Today, 10:00 a.m., Lincoln Parlor, Cuba Partners Bible Study

Several times a year the members of First Church of Havana and of its sister congregations in the United States, including New York Avenue, simultaneously study the same Bible passages and then share the insights at which they have arrived with the other.

- Week 1 - Biblical Hospitality
- Week 2 - Ubuntu Botho - The African tradition of Hospitality and its passage through the Middle Passage
- Week 3 - Modern Hospitality in the Black Church

February 9, 16 and 23, Ubuntu Botho - Welcome to the Table, Lincoln Pastor

This three-week series will survey hospitality from the Biblical lens of the ancient Far East through the west coast of Africa to the Black church today. The Rev. Paula H. Hall has led inspiring Bible studies at NYA in previous years, and this will be no exception.

Worship Play Hall has led inspiring Bible studies at NYA in previous years, and this will be no exception.

2-29 Club - Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), September through June, with guests recovering from mental illness. There are games, entertainment, refreshments and time for making friends. For more information, contact Phil Telfeyan, pelleycarn@aol.com.

Community Circle - Washington D.C.'s oldest tutoring and mentorship program for public and charter school students. Contact John Yoder (tutoring) or Mark Zaineddin (liturgy) 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 nonprofits, including Urban Partners in Education, a Community Circle, to further impact DC students. Visit https://nyaef.org to learn more or contact Brian Schimming at nyaeffdc@gmail.com. Shopping on 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 #28039) at https://cfcgov.com.

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. Donation bins are at the rear of the Sanctuary and front desk.

Radcliffe Room Ministry - Come join our homeless guests, Sundays, 8:45–9:45 a.m., for hymn singing, refreshments and socializing. Donations of umbrellas, rain gear, clothing, toiletries, and transportation money are needed. Contact Eleanor Robins, robinselena@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@gmail.com.

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@gmail.com or Barry Tindall, barrytindall@verizon.net.

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 (shanthon@ncsu.edu) or Taylor Allison (taylorallison93@gmail.com). NYAPC Parent’s Literacy - For more information about ministry for infants to high schoolers, or to be added to the e-mail list, contact Associate Pastor Alice Tewell (alice.tewell@nyapc.org).

Annual Stewardship - Each of the ministries described on this page, as well as every thing 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 fulfilling 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. Alice Tewell, the Associate Pastor, for more information, questions, or to make your pledge.

Volunteers are needed to staff the welcome table in the narthex, 20-30 minutes before a Sunday service greeting and then 15-20 minutes after, to chat with visitors and members during coffee time. For more details, visit http://bit.ly/10PPlg or contact Helen Anthony shanthon@ncsu.edu or Paul Dornan pdor@ncsu.edu.

Worship Service - Are you interested in ushering or serving as a liturgist during Sunday service? Please contact John Yoder at yoderja@gmail.com (usherling) or Mark Zaineddin at zaineddin@gmail.com (“liturgy”) for more information.

Opportunities for Service

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

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Community Circle - 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 Kerr or Shamika Bradley at director@communitycircle.org or go to www.communitycircle.org for more information.

Celebration of Worship

Fellowship Christ into places of brokenness and joy. NYAPC will do justice, treat all with kindness and mercy, and walk humbly with God.

February 2, 2020
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

 Prelude
"Fuge in C Mayor à 3"
G. F. Handel

Welcome and Announcements

Introit
“Come, Great God of All the World”
Tune of Abbott’s Leigh

* Lincoln Chimes

*Silent C

Opening Hymn
#19, “God of Great and God of Small”
Tradional

Prayer of Confession

Compassionate God, we have ignored your presence around us in earth and sky, and in the people who surround us. We have chosen to live more by our fears than by our faith. We have focused on what divides us, rather than affirming what we share in common. Forgive us, God.

Nurture us, so we may grow to treasure you, ourselves, others and all of creation.

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Grace

*Passing of the Peace

Response

#792, (verse 1) “There is a Balm in Gilead”
Tradional

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work’s in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Cuba Partnership Commissioning

*Please rise in body or in spirit
II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson
Matthew 6:6-21, pages 5-6, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
Arr. Cary Ratcliffe

Time for Children and Their Friends
Matthew 6:25-34, page 6, 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

**#698, “Take, O Take Me as I Am” (Sung 3x)
Take Me As I Am

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

*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
Compassionate God, we offer you these gifts as signs of our time and labor. Receive the offering of our lives so that the ministry of Christ might continue and all Creation might find unending life in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you
People: and also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to God.
Leader: Let us give thanks to God our Maker.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Leader: Praise is yours, holy God… praise beyond all telling.
People: All that we are, all that we have, all that we know and all that is yet to be comes from your care.

Water and wisdom, light and longing, the stones in the earth and the hope in our hearts are grounded in your graciousness.

Therefore, to the unending song of earth, sea and sky, we join our praise with the saints of every age and your people here on earth, north and south, east and west, singing the song of your eternal greatness:

Response

**#595, “Holy, Holy, Holy”
Argentina Santo

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!
Come now, O Christ, breathe your Spirit on us, and on this bread and wine.
Let them become, for us, the seal and sign of your love healing, redeeming, making us whole.

Grateful for the life in our bodies, we pray for those whose lives are diminished by ill health, depression, grief, or rejection, asking for the healing, the affirming, the listening which will encourage and restore them.

Conscious of the peace of this place, we pray for those who have no peace because of war or the fear of war, the threat of violence, the grip of hunger, the loss of hope.
May the voice of victims be heard and the work of the peacemakers be blessed.

Surrounded by rugged and tender beauty, we pray for the earth, especially where it is damaged by human carelessness and threatened by human greed; and ask that we may learn to care for the earth as you do.

And because we are here to meet with Jesus, we join our words to those he taught us, saying:

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.

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

All are welcome to partake in the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. It does not matter who you are or what you believe, God welcomes you and to do so. Please come forward at the table to receive the elements. A cup is held in each hand and a piece of bread is offered. The elements are then placed in your hand. After participating, please return the elements to the table for others.

We pray that God would grant us the heart of a child as we participate in the Lord’s Supper.

Prayer After Communion

Risen Christ, we have been guests at your table; come with us wherever we go and be present in all we share.

Summon out in us, whom you have fed, generosity of spirit to ensure that all the hungry are nourished and earth’s barren places are fertile with food, faith, hope, and love. Amen.

*Sending Hymn

**#769, (verse 1-3) “For Everyone Born”
Traditional

1 For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain
and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
and for young and old, the right to belong, [Refrain]

2 For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that’s fair, [Refrain]

3 For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong, [Refrain]

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response
Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Rondeau”
Henry Purcell

Congregational Meeting

Immediately following the postlude, you are invited to move upstairs to Peter Marshall Hall for a spaghetti lunch and the annual congregational meeting. Exit through the red doors on either side of the pulpit and take the elevators or stairs to the 5th floor. Childcare is provided and free garage parking has been extended.

We wish to thank Jenete St. Clair for her participation in worship this morning.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for NYAPC’s Cuba Partnership with First Presbyterian-Reformed Church of Havana as an NYAPC delegation visits in Havana February 3-10. May the partnership grow and deepen in God’s love!