

Adult Sunday School	
Gathered for Prayer	Today, 9:20 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.	
Young Adult Summer Bible Study	
Young Adults are having a summer Bible Study! We will be meeting Sundays after the service for an hour-long study at 11:30 a.m. in the youth room (Park Level). Possible study topics will be discussed at the meeting. Contact Taylor Allison (taylorallison93@gmail.com) or Corinne Crews (corinne.e.hester@gmail.com) with any questions.	

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Opportunities for Service

7-2-9 Club – Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), September through 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 Faith on Tap, Bible Study, other fellowship and service activities, or to be added to the e-mail list, contact Helen Anthony (shanthon@ncsu.edu) or Taylor Allison (taylorallison93@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/1OFPh6r>. 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.

August 20, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

“Voluntary in C Major”
Henry Purcell

Introit

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”
Traditional

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: We, being many, are one in Christ Jesus.

All: **We celebrate our diversity, given by God.**

Leader: When we are strong, we will participate fully. Where we are weak, we will rejoice in the strength of our friends and neighbors.

All: **We will celebrate our responsibility, given by God.**

Leader: When it leads to work, we will do it with cooperation with others listening intently to the voices most often silenced and ignored.

All: **Where we are fractured, we will work toward reconciliation that looks deep at our collective and individual wounds.**

Leader: Where God-given beauty and peace are threatened, we will be partners in restoration,

All: **Paying attention to those who are threatened, we will be celebrate the wholeness of all persons, for we believe that God created each of us in God's own image.**

Leader: Where persons are broken their personhood denied, we will seek to be repairers the breach, seeking justice and healing.

All: **We, being many, are one in Christ Jesus. Therefore, we trust - and listen.**

We grow - and listen.

We love - and listen.

We learn - and listen.

We dream, sing, plan and hope - worshiping God together.

*Opening Hymn

#353, “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

Solid Rock

Prayer of Confession

God of all grace, we come to You to confess the secret sins of the hidden spaces of our lives, which hold us in fear and anguish, keeping us from You and separate from one another. We confess the words of judgment we have withheld in our societies and the compromises we have made that allows evil to multiply, producing a harvest of destruction and death. We confess the complacency with which we live in disunity, the ease with which we keep our prejudices, refusing to be the one people of God for whom Jesus prayed. God, from whom nothing is hidden and who knows the motives of our hearts, we pray that You forgive our sin, heal our divisions, and overcome our hostility. Unite us in the bond of Your all-encompassing love. Amen.

**Please stand, if able*

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

*Response

#582, (*verse 1*), “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

Glory to God

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Repeat once

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Isaiah 56:1-8, page 645, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“Amazing Grace”

arr. Nancy & Randall Faber

Sam Neill, piano; Meg Neill, flute

Second Lesson

Matthew 15:21-28, page 16, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Time for Children and Their Friends

Sermon “Faith Unafraid” Rev. Alice R. Tewell

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#372, “O For a World”

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Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission Geriatric Day Care Center Mary Spatz

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Traditional, Arr. Collinsworth

*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

Giver of Life, You died to sin, in order that we might live again. Accept our offerings of love, given so that others might come to know You and live with You throughout the ages. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Emily Rhodes Hunter

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

#792, “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 sin-sick 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

“Toccata Brevis”

Dan Gawthrop

We wish to thank Meg and Sam Neill for their participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Billie E. Dees by her husband, Carl F. Dees, and her daughters, Valerie Dees and Carla Dees-Daves.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for peace and tolerance among all people, respect for the “other” with views and ethnicities unlike our own, and for love that will overcome our differences.

10:00 a.m.	
Liturgist	Len Shabman
Tour Guide	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Karen Dunlap

Counters	
August 22	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
August 27	ShuXian McKenna and Barbara Dornan
September 5	Jim Martin and Dan Stokes

Preaching Schedule	
August 27	Rev. Emily Rhodes Hunter
September 3	Rev. Alice R. Tewell
September 10	Dr. Alice Ogden Bellis

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 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 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 nametag on either kiosk on one of the next two Sundays. Nametags are just one more way NYAPC strives to be a welcoming presence in Washington.