Adventures in Prayer has become a group of people who gather each Sunday to pray for one another, for the people on the church prayer list, for the church and all its questions, joys and concerns are welcome. Come anytime.

Sunday, November 5, 10:00 a.m. Room 511
Jesus was a Mammal: Reading the Gospel of John Ecologically
Dr. Frances Taylor Gench, Herbert Worth and Ann H. Jackson Professor of Biblical Interpretation, Union Presbyterian Seminary

Sunday, November 12, 10:00 a.m. Room 511
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Sunday, November 19, 10:00 a.m. Room 511
Living as a Refugee in Iraq
Mae Shelfon, Fellow, Center for Medical Humanities & Social Medicine, Johns Hopkins University & School of Medicine

Death & the Afterlife Series
Reflections on Advent: Ancient and Modern Church History, Part 1 & 2
Johns Hopkins University & School of Medicine Center for the Study of Religion

Opportunities for Service

7-2-9 Club – Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), September through June, with guests recovering from mental illness. There are games, entertainment, refreshments and time for making friends. Contact Spence Gibbons, spencergibbons@yale.edu.

Community Club – Washington D.C.’s oldest tutoring and mentorship program for public and charter school students needs adult volunteers to make a difference in a child’s life. Students and volunteers meet at the church Thursday nights during the school year. Contact Tom Kurt or Sharmika Bradley at direction@communityclub.org or go to www.communityclub.org for more information.

New York Avenue Foundation – The NYAF mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout the Washington, D.C. community. Annually, it solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots nonprofits, including Community Club, to further impact D.C.’s students. Contact Brian Schmieg, nyavefoundation@gmail.com to learn more. Shopping at Amazon? Be sure to select the NYAF as your charity-of-choice at www.smile.amazon.com. Every purchase helps a child in need.

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.

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, robinselleaon@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 Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Marilyn Seiber, mjsiw2@gmail.com.

Triangle Park Committee – With the National Park Service to ensure maintenance and oversee the flower and plant beds along the church wall, we meet 4 times a year, conduct business via email, and schedule work days as needed. Contact Marilyn Seiber, mjsiw2@gmail.com Beth DuMez, bethdumez@ferodo.com or Barry Tindall, barrytindall@verizon.net

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 Lance Jameson, the church book keeper, Rachel Brown and Kim Johnson, 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, 20-30 minutes before a Sunday service greeting and then 15-20 minutes after, to chat with visitors and members during coffee time. For more details, visit https://links.1OPPress. If you are interested in signing up for one (or more) service, please contact Alton Koostra Nowak at amikoostra@gmail.com or Paul Dorman at phdor@yale.edu.

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

November 5, 2017
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Saints’ Sunday

Prelude
“For All the Saints”
Tune of Bryn Cafaria

Introit
“Shall We Gather at the River”
Robert Lowry

* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship
*Call to Worship (based on Psalter 107)

Leader: Give thanks for the Lord’s goodness, God’s love is steadfast and forever.

People: God has gathered us from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south, and rescued us from trouble.

Leader: When we wandered as if in the desert, hungry and thirsty for God,

People: God heard our cries and revived our fasting souls, leading us home.

Leader: Give thanks for God’s steadfast love, for the wonderful things God has done and is doing for us.

People: God’s grace satisfies the hunger in our hearts, and fills us with compassion, hope, and peace. We will praise God’s name always, Amen.

*Opening Hymn

#475, “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
Netleton

Prayer of Confession
(from the Book of Common Worship)

Almighty God, You poured Your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of Your Spirit among us. We do not listen for Your word of grace, speak the good news of Your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of Your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be Your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Response

#227, “Jesus, Remember Me”
Remember Me
Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

*Please stand, if able
II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37, pages 528-529, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
“We Shall Walk”
Traditional Spiritual

Time for Children and Their Friends
Rev. Alice Twewy

Second Lesson
Joshua 3:7-17, pages 186-187, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon
“Mapping the Promised Land”  Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn
#484, “Out of Deep, Unordered Water”
Rustington

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission
Stewardship

Offertory
“O How Amiable”
Ralph Vaughan Williams

*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 everywhere;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication
(Prayers from Iona)

We long for the time when the meek shall inherit the earth and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied, and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil, now is always the time when more good can be done and we can make a difference. May it be so, through the offering of these gifts and the offering of our lives. 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
It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, eternal God our creator and redeemer. In Your wisdom, You made all things and sustain them by Your power. 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
#595, “Holy, Holy, Holy”
Argentine Santo
Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

Honoring of the Saints and Reading of the Necrology
You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. He shares our life in every way, and though tempted, was sinless to the end. Baptized as Your own, he went willingly to his death and by Your power was raised to new life. 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 the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Empowered by the Spirit, let us now offer the prayer our Lord taught us, saying:

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
Prayer of Great Thanksgiving
Prayer of the Deacon
Prayer of the People
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Sending Hymn
#730, “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”
Grand Isle
1 I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green: they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.
2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love made them strong and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast: and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.
3 They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still; the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will. You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response
Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude
“I Will Sing of my Redeemer’s Praise”
Arr. Rany

The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds us to pray for the many saints who have gone before us—family, friends, dear ones who are loved and missed and remembered for their many gifts of love to us and to God's world.

For the sainthood of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name, the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus’ will.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in honor of all living veterans, to let them know that we deeply appreciate the sacrifices they have made in their lives to keep our country free.

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8:45 a.m.  11:00 a.m.
Liturgist  Kristin Ford  Liz England
Tour Guide Len Shabman  Len Shabman
Worship Play  Rev. Alice Twewy  Rev. Alice Twewy

Counters
November 1 Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
November 4 Barbara Dornan and Jim Martin
November 19 Dan Stokes and Martha Davis
November 28 Barbara Dornan and Jim Martin
December 3 ShuXian McKenna and Adam Bain