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.

Shelly Rambo: An Introduction – Today, 10 a.m., Doxcherty Center

Rev. Roger Gench will introduce the thought of Shelly Rambo, Associate Professor of Theology at Boston University School of Theology. Professor Rambo’s writing and teaching examine religious response to suffering, trauma and violence. Her latest work is “Resurrecting Wounds: Living in the Afterlife of Trauma.”

A Weekend with Shelly Rambo – March 24, 10:00 a.m., PMH

Prof. Rambo will lead an adult church school class as part of her weekend as McClendon Scholar in Residence.

The Peace Candle – Visitors are invited to take a Peace Candle home to their communities. Candles are at the back, right side, of the sanctuary. Please sign the candle care there, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Marilyn Seiber, m314903@gmail.com.

Food for the Hungry – Non-perishable food donations are needed by the Capital Area Food Bank, the large nonprofit hunger and nutrition resource in the Washington area. Donation baskets are at the rear of the sanctuary and front desk.

Ministries

The Congregation Pastor: Roger Joseph Gench, Ph.D.

Associate Pastor: Alice Rose Tewell, M.Div.

Director of Music:Stanley P. Eggensperger, D.M.A.

Church Administrator:Jasmine Jowers Prout, M.S.

Church Senior Accountant:Anne Rose Davis, M. Div.

Building Superintendent:Chetra McMillan, A.A.

Director of McClendon Scholar in Residence Program:Thom Brown, M.Div.

Director of Planned Giving:Catherine Schillhelm, B.A., Ch.E.

Director of Liturgical Dance:Kathryn Sparks, M.T.S.

Young Adult Volunteer: Kasey Kelly, B.A.

Opportunities for Service

7-2-9 Club – Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), September through June, with guests receiving from mental illness. There are games, entertainment, refreshments and time for making friends. For more information, contact Spence Gibbins, spence@ncsu.edu.

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. Contact Tom Karri or Shamina Bradley at director@communityclub.org or go to www.communityclub.org for more information.

New York Avenue Educational Foundation - The NYAEF mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need in the Washington, DC community. Annually, it solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots nonprofits, including Community Club, to further impact DC students. Visit https://nyae.org to learn more or contact Brian Schminning at brian@nyae.org. Shopping at Amazon? Select the NYAEF as your charity-of-choice through this link: https://smile.amazon.com. Federal employees/retirees please consider giving through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC #25839) at https://cfgeiving.opm.gov.

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Prelude

8:45 a.m. “Lift Thine Eyes,” from Elijah Felix Mendelssohn

Madrigal Women from Great Bend High School

“Sing Unto God,” from Judas Maccabaeus G. F. Handel

11:00 a.m. “Brother James’ Air” (The Lord is my Shepherd) Traditional Irish

The Great Bend High School Choirs from Great Bend, Kansas, Susan Sambough, Director

Introit

8:45 a.m. “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” Ken Medema

Madrigal Men from Great Bend High School

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Tune of Hyfrydol, Text by Charles Wesley

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gatherings for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: Pilgrims, we are invited to journey through this season of Lent towards the One who calls us each by a new name.

All: Leader, disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us.

All: pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.

All: Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us.

All: whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus.

*Opening Hymn

#455, (verse 1, 3) “Be Thou My Vision” Tune of Siane

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, source of all life, Lord of mercy and grace, hear our prayer.

We come before you in need of healing: The healing of our bodies and souls, The healing of our relationships, The healing of our pride and fear and apathy.

We know that you with nothing is impossible, not even our healing, Not even the restoration of the whole world.

We pray that you will heal us, that you will heal our world, So that we will be freed to serve and love and dream and be, As Christ calls us. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Please stand, if you are 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 #802, (verses 1, 2 and 6) “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” St. Columbia, Traditional Irish
1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
2 Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
6 And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

Offertory 8:45 a.m. “Amazing New Britain,” 1779, Text by John Newton, arr. Poorman

*Response #607, “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Duxology
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
Abundant God: you cause water to flow in desert places. You give wine to flow at a wedding feast, and food to feed five thousand on a grassy mountainside. Your generosity astounds us. We bow before you in gratitude and awe, asking you to receive what we have brought in response. May these gifts be a pleasing and fragrant offering, for the sake of the world you came to save. We pray in your holy name. Amen.

*Response #450, (verse 1-3) “Be Thou My Vision” Tune of Slate
4 High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*A Brief Statement of Faith (Page 37-38, “Glory to God” hymnal)

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson Romans 8:22-27, page 148, NRSV Leader: This is the word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Requiem” Eliza Gilkyson, arr. Craig Hella Johnson Danced by Gathered In

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson Luke 13:31-37, page 72, NRSV Leader: This is the word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Killing Prophets” Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn #394, “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” Westminster Abbey

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offerfly
8:45 a.m. “Tune of New Britain”

11:00 a.m. “Kyrie eleison,” from Mass in C Minor W. A. Mozart
Translation: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

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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 sermon time, helpers offer Worship Play for ages 3-12.

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 way NYAPC strives to be a welcoming presence in Washington.