

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. Miriam Dewhurst will lead.	
Re-politicizing Paul: Fruit of the Spirit for a Contentious Polarized World	Today, 10:00 a.m., PMH
The Apostle Paul has often been viewed as an “accommodationist” to politics and culture. We will consider new scholarly readings of Paul that highlight the significance of his vision for political Christian life, for overcoming divisions, and for seeking justice in a polarized world. Led by Roger and Frances Gench.	
Public Faith in Action	October 16, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Dr. Miroslav Volf, McClendon Scholar in Residence and Henry B. Wright Professor of Theology at Yale Divinity School, will explore with us the ways in which people of faith can faithfully and sensitively carry their religious convictions into the public arena in a polarized political environment.	
The New Sanctuary Movement	October 23, 10 a.m. in PMH
Kathy Doan, NYAPC member and the executive director of the Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights (CAIR) Coalition and Maricelly Malave, Senior Legal Assistant with CAIR Coalition’s Detained Children’s Program, will present on the New Sanctuary Movement, a growing nationwide movement of faith and immigrant communities working to protect immigrants facing deportation to Central America where escalating violence puts their lives at risk. Come learn what we at NYAPC can do to help our immigrant brothers and sisters seeking a safe haven in the United States.	

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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’s mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout Washington, DC. Grant proposals are solicited and awarded annually to Community Club and other grassroots non-profits that further its mission. A volunteer Board of Directors conducts the work of NYAF. If you are interested in learning more or participating in the NYAF mission, contact Brian Schimming, nyavefoundation@gmail.com. CFC #25839.

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, robinsleanor@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, or other fellowship or service activities (or to be added to the e-mail list), contact Helen Anthony (shanthon@ncsu.edu), Phil Bolles (philbolles@gmail.com), or Katherine Leiden (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, Rachel Browning 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 before and after services. Welcome table volunteers arrive about 20-30 minutes before a Sunday service to greet worshippers 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/1OFP6r>. 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.

October 9, 2016
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude Prelude on “Crimond”
 Arr. Quentin Thomas

Introit “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”
 Tune of Westminster Abbey, Henry Purcell

***Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, all you people! Come from east and west, north and south!

All: Come across bridges, come along streets, come by car, bike, or foot!

Leader: Come! We are delighted that you are here!

All: We are here to sing, to pray, to greet, to wonder, to give thanks.

Leader: So let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn

#761, “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”
 Beecher

Prayer of Confession

*(From the PCUSA Book of Common Worship
 Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1993; p. 88)*

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Response

#175 (verses 1-2), “Seek Ye First”

Lafferty

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.
 Allelu, Alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
 Allelu, Alleluia.

The congregation is invited to join in embodied prayer by following the leaders up front.

**Please stand, if able*

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Romans 12:4-21, pages 151-152, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
Lobe den Herren, arr. Distler

Time for Children and Their Friends

Chili Cook Off
Ashley Nunes Coe

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 6:2b-10, page 171, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Kin”

Rev. Roger J. Gench

“...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” – Galatians 5:22

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#759, “O God, We Bear the Imprint”
Todos Los Colores

Moment for Mission

Stewardship

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 Gift to be Simple”
Traditional Shaker Tune, arr. Chilcott

*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

We dedicate our gifts to You, O God. Help us to use them to glorify You; to be vessels of Your work in this world. Use us, O God, to do Your work in this world. Encourage us to see that we are all ministers called into the Body of Christ. Use us in Your service. 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.

*Sending Hymn

#765, “May the God of Hope Go with Us”
Argentina
May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call. (Repeat all once)

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Festival Postlude on Westminster Abbey”
George Towers

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in appreciation for the **volunteers who serve on the Capital Campaign Committee** by members and friends of the congregation through their contributions to the Flower Fund.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for those who are hungry and without daily meals; for those who produce our food with hard toil and low pay; for those whose food production and supply are adversely affected by drought, hurricanes, and other disasters—may all God’s children have food and nourishment.

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Mary Spatz	Tamara Saltman
Tour Guide	Joe Riley	Barry Tindall
Worship Play	Karen Dunlap	Caroline White

Preaching Schedule	
October 16	Miroslav Volf, McClendon Scholar in Residence
October 23	Rev. Roger J. Gench
October 30	TBA
November 6	Rev. Alice R. Tewell

Counters	
October 11	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
October 16	Martha Davis and John Schultheis
October 25	Nancy Dickinson and Barb Dornan
October 30	John Schultheis and ShuXian McKenna
November 8	Nancy Dickinson and Jim Martin

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.

Garage parking is extended to 3:00 p.m. today for the memorial service.

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 josephnthierry@gmail.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.–12:30 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. 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!

Embodied Prayer in Today’s Worship: *Seek Ye First*

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 ‘Seek Ye First’ following the exchange of peace as a way to deepen our connection with God – through our physicality.