

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 9 a.m., 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. 23, Ch. 6; Aug. 30, Ch. 7) All questions, joys, and concerns are welcome. Come when you can.

Preaching Schedule

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

August 23	Rev. Beth Braxton
August 30	Rev. Roger J. Gench

10:00 a.m. Service

<b>Liturgist</b>	Adam McColley
<b>Tour Guide</b>	Paul Dornan
<b>Worship Play</b>	Rev. Alice Tewell and Molly Smith

Counters

<b>August 23</b>	John Shultheis and Adam Bain
<b>August 30</b>	Dan Stokes and ShuXian McKenna
<b>September 8</b>	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
<b>September 13</b>	John Shultheis and Adam Bain
<b>September 22</b>	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
<b>September 29</b>	Jim Martin and Nancy Dickenson

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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.
		Kathryn Sparks, M.T.S.
	Director of Dance:	



Celebration of Worship

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

August 23, 2015  
 10:00 a.m.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

"Adagio for Strings"  
 Samuel Barber

Introit

"Deep River"  
 Spiritual, arr. Hogan  
 Whitney McColley, Soprano

\*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

\*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 84)

Leader: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

All: My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Leader: Happy are those who live in Your house,

All: And happy are those whose strength is in You.

Leader: The Lord God is our sun and our shield.

All: The Lord blesses those who dwell in God's house.

Leader: A day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

All: O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in You.

\*Opening Hymn

#307, verses 1-3 "God of Grace and God of Glory"  
 CWM Rhondda

Prayer of Confession

(based on Ephesians 4:25-5:2)

God of grace, You call us into community today that we might give grace to one another and build up our brothers and sisters. But we sometimes find ourselves wrapped up in anger instead of the perfect love of Christ. We fail to love as You love, and to forgive as You forgive, spreading bitterness instead of joy. Fill us with Your spirit so that we might be kind and tenderhearted, and so that we might imitate You as beloved children. We pray this in the name of Christ who loved us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

\*Please stand, if able

### \*Response

#307, (verse 4) “God of Grace and God of Glory”  
CWM Rhondda  
Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving Thee whom we adore,  
serving Thee whom we adore.

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

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

Ephesians 4:25-5:2 pages 182-183, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

### Anthem

“He’s Got The Whole World in His Hands”  
Spiritual, arr. Hogan  
Whitney McColley, Soprano

Time for Children and Their Friends “Asante Sana Yesu”

### Second Lesson

Luke 15:11-31, pages 73-74, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

### Sermon

“An Ah-ha Moment!” Rev. Beth Braxton

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#649, “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”  
Amazing Grace

### Concerns of the Church

Ordination and Installation Board of Deacons and Diaconal Ministers

### Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

“On Eagle’s Wings”  
Michael Joncas

### \*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

(based on Luke 15:11-31)

Gracious God, You pour out blessings on Your children.  
Mindful of Your generosity, we pray that You might bless  
and multiply our grateful offerings today and empower us to  
serve You with joy, today and all days. 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.

### \*Passing of the Peace

### \*Sending Hymn

#721, “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”  
Pescador De Hombres

**Refrain** O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me,  
and while smiling have spoken my name;  
now my boats left on the shore behind me.  
By Your side I will seek other seas.

- 1 Lord, You have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
You only asked me to follow humbly. **Refrain**
- 2 You know so well my possessions;  
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;  
You will find there my nets and labor. **Refrain**
- 3 You need my hands, full of caring,  
through my labors to give others rest  
and constant love that keeps on loving. **Refrain**
- 4 You, who have fished other oceans,  
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,  
my loving friend, as thus You call me: **Refrain**

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

### \*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

### Postlude

“Prelude to a Te Deum”  
Marc Antoine Charpentier

\*The liturgy for today’s service was written by NYAPC Summer Pastoral Intern, Emma Marshall. Emma ended her service with us this past week. We are so grateful for her work with us!

We wish to thank Whitney McColley for her participation in worship today, singing two beautiful spiritual arrangements by Moses Hogan.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Billie E. Dees** by Carl F. Dees and their daughters.

The rose in the chancel today was given by Helen Joseph in honor of the birth of Karl and Sarah Hoffman’s newborn son, **Conrad Stephen Hoffman**.

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

### 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.

Today, there will be much more foot traffic in and around the church due to the Radcliffe Room Ministry’s partnership with Asbury United Methodist Church for the Sunday Homeless Ministry. Please be advised that there may be some slowdowns on the elevator and in the stairwells.

Recital next Sunday, August 30 at 11:30 a.m. by Soprano Kathryn Hearden with Larry Snitzler on the guitar. All are welcome to attend.

**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.

The Nursery is back on the Park Level Space (basement level, turn left off of the elevators and go down hallway). Worship Play is back in Pastor Alice’s 2nd floor Office Suite. We want to thank the Trustees and the NYAPC staff for their hard and diligent work diagnosing, cleaning up, and repairing all of the issues associated with the flood on park level in June. Everything is fully cleaned and repaired and ready for your use.

**Families with Infants and children:** Infants and toddlers under 4 are welcome in the Park Level nursery. Care is provided by licensed, paid professionals. The nursery is open from 8:45 am - 12 noon. During the services, **children’s worship bulletins**, crayons and books are available in the rear of the Sanctuary. During the sermon time during the 8:45 a.m. service or 10 a.m. service. During the sermon time, Pastor Alice and helpers offer **Worship Play in the library on the 2st 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.