

Adult Sunday School	
Gathered for Prayer	Today, 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.	
Back to Basics: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer	Today, 10:00 a.m. Room 511
Rev. Roger Gench will lead this Lenten exploration of the basics of being Christian, using Rowan Williams' book "Being Christian" as a text. The series will prepare us for a renewal of baptism on Easter Sunday. The book will be available in the class and at the entryway desk for \$6.	
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, robinsleanor@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/1OEP6r>. 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 9, 2017

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

Palm/Passion Sunday

Prelude Chorale Prelude on "Rathbun"
Charles Cooke

Introit "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
Tune of Ellacombe

***Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

***Call to Worship** *("Give Thanks to the Lord" by David Gambrell, 2009 from Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29)*

One: Give thanks to the Lord, whose mercy is sure, whose goodness and love will always endure.

All: **Let everyone join this resounding refrain:**

Forever and ever our Savior will reign!

One: Now fling wide the gates! Now open the doors!
We come to give praise and thanks to the Lord.

All: **Our God has worked wonders; the tables have turned;
our strength is the stone that the builders once spurned.**

One: Be joyful and glad! The Lord made this day.
God gives us success and hears when we pray.

All: **And now from the temple the people exclaim: How blest is the one who has come in God's name!**

One: The Lord is our God, the source of all light. We sing and give thanks with all our might.

All: **Let everyone join this resounding refrain: Forever and ever our Savior will reign!**

**All are invited to be part of the Palm Sunday processional.*

Please gather in the back to receive your palm.

***Opening Hymn**

#196, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

Prayer of Confession

(from Life Prayers, Ted Loder, 1984)

Gentle me, Holy One

Into an unclenched moment

A deep breath,

A letting go

Of heavy experiences

Of shriveling anxieties,

Of dead certainties,

That, softened by the silence

Surrounded by the light

And open to the mystery,

We may be found by wholeness,

Upheld by the unfathomable

Entranced by the simple

and filled with the joy that is You. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

**Please stand, if able*

***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

Matthew 21:1-11, pages 21-22, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Heilig, Heilig,” (Holy, Holy)

Felix Mendelssohn

Translation: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the Highest!

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

By Three Voices

Matthew 26:26-56, pages 28-29, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Thy Will Be Done?” Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn**

#215, “What Wondrous Love Is This”
Wondrous Love

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:45 a.m. *We Gather Around the Table for Giving and Prayer*

11:00 a.m. “Thou Lamb of God”

Early American Tune, arr. Ehret

***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**

With these gifts we give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, and God’s steadfast love endures forever. 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**

#221, “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”
Passion Chorale

- 1 **O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory,
what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.**
- 2 **What thou, my Lord, hast suffered
was all for sinners’ gain:
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
’Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor,
and grant to me thy grace.**
- 3 **What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever;
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to thee.**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Tune of Hamberg, arr. Wolford

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ministry of The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in the lives of **Elizabeth and George E. Jacobs; Annie, Hugh, Hugh Stewart and Marguerite Smith; Viola and Robert S. Jacobs; Elizabeth Jacobs and Robert G. Kissner;** and **Elinor Jacobs and William T. Grier.** They are the gift of Nancy and Gordon Kissner; Catherine Kissner and John Schultheis representing five generations of worshipers in this church.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for the powerless, the homeless, hungry, and sick, and for those who have power and ability to help and improve their lives. We also pray for the victims and families of those affected by the chemical weapons used in the ongoing Civil War in Syria.

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Mary Spatz	Robert Savage
Tour Guide	David Powell	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Stacey Gagosian	Sarah-Dianne Jones

Counters	
April 11	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
April 18	Barb Dornan and Jim Martin
April 23	ShuXian McKenna and Dan Stokes

Preaching Schedule	
Maundy Thursday	Rev. Roger J. Gench/Rev. Alice Tewell
Good Friday	Rev. Roger J. Gench/Rev. Alice Tewell
April 16	Rev. Roger J. Gench
April 23	Rev. Alice R. Tewell

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. 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 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.

Holy Week Schedule

- **Maundy Thursday, April 13**
 - 6:00 p.m.: Soup Supper in Lincoln Parlor and JQA
 - 7:00 p.m.: Worship Service in RCR
- **Good Friday, April 14**
 - Worship at 12 noon in Sanctuary
- **Easter Sunday, April 16**
 - 7:15 a.m.: Sunrise Service in Triangle Park
 - 7:45 a.m.: Breakfast in PMH
 - 8:45 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
 - 9:45 a.m.: Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt in PMH
 - 11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary