

Adult Sunday School	
Gathered for Prayer	April 23, 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.	
Accounting for the Glory of God: Part 2	April 23, 10:00 a.m., Room 511
The Accounting Task Force will continue their survey of recent progress in the church's financial management and accounting processes. You need not be an accountant or financial whiz to appreciate the work that has been done to produce more viable financial systems at The New York Avenue Church.	

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General Church Hours:

Mondays, Fridays, Sundays: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursdays: 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Saturdays: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

(If we have no evening event scheduled, we may close the building.

Please check the website/email for updates.)

Opportunities for Service

7-2-9 Club – Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), until June, with guests recovering from mental illness. There are games, entertainment, refreshments and time for making friends. Contact Spence Gibbins, spencergib@aol.com

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. Please contact Tom Karr or Shamika Bradley at directors@communityclub.org or go to www.communityclub.org for more information.

New York Avenue Foundation – The NYAF mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout the Washington, D.C. community. Annually, it solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots nonprofits, including Community Club, to further impact D.C. students. Contact Brian Schimming, nyavefoundation@gmail.com to learn more. Shopping at Amazon? Be sure to select the NYAF as your charity-of-choice at www.smile.amazon.com. Every purchase helps a child in need.

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. Please place your donations in the baskets located at the rear of the Sanctuary or at the front desk.

Radcliffe Room Ministry – Come join our homeless guests, Sundays, 8:15-9:45 a.m., for hymn singing, refreshments and socializing. Donations of umbrellas, rain gear, clothing, toiletries, and transportation money are needed. Contact Eleanor Robins, robinseleanor@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@bellatlantic.net

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@bellatlantic.net Beth DuMez, bethdumez@erols.com or Barry Tindall, barrytindall@verizon.net

NYAPC's Young Adults – For more information about Sunday brunches, Faith on Tap, Bible study, or other fellowship or service activities (or to be added to the e-mail list), contact Helen Anthony (shanthon@ncsu.edu), Phil Bolles (philbolles@gmail.com), or Katherine Leiden (keleiden@gmail.com).

Annual Stewardship - Each of the ministries described on this page, as well as everything 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 completing 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 book keeper, Rachel Browning and Kim Johnson, the chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Roger Gench, the Senior Pastor, for more information, questions, or to make your pledge.

We are in need of volunteers to help make NYAPC a welcoming place for our visitors and members by staffing the welcome table in the narthex before and after services. Welcome table volunteers arrive about 20-30 minutes before a Sunday service to greet worshipers and then hang out for about 15-20 minutes after the service to chat with visitors and members during coffee time. For more details, visit <http://bit.ly/1OEPH6r>. If you are interested in signing up for one (or more!) services, please contact Alison Kootstra Nowak at amkootstra@gmail.com or Paul Dornan at pbdornanp@aol.com.



Celebration of Worship

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

April 16, 2017

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday

Prelude

“Royal Fanfare”

Des Pres

“Canzona per sonare No.1”

Giovanni Gabrieli

“La Spiritita”

Fugue Francois Couperin

“Allegro,” from **King Arthur**

Henry Purcell

“The Heavens Are Telling”

Benedetto Marcello

The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church Brass Quartet

Jesse Tubb, James McKenzie, Trumpets; Michael Parnell, Trombone;

Darryl Buning, Bass Trombone

Introit

“This is the Day”

Jacob Handl

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: Easter begins in despair,
Our life, our love, our hope forever dead,
crushed by a boulder, bottled up in a cave.

All: Who will roll away the stone?

Leader: Easter takes us by surprise, early in the morning.
The obstacles we expect to face are removed.
Where once death and despair laid locked in time
now the bright light of hope sprouts wings
to fly from emptiness. It is, at first, too good to be true.

All: Where have you laid him?

Leader: When faced with a miracle,
our first reflex is to run.

All: Be not afraid.

You seek Jesus who was crucified.

He is risen; he is not here:

Come see the place where they laid him.

Then quickly tell the disciples

that he goes before you into Galilee.

There you shall see him.

Leader: Suddenly the realization dawns. It may rise as quickly as the sun
creeping over the horizon, or it may explode like fireworks, painting
the world with dazzle. We recognize the One who was dead as he
comes to life in us.

All: Christ is risen, risen indeed!

**Please stand, if able*

*Opening Hymn

#232, “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”
Nehlybel

Prayer of Confession

God, we come before You as those who have been baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, and who seek to be raised to new life in Christ. Yet, we confess our fear of death. We fear death as life’s ending, and its thread hidden in poverty, danger or sickness. We fear death as letting go of old ways, old relationships, and old self-understandings. We confess our fear of life. Sometimes we want to build shells to protect ourselves from people who come too close, from change that comes too fast, from possibilities that seem too bewildering.

God, show us to accept the embrace of Your loving arms, and receive Your forgiveness and Your promise of life eternal in Jesus Christ. Raise us to walk in newness of life, through Jesus Christ, who has promised to be with us always. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

*Response

#286 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"
Trentham
**Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do. *(Repeat 2 times)***

***A Brief Statement of Faith** (Pages 37-38, "Glory to God" hymnal)

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14, pages 759, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“The Strife is O’er”
arr. Paul Leddington
8:45 a.m. Youth Choir, Samantha Scheff, Conductor

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Matthew 28:1-10, pages 32, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Easter Blues” **Rev. Roger J. Gench**

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#238, “Thine is the Glory”
Judas Maccabeus

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Crown Him”
arr. Raney
Purev Arslanbaatar, Conductor

*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

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Singing the Easter Alleluias, we dedicate these gifts of our time and talent to You, O Holy God. Through Your Spirit, nurture these gifts that they may glorify Your kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. 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

#245, “Christ the Lord is Risen Today!”
Llanfair
**1 "Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**
**2 Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!**
**3 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!**
**4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Benediction Response

8:45 a.m. “Jubilate Deo”
Michael Praetorius
Youth Choir, Samantha Scheff, Director

Postlude

11:00 a.m. “Hallelujah Chorus” from **Messiah**
G. F. Handel
Connor Schaeffer, Conductor
“Toccata,” from **Symphony No.5**
Charles Marie Widor
Samantha Scheff, Organ
(Congregation may remain seated)

*The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession are adapted from *Touch Holiness* edited by Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi.

We wish to thank the Youth Choir, Molly Johnson, the Sanctuary Choir, Samantha Scheff, organ and The New York Avenue Brass Quartet for their special music in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. HE IS RISEN! HALLELUJAH! Please see insert for Easter flower dedications from members and friends.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for the renewal and peace for all found in Christ’s resurrection on this Easter Day. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Mary Spatz	Robert Savage
Tour Guide	Paul Dornan	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Rev. Alice Tewell	Karen Dunlap

Counters	
April 18	Barb Dornan and Jim Martin
April 23	ShuXian McKenna and Dan Stokes
April 30	Martha Davis and John Schultheis

Preaching Schedule	
April 23	Rev. Alice R. Tewell
April 30	Rev. Roger J. Gench
May 7	Rev. Roger J. Gench
May 14	Youth Led Service

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.

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 t-coil equipped hearing aids with the receiver. Please contact Joe Thierry at josephnthierry@gmail.com or 703-568-5158 for more information.

Tours: Meet a tour guide at the front of the Sanctuary immediately 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.

Families with Infants and children: Infants and toddlers 4 and under are welcome in the **Park Level nursery**. Care is provided by licensed, paid professionals. The nursery is open from 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. During the services, **children’s worship bulletins**, crayons and books are available in the rear of the Sanctuary. During the sermon time, Pastor Alice and 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 worshipping regularly at NYAPC and do not yet have a permanent nametag or have somehow mislaid your permanent nametag, please fill out a blank form with your name in the envelopes on either of the nametag kiosks in the narthex and the church entryway on the first floor. You will find your permanent nametag on one of the kiosks on one of the next two Sundays. Nametags are just one more way New York Avenue strives to be a welcoming presence in Washington!

Embodied Prayer in Today’s Worship: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Offering ourselves to God in worship as a community can take on an additional layer of meaning when we involve our entire body in our prayer and praise. This Sunday and for several more upcoming Sundays we will practice ‘Breathe on Me, Breath of God’ following the exchange of peace as a way to deepen our connection with God – through our physicality.