

Adult Sunday School


Adventures in Prayer	Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel
Maybe you are new to prayer. Maybe prayer is as natural to you as breathing. This class, meeting in the Lincoln Chapel at 10:20 a.m., is for everyone and anyone who takes prayer seriously. We learn together and pray together. All questions, joys and concerns are welcome. Come when you can.	
NEXT Church	April 17 and 24, 10 a.m., Room 511
Jessica Tate, Presbyterian pastor and Executive Director of Next Church, will share some of the ideas and lessons she has gleaned from the work of Next Church to envision the next iterations of "church" in America and especially how those ideas and lessons might apply to a downtown congregation like New York Avenue.	

Preaching Schedule

April 24	Rev. Linda Lader
May 1	Dr. Willie Jennings
May 8	Rev. Roger J. Gench
May 15	Rev. Alice Rose Tewell

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Fred Dann	Yongo Ding
Tour Guide	Meg Neill	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Karen Dunlap	Stacey Gagosian

	Counters
April 19	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
April 24	Anders Larsson and ShuXian McKenna
May 1	Martha Davis and Barbara Dornan

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Young Adult Volunteer:	Angela Williams; Community Club and Radcliffe Room angela.williams@nyapc.org	

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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 – A one-with-one tutoring and mentoring program, for DC public and charter school students (grades 7-12), meets at the church on Thursday nights, during the school year. Adult volunteers are needed! Please contact Tom Karr and Shamika Bradley at directors@communityclub.org or go to www.communityclub.org for more information.

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.

New York Avenue Foundation – The NYAF mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout Washington, DC. Annually it solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots non-profits, which further that mission. A volunteer Board of Trustees conducts the work of NYAF. If you are interested in learning more or participating in the NYAF mission, contact Brian Schimming, nyavefoundation@gmail.com

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 Jan Maheras, the church accountant, Laura Asiala, 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/1OFP6r>. 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 17, 2016

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

"Pastorale," from Sonata No. 1 Op. 42
Alexandre Guilmant

Introit

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"
Tune of Coronation, 1793

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Awaken! The new day reveals itself in every moment, and by the grace of God all things are made possible. Come, let us give thanks.

All: We give thanks to You, blessed, mysterious Life-giver, for one more day to experience the miracle of creation.

Leader: With every breath we remember that life is a gift from You, O God, and we give thanks.

All: With every bite of healthy food, with every drink of clean water; with a sense of grounding in the Earth, we give thanks for the diversity of Your creation.

Leader: With every word, we affirm Your transforming love for each of us, and we give thanks.

All: Holy Beloved, through you all things are made new. Creation is full of your glory. All praise be yours!

*Opening Hymn

#15, (verses 1-4) "All Creatures of Our God and King"
Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have taken the fruits of Your creation and Your merciful abundance for granted. We have uttered prayers of thanksgiving without true gratitude. Meanwhile, we have failed to recognize the suffering of the earth. Ignoring our connection to the rest of your creation, we move further away from your vision of your beloved community. Forgive us, O God, and transform us. As we enjoy the wind, the sun, and the soil, open us to the richness and beauty of all that You have created. Encourage us to work for justice for all, so that all may give you thanks and be fed. In Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**Please stand, if able*

*Response

#15, (*verse 5*) "All Creatures of Our God and King"
Lasst Uns Erfreuen
And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Psalm 23, pages 474-475, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Psalm 23"
Douglas Major

Time for Children and Their Friends Havana Cuba Experience Recap
Marilyn Seiber

Second Lesson

Acts 9:32-43, page 120, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Grounded" Rev. Alice Rose Tewell

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#324, "For All the Faithful Women"
Nyland

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission "Njoro Orphans and Vulnerable Children"
Rev. Beth Braxton

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:45 a.m. *The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around
the Table for Giving and Prayer
11:00 a.m. "Let Everything that Hath Breath"
Jefferey Ames
Eric Slaughter, Bass

*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 declares all of the creation good. We are among God's
creatures, and humbled that God calls on us to till and keep
the earth. With hope and inspiration to answer that call, we
place our trust in God to show us the way.**

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.**

*Passing of the Peace (11:00 a.m.)

*Sending Hymn

#726, "Will You Come and Follow Me"
Kelvingrove

- "Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown;
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?"
- "Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?"
- "Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
And do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?"
- Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?
- Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

"Allegro maestoso e vivace," from Sonata No. 2 in C minor
Felix Mendelssohn

*Today's liturgy is from the National Council of Churches, Creation Justice
(creationjustice.org), resources for Earth Day.

We wish to thank Samantha Scheff and Eric Slaughter for their special music in
worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in appreciation for
the volunteers who count the tithes and offerings, by members and friends of the
congregation through their gifts to the Flower Fund.

The red rose on the Chancel table is to welcome and celebrate the birth, on April
9, 2016, of Joseph Henry Thierry, son of Melissa and Joe Thierry and the
grandson of Lenora Thierry.

The Peace Candle reminds us to pray for our partner church, First Presbyterian-
Reformed Church of Havana, its members and outreach mission, as our two
governments seek peace and reconciliation.

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 jthierry@erols.com or
703-568-5158 for more information.

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

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.–12:30p.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. During this
worship playtime, the children are invited to pray, listen to stories from the Bible and
related picture books, sing a song or do a simple craft. At the end of Worship Play, the
children are offered a peanut free snack.

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 the New York Avenue Church 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!