The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church

Adult Sunday School

Gathered for Prayer | Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel

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

Today, 10:00 a.m. Room 551
Living into Death, Dying into Life: Death and the Afterlife
Dr. Peter C. Phan, The Ignacio Ellacuria, S.J. Chair of Catholic Social Thought, Department of Theology, Georgetown University Death & The Afterlife Series

Sunday, October 29, 10:00 a.m. Room 551
Biblical Study
Dr. Walther Treutmann, Professor Emeritus, Columbia Theological Seminary, McClendon Scholar in Residence

Sunday, November 5, 10:00 a.m. Room 551
Jesus was a Mammal: Reading the Gospel of John Ecologically
Dr. Frances Herbert Worth and Annie H. Jackson Professor of Biblical Interpretation, Union Presbyterian Seminary

Sunday, November 12, 10:00 a.m. Room 551
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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 Gibbins, jspeencer@gmail.com

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 on Thursday nights during the school year. Please contact Tom Karr or Shamika Bradley at directors@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. It solicits gifts and awards grants to grassroots nonprofits, including Community Club, to further impact D.C. students. Contact Brian Schimming, nyafoundation@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 largest non-profit 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 Robbins, robbinselena01@hotmail.com

The Peace Candle – Visitors are invited to take a Peace Candle home to their congregation. Candles are at the back, right side of the sanctuary. Please sign the notecard there, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Marilyn Seiber, seiberml72@gmail.com

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, seiberml72@gmail.com Beth DuMeez, bethdumez@geek.com or Barry Tindall, bryanatindall@verizon.net

NYAPC’s Young Adults – For more information about Faith on Tap, Bible Study, other fellowship and service activities, or to be added to the e-mail list, contact Helen Anthony (hantonb@msn.com) or Taylor Allison (taylorallison93@gmail.com)

Church Year:

**Call to Worship**

*Let us worship God!*

**Prayer**

**In Jesus’ Name, we pray.**

**Prelude**

"En Bateau," from Petite Suite
Claude Debussy
Samantha Scheff, Stan Engelson, Piano Duet

**Introit**

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”
Tune of Ratisbon

**Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gatherings for Worship

**Call to Worship**

(An ancient call of hospitality by Brigil of Kildonan)

Leader: We saw a stranger yesterday.
All: We put food in the eating place,
Leader: Drink in the drinking place,
All: Music in the listening place.
Leader: And in the sacred name of the triune God
All: God blessed us and our house
Leader: Our cattle and our dear ones.
All: As the lark says in her song,
Leader: ‘Often, often, often, goes Christ in the stranger’s guise’.
All: Let us worship God!

**Opening Hymn**

#161, “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
Hymn to Joy

**Presession**

(from Ministry Matters based on Exodus 32)

Prayer is not an easy or a pleasant thing to do. We would like to think that we have been good and faithful disciples, following Your Way. But we know in our hearts the many ways in which we have turned our backs on You and rejected Your will for us. Like the people in the wilderness, we create for ourselves idols and worship them, only to discover their shallowness and emptiness for our lives. And we wonder what went wrong. Stop us in our tracks, O Lord. Help us to be open to Your will for our lives. We know what You want us to do. Give us the persistence and the courage to do Your will. Heal us from our wayward actions and attitudes. Remind us that we must reach out to others in compassion and peace, Merciful God, come to us this day with Your healing power and help us again to be Your disciples, offering hope and peace to Your hurting and wounded world. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Please stand, if able*
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.

*Sending Hymn
#39, “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain
Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

**A Trumpet Call**

**All Houkom**

*The Big Picture*

Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

**Sermon Hymn**

#687, “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Traditional

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission

Stewardship

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:45 a.m.

Please gather around the table for giving and prayer.

11:00 a.m.

“He’s Blessing Me”

Norris O. Garner

Nathan Moon, Soloist

**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, cheerfully and joyously, we lift up these offerings to You. You have poured out Your generosity upon us without restraint. Thank You for our being able to make a difference in the church and in the world by the offering of our time, talent, gifts and service. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preaching Schedule

October 22
Rev. Roger J. Gench

October 29
Dr. Walter Breuggemann, McLeodton Scholar in Residence

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 josephenthierriy@gmail.com or 703-568-5158 for more information.

Tours:

Meet a tour guide at the Sanctuary following the service to tour the building and learn about our congregation’s heritage, current ministry, and outreach.

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.–12:30 p.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.

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 NYAPC and do not yet have a permanent nametag or have 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 nametag on either kiosk on one of the next two Sundays. Nametags are just one more way NYAPC strives to be a welcoming presence in Washington.

Embodyed Prayer in Today’s Worship: Halle, Halle

Offering ourselves to God in worship as a community can take on an additional layer of meaning when we involve our entire body in our prayer and praise. This Sunday and for several more upcoming Sundays we will practice ‘Halle, Halle’ following the exchange of peace as a way to deepen our connection with God – through our physicality.

8:45 a.m.

Linugist: Meg House

Nathan Moon

Tour Guide: David Powell

Paul Horn

Worship Play: Rev. Alice R. Tweddle and Caroline White

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Counters

October 15
Martha Davis and John Schultheis

October 22
Adam Bui and Dan Stokes

October 29
John Schuhlein and Shuxian McKenna

November 7
Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein