

Adult Sunday School	
Gathered for Prayer	Today, 9:20 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 and October 2 and 9, 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.	
Christians Living in the Midst of Violence	October 2, 10:00 a.m., Room 520
Rev. Rami Al Maqdasi, ordained pastor with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Syria and Lebanon, and former director of a Syrian refugees ministry, will share his understanding of the realities of Christians in Iraq and Syrian living in the midst of violence.	
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.	

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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/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 pbdornanp@aol.com.



Celebration of Worship

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

September 25, 2016
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude Chorale Prelude on “We Walk by Faith”
 Dunlap’s Creek, Arr. Powell

Introit “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”
 African-American Spiritual

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

(Isaiah 40:28-31)

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard?

All: The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

Leader: God does not faint or grow weary; God’s understanding is unsearchable.

All: God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

Leader: Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

All: But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,

Leader: They shall mount up with wings like eagles,

All: They shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

*Opening Hymn

#488, “I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry”
 WaterLife

Prayer of Confession

(adapted and edited from resources from the United Church of Christ on the anniversary of the death of Michael Brown)

God, who seeks wholeness in a world broken by our hands, we call out to You in this time of prayer, bringing to You our confession of our individual and communal sin. We confess that another has fallen at the hands of a those called to keep peace; We confess all the ways we have kept silence, all the times we have turned away, all the time we acted as though we were separate from this suffering and injustice. We seek to comfort, but find that we need to atone as well, and we feel our own tears wet on our cheeks.

We call out to You shouts against injustice:

And we say, “Never again.”

Let no one fear walking down the street with friends;

Let no one look over their shoulders in fear of retribution;

Let no one feel the yoke of oppression placed by privilege;

Let no one be treated as less than the creator’s gift because of

the colors of their body.

And we say, “Never again.”

Let us learn how to say we are sorry for the wrongs of yesterday.

Let us set aside the banners that witnessed enslavement and

torture. *(continued on next page)*

**Please stand, if able*

Let us find new ways to heal old wounds enflamed by today’s actions.

Let us find honest words that admit our own participation in the brokenness,

And we cry out to our sisters and brothers, “Forgive us!”
And we cry out to strangers and neighbors, “Forgive us!”
And we cry out to our own wounded spirit, “Forgive us!”

Forgive us, O God, and help us to find your path of peace with justice. Speak to all the people, and teach us how to heal the breaches. This is our prayer today and always, in Christ’s name. 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.

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Luke 8:4-15, page 63, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Sing Me to Heaven”

David Gawthrop

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

I Corinthians 13:1-13, page 164, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Patience: God’s Long Game”

Rev. Alice R. Tewell

“...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

#799, “I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry”

I Love the Lord

Moment for Mission

“Peacemaking”

Marilyn Seiber

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.

“Blessed Are They,” from Elijah

Felix Mendelssohn

*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

God of all time, we desire to live into Your love, which guides us into Your way of resistant peace. In giving of these offerings, we believe that we are moving closer to this desire. Help embody a life led by Your Holy Spirit. In all things, we pray. 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

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

Nettleton

- 1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it,
mount of God’s unchanging love!
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I’m come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.
- 3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I’m constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here’s my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

Postlude on “Oh, Praise Ye The Lord”

Laudate Dominum, arr. Powell

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Andrew Dornan by Molly and Mike Smith.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for the family and loved ones of Terence Crutcher (OK) and Keith Lamont Scott (NC). We pray that our law enforcement around the nation would reevaluate training protocols and implement adjustments to encourage non-lethal de-escalation tactics to reduce the unnecessary amount of civilian lives lost.

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Hal Hiemstra	John O’Brien
Tour Guide	Paul Dornan	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Courtney Spearman and Dawn Hill	Karen Dunlap

Preaching Schedule	
October 2	Rev. Roger J. Gench
October 9	Rev. Roger J. Gench
October 16	Miroslav Volf, McClendon Scholar in Residence
October 23	Rev. Roger J. Gench

Counters	
September 27	Jim Martin and Nancy Dickinson

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 and reception.

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.