Adventures in Prayer has become a group of people who gather each Sunday to pray for one another, for those on the prayer/care list, for the church, and for the world. All questions, joys and concerns are welcome. Come anytime.

October 27, November 3 and 10, 10:00 a.m., Docherty Center

What’s Gentle About Gentrification? Dominic Moulden of ONE DC (Organizing Neighborhood Equity) will lead a discussion about the cultural displacement of long-time Black communities in DC as mixed-income redevelopment occurs. Kelsey Gardens in Shaw and Brookland Manor in Brookland will illustrate the intentional break-up of 30-year communities of color. Dominic has worked over 30 years in community organizing in DC and has lectured at Georgetown University and numerous symposia around the country. In Weeks 2 and 3 the class will look at alternative models for community-controlled development, and the threat of massive loss of public housing in DC.

October 27, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel

Gathered for Prayer

The Community Gathers for Worship

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

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 card there, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Marilyn Seiler, mrs12601@yahoo.com.

The 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://nyaeef.org to learn more or contact Brian Schimming at graften@gmail.com and Heather Shortridge, hshortlridge@nyac.org. The NYAEF has worked over 30 years in community organizing in DC and has lectured at Georgetown University and numerous symposia around the country. In Weeks 2 and 3 the class will look at alternative models for community-controlled development, and the threat of massive loss of public housing in DC.
**Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in one true and living God. God is greater than our understanding. We do not fully comprehend who God is or how God works. The Lord’s requirements are not always what we think. The Lord’s care for us is not always what we want. Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. We can have confidence in God’s coming kingdom even in the darkest of times. Jesus is the long-expected Savior. He was born of woman as is every child, yet born of God’s power as was no other child. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he brings about a relationship between God and humanity that God always intended. The Holy Spirit is God active in the world. The Spirit makes real in us what God has done for us. As long as we live, we will struggle with sin, but the Spirit’s presence assures us God will complete what has been begun in us. We must set our ultimate reliance on any other help. We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power. We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God. We praise and enjoy God. To worship God is highest joy. To serve God is perfect freedom. Amen.

**II. The Community Responds to the Word**

**First Lesson**

Genesis 17:1-10, page 12, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Steal Away”

Spiritual, Arr. Sirett

**Second Lesson**

Genesis 18, pages 13-14, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Heather G. Shortlidge

**III. The Community Responds to the Word**

*Sermon Hymn*

#716, “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Beach Spring

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission “Stewardship”

Brian Schimming

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offerings

8:45 a.m. Please gather around the table for giving and prayer.

“Jim Gonna Sing”

Spiritual, arr. Engebretson

*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 extravagant mercy,

You have poured out wonder and pleasure and delight,

goodness and beauty and bounty.

So take these offerings, we pray,

as our protest against all that is evil

and ugly and impoverished,

trivial and wretched and tyrannical,

in our world and in ourselves. 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*

#700, (verses 1, 3, 4) “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

I’m Gonna Live

1 I’m gonna live so (live so)

God can use me anywhere,

Lord, anytime! (anytime!)

I’m gonna live so (live so)

God can use me anywhere,

Lord, anytime! (anytime!)

2 I’m gonna pray so (pray so)

God can use me anywhere,

Lord, anytime! (anytime!)

I’m gonna pray so (pray so)

God can use me anywhere,

Lord, anytime! (anytime!)

3 I’m gonna sing so (sing so)

God can use me anywhere,

Lord, anytime! (anytime!)

I’m gonna sing so (sing so)

God can use me anywhere,

Lord, anytime! (anytime!)

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction*

*Congregational Response*

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Fanfare”

William Mathias

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

The anthems are drawn from a new book co-edited by Stan Engebretson entitled “Hallelujah! Gospels and Spirituals.” Published in 2018, it has become a popular collection for foreign choirs throughout Europe, especially Germany where Dr. Engebretson just introduced it to their national choral convention in September.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in appreciation of the volunteers who serve on the Evangelism Committee.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for wisdom to stop wars with its carnage of soldiers, civilians, and destruction of homes and cities. May we find a way to live together in peace.

**Participants in Worship**

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**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.

**Mission Statement:** The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith in the heart of Washington DC, furthering God’s transforming work, challenging the powerful, standing with the oppressed, lifting up the broken-hearted, and making God’s love and justice visible by welcoming and loving all.

**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 earphone. You may also use your own choice of earphones or 5 coil equipped hearing aids with the receiver. Contact Joe Thierry at josephthierry@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.

**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 is located in Room 317 (3rd floor), an option for babies and children 4 and under. Licensed, 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 a dedicated nursery-pumping-caregiving-mediation room within the library on the 1st floor. There is also space and comfortable chairs in the balcony area (3rd 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 music 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 3-10.

When bulletins are waved during worship at NYACP, 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 thewaves, it is an expression of joy in the moment and our connections with sisters and brothers in faith.