8a.m.-5p.m. and Saturday 8am-1 p.m.
- Maundy Thursday** service will be at 7 pm in the Radcliffe Room on March 24. You are also invited to a soup supper at 6 pm in the Radcliffe Room.
- Good Friday** service will be at 12 noon in the sanctuary on March 25.
- We will not have a formal Easter vigil service, but you are welcome to come by the sanctuary from 8 am - 1 pm for self-guided contemplative prayer.
- We will have three services on **Easter Sunday**, Sunrise Service in Triangle Park and our regular 8:45 am and 11:00 am services. We will have worship play and nursery care at both regular services.
- You are invited to an **Easter breakfast** in Peter Marshall Hall at 7:45 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. Breakfast is \$7.00/ person and \$20/ for families. We will have an Easter egg hunt for children ages 0-12 between the services at about 10:15 a.m.

### 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!