

Summer Schedule through August 31  
 Adult Education Classes at 9 a.m.  
 Worship at 10 a.m.

Adult Sunday School

**Adventures in Prayer** Today, 9:00 a.m., Lincoln Parlor

Maybe you are new to prayer. Maybe prayer is as natural to you as breathing. This class, meeting in the Lincoln Chapel at 9am, is for everyone and anyone who takes prayer seriously. We learn together and we pray together, and currently are using Marjorie Thompson's Soul Feast as a guide. (Aug. 16, Ch. 5] All questions, joys, and concerns are welcome. Come when you can.

Preaching Schedule

One worship service at 10 a.m. through September 6

August 16	Rev. Alice Rose Tewell
August 23	Rev. Beth Braxton
August 30	Rev. Roger J. Gench

10:00 a.m. Service

Liturgist	Joon Choi
Tour Guide	John O'Brien
Worship Play	Karen Dunlap and David Inoue

Counters

August 16	Dan Stokes and Barbara Dornan
August 23	John Shultheis and Adam Bain
August 30	Dan Stokes and ShuXian McKenna
September 8	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

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Opportunities for Service

**7-2-9 Club** – Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), September until June, with guests recovering from mental illness. There are games, entertainment, refreshments and time for making friends. Contact Spence Gibbins, [spencergib@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:directors@communityclub.org) or go to [www.communityclub.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net) Beth DuMez, [bethdumez@erols.com](mailto:bethdumez@erols.com) or Barry Tindall, [barrytindall@verizon.net](mailto:barrytindall@verizon.net)

**NYAPC's Young Adults** – For more information about Sunday brunches, Faith on Tap, Bible study, and other fellowship or service activities (or to be added to the e-mail list), contact Richard Snyder ([snyder.richard@gmail.com](mailto:snyder.richard@gmail.com)) or Benno Lauer ([benno.lauer@gmail.com](mailto:benno.lauer@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.

	Ministers:	The Entire Congregation
	Pastor:	Roger Joseph Gench, Ph.D.
	Associate Pastor:	Alice Rose Tewell, M. Div.
	Director of Music:	Stanley P. Engebretson, D.M.A.
	Parish Associate for Visitation:	Ann Rose Davie, M. Div.
	Director of Planned Giving:	Catherine Schultheis, B.A., Chr.Ed.
	Parish Associates:	Beth Braxton, M. Div., MRE, D. Min.
		J. Gary Campbell, M. Div., M.A.
		Frances Taylor Gench, M. Div., Ph.D.
		Linda LeSourd Lader, M. Div.
Director of Dance:	Kathryn Sparks, M.T.S.	



Celebration of Worship

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

August 16, 2015  
 10:00 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

"Prelude and Fugue in G Minor"

J. S. Bach

"Grand Choeur"

Théodore Salomé (1834-1896)

Martin Leineweber, Organ

Introit

"Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire"

Veni Creator Spiritus

David Williams, Baritone

\*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

\*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 96)

Leader: Come, and praise God! In the company of God's people let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **Great are the works of God, full of glory and majesty.**

Leader: Our God is gracious and compassionate;

All: **Our God is merciful and forgiving**

Leader: Our God is faithful and trustworthy,

All: **Our God is just and good.**

Leader: So come, let's worship God together.

All: **God's praise will last forever!**

\*Opening Hymn

#409, verses 1-3 "God is Here"

Abbot's Leigh

Prayer of Confession

(based on 1 Kings 3:5-14)

**Gracious God, You welcome us into Your house and offer us bountiful gifts of the spirit. But often, rather than accepting Your gifts, we turn towards empty and earthly things. We hoard wealth and glory instead of dedicating ourselves to You and to our brothers and sisters. O Lord, we act as little children forgetting to seek after Your wisdom. Enlighten us, and grant us discerning hearts, that we may abandon selfishness and glorify You in all things. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

\*Please stand, if able

### \*Response

#409, (verse 4) “God is Here”  
Abbot’s Leigh  
**Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
In an age of change and doubt  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in the day’s dedication,  
all we have to give, receive:  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!**

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

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson Read by NYAPC Youth from Service Week

1 Kings 2:10-12 and 3:5-14 pages 290-292, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

“Is Not His Word Like a Fire,” from *Elijah*  
Felix Mendelssohn

### Time for Children and Their Friends

#### Second Lesson

Mark 10:35-40, page 44, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

“Thankful Wisdom” Rev. Alice Rose Tewell

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#286, “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”  
Trentham

### Concerns of the Church

### Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

“Benedictus, Op. 59”  
Max Reger

### \*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

**O God, we are mindful of the many blessings You have given us, and we are grateful. Today we lift up but a small part of those blessings to You, hopeful that in Your grace our offerings might be multiplied and that You might use them to fulfill Your hopes for our world. In Your name we pray. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Sam McFerran

**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

#### \*Sending Hymn

#22, *versus 1, 4-6* “God of the Sparrow”  
Roeder

- 1 **God of the sparrow  
God of the whale  
God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise**
- 4 **God of the hungry  
God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life**
- 5 **God of the neighbor  
God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace**
- 6 **God of the ages  
God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home**

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

#### \*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

### Postlude

“Toccata,” in B Major  
Eugène Gigout

\*The liturgy for today’s service was written by NYAPC Summer Pastoral Intern, Emma Marshall.

We wish to thank David Williams and our special guest, Martin Leineweber, for their participation in worship this morning. Martin was a former choral and organ scholar at NYA and now lives and teaches in a lovely Baroque setting in Prum, Germany.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bruce Davie, Sam Davie, and Jane Rose by Ann Rose Davie.

The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds us to pray for people affected by environmental disasters —wildfires, floods, drought, toxic waste spills, and the typhoon in Taiwan.

### 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.

**Parking has been extended to 3:00 p.m. today.**

**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](mailto: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.

**Families with Infants and children:** We have recently experienced a flood on the park level. While the regular nursery remains mostly unaffected, we are moving the nursery until the flooding is resolved. **Infants and toddlers under 4 are welcome in Pastor Alice’s office and outer office outside of the sanctuary.** Care is provided by licensed, paid professionals. The nursery is open from 8:45 am - 12 noon. There is a **private bathroom** off of this space especially for families with young children. There is a changing pad, and extra diapers for your use. 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 in the library on the 1st floor for ages 4-9.** During this worship play time, 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.