

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

Adult Sunday School

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| <b>Adventures in Prayer</b>   | <b>Today, 9:00 a.m., Lincoln Parlor</b> |
| 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 <u>Soul Feast</u> as a guide. (Aug. 9, Ch. 4; Aug. 16, Ch. 5] All questions, joys, and concerns are welcome. Come when you can. |   |
| <b>"From the New York Avenue Archives: Roger Gench Preaches"</b>  | <b>Today, 9:00 a.m., Room 511</b>       |
| Dr. Roger Gench has been Senior Pastor of New York Avenue Church since 2002. He remains one of the most moving and persuasive preachers in this city. We will hear one of Roger's finest sermons even though he'll be in Colorado at the time. Time for conversation and comment will follow.   |   |

Preaching Schedule

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| <b>One worship service at 10 a.m. through September 6</b> |                        |
| August 9  | Rev. Alice Rose Tewell |
| August 16   | Rev. Alice Rose Tewell |
| August 23   | Rev. Beth Braxton      |

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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.

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|  | 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 9, 2015  
 10:00 a.m.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

“Schafe können sicher weiden,” from Cantata BWV 208  
 J. S. Bach

Introit

“Morning Has Broken”  
 Howard Vance  
 Meg House, Flutist  
 Eric Slaughter, Guitar

\*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

\*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 96)

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Sing to the Lord and bless God’s holy name; proclaim the good news of God’s salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare God’s glory among the nations and God’s wonders among all peoples.

**All: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;**

Leader: Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad let the sea roar, and all that fills it.

**All: Let the fields rejoice, and everything in them: then shall all the trees of the wood shout with joy before the Lord!**

\*Opening Hymn

#35, “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”  
 Lobe Den Herren

Prayer of Confession

(based on Psalm 51:1-5, 8-12 CEB translation)

**Have mercy on me, God, according to Your faithful love. Wipe away my wrongdoings according to Your great compassion. Wash me completely clean of my guilt; purify me from my sin. Because I know my wrongdoings, my sin is always right in front of me. I’ve sinned against You—You alone.**

**Let me hear joy and celebration again. Create a clean heart for me, God; put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me. Please don’t throw me out of Your presence; please don’t take Your holy spirit away from me. Return the joy of Your salvation to me and sustain me with a willing spirit. Deliver me, O God. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

\*Please stand, if able

### \*Response

#423, (verses 1) “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”  
 Create in Me  
**Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
 create in me a clean heart, O God;  
 create in me a clean heart, O God,  
 and renew a right spirit within me. (Repeat once)**

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

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

Psalm 130 page 542, NRSV  
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

“Amazing Grace”  
 Howard Vance  
 Meg House, Flutist  
 Eric Slaughter, Guitar

**Time for Children and Their Friends** Rev. Sam McFerran

### Second Lesson

Psalm 34:1-8, pages 480-481, NRSV  
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

“Taste and See” Rev. Alice Rose Tewell

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#65, “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”  
 CWM Rhondda

### Concerns of the Church

### Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

“Just as I Am”  
 Traditional Hymn, Arr. 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

**Thank you, God, for the opportunity to share in Your creative and restorative work among people. Because You have blessed us, we have much to give. These offerings express our gratitude and our aspiration to be more fully Your own people. 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

#69, “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”  
 Here I Am

**Refrain Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
 I have heard you calling in the night.  
 I will go, Lord, If You lead me.  
 I will hold your people in my heart.**

- I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
 I have heard my people cry.  
 All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
 I, who made the stars of night,  
 I will make their darkness bright.  
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**
- I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
 I have borne my people's pain.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
 I will break their hearts of stone,  
 give them hearts for love alone.  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?**
- I the Lord of wind and flame,  
 I will tend the poor and lame.  
 I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.  
 Finest bread, I will provide  
 till their hearts be satisfied.  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?**

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

### \*Congregational Response

**Alleluia! Amen!**

### Postlude

“Trumpet Tune,” in D Major  
 John Stanley

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

**We wish to thank Meg House and Eric Slaughter** for their participation in worship this morning.

**The flowers in the chancel today** are given to the glory of God and in appreciation for the fellowship of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church by **Kelsay and Kay Meek** who are moving to Charleston, South Carolina this fall.

**The Peace Candle on the chancel** reminds us to pray for the people and refugees in South Sudan who again are suffering and dying from a civil war, hunger, and disease.

| 10:00 a.m. Service  |                 |
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| <b>Liturgist</b>    | Rachel Browning |
| <b>Tour Guide</b>   | Barry Tindall   |
| <b>Worship Play</b> | Caroline White  |

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| <b>August 9</b>    | Martha Davis and ShuXian McKenna |
| <b>August 16</b>   | Dan Stokes and Barbara Dornan    |
| <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  |

### 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 [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.