

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 ( <a href="mailto:taylorallison93@gmail.com">taylorallison93@gmail.com</a> ) or Corinne Crews ( <a href="mailto:corinne.e.hester@gmail.com">corinne.e.hester@gmail.com</a> ) 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, [robinscleanor@hotmail.com](mailto:robinscleanor@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 6, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Communion

Prelude

"God's time is the Best," Sinfonia from Cantata BWV 106  
J. S. Bach

Introit

"By the Waters of Babylon"  
(A round for congregational singing)  
Philip Hayes  
Ian Elder, Tenor



\* Lincoln Chimes

## I. The Community Gathers for Worship

\*Call to Worship

Leader: From God came the sustenance  
for people who wandered in wilderness places.

People: **That was the bread from heaven!**

Leader: From God comes Jesus Christ,  
the eternal bread that sustains our lives.

People: **Christ is the Bread of Life!**

Leader: Let us praise God for such wondrous gifts of life.

People: **Let us sing and raise our voices in gratitude  
for all that God does for us. AMEN.**

\*Opening Hymn

#666, "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"  
Puer Nobis Nascitur

Prayer of Confession

In the daily grind of life, we are so often taught to climb the ladder of success by stepping on each other, focusing only on our own wants and needs. We chase after all those false gods that cannot ever sustain us and bring us peace. Forgive our stupidity, Lord. It is your Son Jesus Christ who leads us in the ways of happiness and peace, sustaining us with his life-giving bread. Nurture us again, Lord, with this Bread of Life, that we may truly focus on the ministries and mission you have set before us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

\*Please stand, if able

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**\*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**

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

**First Lesson**

Isaiah 55:1-5, page 644, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

"Benedictus," from **Mass in B Minor, BWV 232**

J. S. Bach

Ian Elder, Tenor

Translation: Blessed are they who walk in the way of the Lord.

**Time for Children and Their Friends**

**Second Lesson**

Matthew 14:13-21, page 15, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “You give them something...” Rev. Roger J. Gench

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

**\*Sermon Hymn**

#460, “Break Thou the Bread of Life”

Bread of Life

**Concerns of the Church**

**Offertory**

"Arioso," from **Cantata BWV 156**

J. S. Bach

**\*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**

**Glorious God, everything that is given to us rains forth out of the abundance of Your love, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Bless these gifts and our lives together that all we are and all we offer give glory to You; in the name of Christ, who is the way, truth, and life. Amen.**

**Service of Communion**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Litany of Thanksgiving**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

*It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, eternal God our creator and redeemer. In Your wisdom, You made all things and sustain them by Your power...Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name.*

Response #595, “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Argentine Santo

**Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!**

**My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!**

*You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. He shares our life in every way, and though tempted, was sinless to the end. Baptized as Your own, he went willingly to his death and by Your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, You gave birth to Your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit ... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Empowered by the Spirit, let us now offer the prayer our Lord taught us, saying:*

**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.**

**Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements**

*Participants in the communion proceed down the aisles to the servers, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and partake. Please return to your pew via the side aisles. Those unable to come forward will be offered the bread and the cup at their seats. (There is a Gluten Free communion set available; raise your hand for a pastor to respond.)*

**Prayer After Communion**

**God of grace, You have called us to the holy table of the Lord, to proclaim his death and receive his gift of life. Help us to remember Christ's self-offering with thanksgiving and praise. Open our hearts and minds to a vision of his love, and pour into our souls the fullness of his grace. As we offer ourselves to You, let us go forth to live and serve as those whose lives are not our own but belong to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn**

#526, “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”  
Linstead

**1 Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken; the wine is poured;  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

**Refrain Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**2 Christ is able to make us one;  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express. Refrain**

**3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God [Immanuel] everywhere! Refrain**

**\*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**Postlude**

"Praise to the Lord"

Lobe den Herrn

We wish to thank Ian Elder for his participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in appreciation for the volunteers who serve as editors and contributors to our church newsletter, the *AVENEWS*.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for family and friends and “the stranger” near and far—for their joys and challenges, health and illnesses, housing and food, employment and job loss, sorrows and grief. We are one family.

10:00 a.m.	
<b>Liturgist</b>	Meg Neill
<b>Tour Guide</b>	John O'Brien
<b>Worship Play</b>	Rev. Alice Tewell and Stacey Gagosian

Counters	
<b>August 6</b>	Adam Bain and John Schultheis
<b>August 15</b>	Nancy Dickinson and Jim Martin
<b>August 22</b>	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
<b>August 27</b>	ShuXian McKenna and Barbara Dornan

Preaching Schedule	
<b>August 13</b>	Rev. Roger J. Gench
<b>August 20</b>	Rev. Alice R. Tewell
<b>August 27</b>	Rev. Emily Rhodes Hunter
<b>September 3</b>	Rev. Alice R. Tewell