Christian Faith and Practice

Today and January 27, 10 a.m.

This course will cover the basics of the Christian faith with an emphasis on how the faith has evolved in our contemporary context and how it can be practiced in our lives. We will cover subjects such as the nature of theology, the Bible, the Trinity, the person and work of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, and how these motifs have changed and evolved in our modern setting. We will also talk about how each of these motifs can shape the way we practice our faith. Led by Rev. Roger Gench. It will be in the Dockey Center.

Opportunities for Service

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

January 20, 2019
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude
“Allegro,” from Concerto in G minor op. 12, No. 1 by Antonio Vivaldi, Arr. T. Nachez

Adagio,” from Sonata IV G. F. Handel

Jacob Gagosian, Violin; Luke Ratcliffe, Piano

Introit
“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” by Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship
Leader: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. We live sustained by God's presence.
All: Thanks be to God.
Leader: As we mourn the wounds of God's children,
All: God weeps for us.
Leader: As we give thanks for brothers and sisters who have lived in faith,
All: God gives thanks with us.
Leader: As we strive for justice,
All: God struggles with us.
Leader: As we are called by God,
All: God gives us work.
Leader: As we offer our gifts to all,
All: God blesses us.
Leader: Sisters and brothers, rejoice.
All: Sustained by God's presence and love, we worship the living God.

*Opening Hymn
#384, “Soon and Very Soon”

Traditional

Prayer of Confession

Most Holy and merciful God: we acknowledge and confess our slowness to do good, our blindness to injustices, and our complicity in deferring the dreams and hopes of the oppressed. We have refused to heed Your call to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with You, our God.

We condemn racial injustice in our pronouncements, yet we cling to the privileges derived from inequality and systematic oppression. When we are ashamed of our failures to fully love our neighbor, we prefer to cling to selfishness, insipidness despair. We confess that we participate in our own oppression.

God of grace, help us to name our sin, to claim responsibility for our actions, and to walk humbly with You, our God.

*Worship Service

*Are including justice-worship church

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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

#379, “We Shall Overcome”

We Shall Overcome

1 We shall overcome;

we shall overcome;

we shall overcome someday.

Refrain

O, deep in my heart

I do believe

we shall overcome someday!

2 We’ll walk hand in hand;

we’ll walk hand in hand;

we’ll walk hand in hand someday. Refrain

3 We shall live in peace;

we shall live in peace;

we shall live in peace someday. Refrain

4 We are not afraid;

we are not afraid;

we are not afraid today. Refrain

5 God will see us through;

God will see us through;

God will see us through today. Refrain

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Recessional”

Frank W. Asper

We wish to thank Jacob Gagosian, Taisha Estrada, Luke Ratcliffe, and Daniel Stokes for their participation in worship this morning while Dr. Engberston is in South Korea leading workshops and guest conducting.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in appreciation for civil rights leaders everywhere and in memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968).

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for the year ahead in 2019, for peace and the peacemakers, jobs for the jobless, homes for the homeless, food for the hungry, healthcare for the sick, and always tolerance and understanding for others.

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.

LARGE PRINT bulletins are now available for our worship services, including enlarged copies of the hymns. Please pick one up if it’s helpful to you, or ask a Deacon usher.

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 the cord equipped bearing aids with the receiver. Contact Joe Thierry at josephb.thierry@gmail.com or 703-568-5158 for more information.

Tours: Meet a tour guide at the front of 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.

Nursery and Quiet Spaces for Families with small children: We are so happy to have infants and children in worship with us. Our nursery, located in Room 317 (3rd Floor), is an option for babies and children 4 and under. Licensed and paid professionals provide care. The nursery is open from 8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Parents are invited to feed their children in the sanctuary or if you prefer some privacy and a quiet place, we have some additional seating in the balcony area (3rd floor). You are also invited to use the meditation room located inside of the library on the 1st floor, as well as Alice and Stan’s outer office on the 2nd floor (sanctuary level). There is a single stall restroom with a changing table in that space.

Worship and Worship Play: We want children to feel included in worship and believe that they are a vital part of our community of faith. Being in worship together can help children understand God’s love and their identity as children of God. During our worship services, children’s worship bulletins, crayons and books are available in the rear of the Sanctuary. During the sermons time, 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 worshiping regularly at NYAPC and do not yet have a permanent nametag or have mislaid yours, please fill out a blank form with your name in the envelopes on either nametag kiosk in the narthex and the church entryway on the first floor. You will find your nametag on either kiosk on a following Sunday. Nametags are one more way NYAPC strives to be a welcoming presence in Washington.