

*A Brief Statement of Faith (May be found in the back cover of pew Hymnal)

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson Psalm 22:1-15, pages 473-474, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Bright Canaan”
Traditional, arr. Shaw-Parker

Time for Children

Second Lesson Hebrews 4:12-16, pages 206-207, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “God Forsaken”
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

Sermon Hymn #338, “Kum ba Yah”

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory 8:45 *The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around
the Table for Giving and Prayer
11:00 “Set Me As a Seal”

René Clausen
John Kim, conductor

***Response** #591 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise
Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit
evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Amen.**

***Prayer of
Dedication** Living God, You have blessed us beyond measure
and called us to love one another. May these gifts
be used to bring Your mercy and provision to
those in need, and may we be instruments of Your
love, justice and peace, in this city and with all we
meet. In the name of our Risen Lord, Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

***Sending
Hymn** #394, “There is a Balm in Gilead”
Balm in Gilead

Refrain There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sinsick soul.

1 Sometimes I feel discouraged
And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit
Revives my soul again. *Refrain*

2 Don't ever feel discouraged,
For Jesus is your friend,
And if you lack for knowledge
He'll not refuse to lend. *Refrain*

3 If you cannot preach like Peter,
If you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus
And say, "He died for all." *Refrain*

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

***Congregational Response** Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude “Plein Jeu a la Couperin”
Gordon Young

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the Glory of God by the church family and friends of *Margaret L. Corman* who served NYAPC and its members from the 1940s into the 1970s as a teacher, choir member, civil rights activist, mentor, elder and Dr. George Docherty's secretary.

We wish to thank our talented pianist and conducting intern, *John Kim*, for his participation in worship this morning. He is a music performance major at George Mason University and has already proven himself as a wonderful new addition to our NYAPC family!

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Greeters	Jay Davenport and Brian Schimming	Marcia Kozub and Judy Mize
Liturgists	Karen Dunlap	Beatrice Fuller
Tour Guides	Barry Tindall	Len Shabman

Counters

October 16	Nancy Dickinson and Dan Stokes
October 23	Barb Dornan and Jim Martin
October 30	Fritz and Ruth von Fleckenstein
November 4	Barb Dornan and ShuXian McKenna
November 11	Amy Gillespie and Janet Wessling
November 18	Martha Davis and John Schultheis

Preaching Schedule

October 21	Rev. Roger J. Gench
October 28	Rev. Roger J. Gench

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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.

Garage Parking for Sunday Morning Worship: Free self-parking is available in the garage next to the church at 1399 New York Avenue until 1 p.m. Please park in any non-reserved space.

Radcliffe Room Ministry: Everyone is invited and encouraged to come to the Radcliffe Room on Sunday mornings. This is a vibrant NYAPC ministry and we would love to have you join us: meet our friends for coffee, conversation, bagels and hymn singing.

Infants and children: Babies and toddlers under 4 are welcome in the park level nursery. **Care is provided by licensed, paid professionals.** During the services, children’s worship aids are available in the rear of the Sanctuary.

Building Tours: To take a tour of our building and learn about this congregation’s heritage and current ministry and outreach, meet the tour guide at the front of the Sanctuary immediately following the service.

Large Print Bibles and Large Print Bulletins: Available at the front of the Sanctuary.

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.