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.

Raising Justice Seeking Kids: Part 2
Today at 10 a.m.

Rev. Alice Tweell will bring a series of questions about race and identity, to the group, from a working group she has been part of at the presbytery called "Confronting Racism." Reflecting on our own early understanding of race will help inform how we interact with children and youth in our lives and enable us to better confront perceptions and injustices around race. (Responses to questions will be used anonymously as part of a Presbytery study.)

Raising Justice Seeking Kids: Part 1 (Cont.)
November 11 at 10 a.m.

Christian Learning Chair Kristen Ford will facilitate a discussion about the book "Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America." No need to read the book in advance! We’ll be exploring some of the key concepts together and brainstorming ways to help children form healthy racial identities and understand racial privilege and oppression.

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November 4 at 10 a.m.

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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 Robinson, robinseleanor@hotmail.com.

The Peace Candle – Visitors are invited to take a Peace Candle home to honor 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@gmail.com.

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 (anthonyh@nationalchurch.org) or Taylor Allison (taylorallison97@gmail.com).

NYAPC Parent’s Listserve – For more information about ministry for infants to schoolers, or to be added to the email list, contact Associate Pastor Alice Tweell (alice.tweell@nyapc.org).

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 committing to 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 Senior Accountant, Helen Anthony, the chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Roger Gench, the Senior Pastor, for more information, questions, or to make your pledge.

Volunteers are needed to staff the welcome table in the narthex, 9:30-10:30 a.m. before Sunday service greeting and then 15-20 minutes after, to chat with visitors and members during coffee time. For more details, visit https://bit.ly/2OPlP6z or contact Helen Anthony (anthonyh@nationalchurch.org) or Paul Dornan pauldornan@gmail.com.

Worship Service – Are you interested in ushering or serving as a liturgist during Sunday service? Please contact John Yoder at yoderj@nyapc.org (ushering) or Mark Zaimeddin at zaimeddin@gmail.com (liturgy) for more information.

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship
(Matthew 11:28-30)

Leader: Jesus says, "If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest. Take the yoke I give you. Put it on your shoulders and learn from me."

All: I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest. This yoke is easy to bear, and this burden is light.

Leader: Christ calls us to come to worship

All: To rest from the things that are troubling us

Leader: To learn what Christ can teach of life

All: To realize what we can offer to others

Leader: And so to return into the world to serve

All: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer of Confession

O God, who sent gifts of the Holy Spirit to those first saints, we know you continue to send gifts to us, even though we do not always claim them. We confess that we have not always opened our gifts. We have often chosen to keep them packed away or buried. Move us, by your Spirit, to hear your call on us to be good stewards of the gifts you have given to us.

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Though our stewardship of our money and our time, we seek to grow closer in faith to you, the God of all goodness. Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Litany of Thanksgiving
One: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you.
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 Santa
Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

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 unlike to the end. Baptized at 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 Christ, in every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name.

Response

#607, “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Docology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

The congregation is invited forward to take communion by intinction. The Peace Candle in the chancel is given to the glory of God by Adlai Amor and his family in celebration of All Saints’ Day. The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by Adlai Amor and his family in celebration of All Saints’ Day.

Prayer After Communion

God of grace, You have called us to the holy table of the Lord, to proclaim his death and receive his gift of life. Help us to remember Christ’s self-offering with thanksgiving and praise. Open our hearts and minds to a vision of his love, and pour into our souls the fullness of his grace. As we offer ourselves to You, let us go forth to live and serve as those whose lives are not our own but belong to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

*Response

#689, (verse 4) “When the Morning Stars Together”
Weise Flaggren
Lord, we bring our gift of music; Touch our lips and fire our hearts. Teach our minds and train our senses; Fit us for these sacred arts. Then with skill and consecration We would serve You, Lord, and give All our powers to glorify You, And in serving fully live.

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson
Deuteronomy 6:1-9, page 157, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.
Anthem
“God is Here” arr. Ferguson
Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson
Romans 16:1-16, page 154, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon
“Tree of Life” Rev. Roger J. Gensch

III. The Community Responds to the Word

Stewardship Dedication
“During the Sermon Hymn, please bring forward your Dedication or Pledge card and place it in the basket up front. If you are unable to come up front, place raise your hand and a pastor will come to you with a basket.”

*Sermon Hymn
#716, “God Whose Giving Knows No Ending” Beach Spring

Concerts of the Church

Moment for Mission “All Saints’ Sunday” Catherine Schultheis
“Dedication Sunday” Helen Anthony

Offertory
11:00 a.m. “Trinity Te Deum by Erleigh Ewensvils” Bryan Stenson, Conductor

*Response

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*Prayer of Dedication

God of all generosity, we give back to you in thankfulness, the first fruits of what you have given us. We acknowledge that the world and its resources are not ours, but yours, and that you have called each one of us to be good stewards of what you have given us. May we heed your call. May Jesus your Son, be the pattern for all our dealings with one another, and with the rest of creation, and confirm our commitment to use our money as an extension of our lives in your service.

*Sending Hymn
#694, “Great God of Every Blessing” Aurelia

1 Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care, you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share. How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

2 Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace, in death and life extending your covenant embrace. In Christ we are one body; each member has a part: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

3 Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search, transforming broken people into the holy church. For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

All hail! Amen!

Postlude
11:00 a.m. “I Was Glad” by C. H. Parry

*The liturgy for today’s service is adapted from the stewardship resources from the Presbyterian Church of New Jersey.

We wish to thank our sanctuary choir and guest musicians: Kevin Gebo, Kevin Maloney, John Powellson, Adam McCollie, Will Timmons, Jake Kraft and Jessica Savoe, for their participation in worship this morning in celebration of All Saints’ Day.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for those killed, wounded, and traumatized in the Pittsburgh shootings; for the end to gun violence and ethnic hatred; and for the peace and love of Christ Jesus to fill all our hearts.

Participants in Worship

11:00 a.m.

Liturgist Whitney McColey Laurens Ogden
Your Guide Spencer Callahan Barry Vendall
Worship Play Rev. Alice Tewell Karen Dunlap

Counters

November 4 Dan Stokes and Martha Davis
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