

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](mailto: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](mailto:directors@communityclub.org) or go to [www.communityclub.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](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 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](mailto:shanthon@ncsu.edu)) or Taylor Allison ([taylorallison93@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:amkootstra@gmail.com) or Paul Dornan at [pbdornanp@aol.com](mailto:pbdornanp@aol.com).



## Celebration of Worship

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

August 27, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

“Voluntary in C Major”  
Henry Purcell

Introit

“Deep River”  
Arr. Hogan

\*Lincoln Chimes

### I. The Community Gathers for Worship

\*Call to Worship

*(based on Psalm 138)*

Leader: I give You thanks, O God, from my whole heart.  
Before everyone I will sing Your praise.

All: I worship You giving thanks  
for Your steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: You have answered my cries and strengthened my soul.

All: I pray for the all of the powers of the earth to praise You,  
turn to Your ways, and to sing to the Glory of Your name.

Leader: I sing praises to God proclaiming that God of the heavens and all of  
the earth is powerful while also deeply knowing those most in need.

All: When I walk in the midst of trouble, You, O God, preserve me  
against the wrath of the world; You stretch out Your hand, and  
Your right hand delivers me. I praise You, O God!

\*Opening Hymn

#317, “In Christ There Is No East or West”  
Mc Kee

Prayer of Confession

*(Joe Seremane, South Africa, from Gifts in Open Hands)*

You asked for my hands that You might use them for Your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see. You asked for my life that You might work through me. I gave a small part that I might not get too involved. Lord, forgive me for calculated efforts to serve You, only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Lord, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of Your cross. Amen.

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

\*Please stand, if able

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

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

Romans 12:1-8, page 151, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

“He’s Got The Whole World In His Hands”

Arr. Hogan

### Second Lesson

Matthew 16:13-20, page 17, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Time for Children and Their Friends

Sermon “Work in Progress” Rev. Emily Rhodes Hunter

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#833, “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

St. Margaret

### Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission Christian Learning Cluster  
Sunday School and Worship Play Leaders

### Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

"Brother James' Air"

Arr. Dale Wood

### \*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

**All things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to You what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in Your image. When our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. And so, in gratitude for all Your gifts, we offer You ourselves and all that we have. By Your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

#366, “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Hyfrydol

- Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion;  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.**
- Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.**
- Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.**
- Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

### \*Congregational Response

**Alleluia! Amen!**

### Postlude

“The Gift to Be Simple”

Arr. Dale Wood

**We wish to thank Whitney McColley for her participation in worship this morning.**

**The flowers in the chancel today** are given to the glory of God by Marilyn Seiber in loving memory of her beloved husband, **William A. Noellert.**

**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.	
<b>Liturgist</b>	Sarah Benzing
<b>Tour Guide</b>	David Powell
<b>Worship Play</b>	Rev. Alice Tewell and Courtney Spearman

Counters	
<b>August 27</b>	ShuXian McKenna and Barbara Dornan
<b>September 5</b>	Jim Martin and Dan Stokes
<b>September 10</b>	John Schultheis and Adam Bain
<b>September 17</b>	Barb Dornan and Martha Davis

Preaching Schedule	
<b>September 3</b>	Rev. Alice R. Tewell
<b>September 10</b>	Dr. Alice Ogden Bellis
<b>September 17</b>	Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader
<b>September 24</b>	Rev. Alice R. Tewell

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### Celebrating and Exploring Powerful Women in the Bible

September Sermon Series: Taking a cue from our McClendon Scholar in Residence for September 9-10, Professor Alice Ogden Bellis, author of [Helpmates, Harlots, and Heroes: Women's Stories in the Hebrew Bible](#), for the month of September we will be focusing on powerful women in the Bible. Next week, September 3, we are looking at the Prophet Deborah and exploring the brave character of Jael. September 10, Dr. Ogden Bellis will be taking us through the book of Ruth with a sermon entitled “Not Just Allies, But Friends.” On September 17, Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader will explore with us the character of Lydia in Acts 16. Rev. Tewell will conclude on September 24 with Proverbs 31, the Wise Woman. We hope you will explore these women with us!

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### Information for Sunday Visitors

**Garage parking is extended to 3:00 p.m. today for the Play Reading group.**

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](mailto: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.