

Adult Sunday School	
Gathered for Prayer	Today, 9:20 a.m.
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. Miriam Dewhurst will lead.	
Presenting the New Lincoln Chapel Wall Hanging	Today, 9 a.m. Lincoln Chapel
Susan Tilt, the fabric artist who created the new wall hanging in the Lincoln Chapel, will explore with us her inspiration for our new quilt and how she executed her inspiration.	

Opportunities for Service

7-2-9 Club – Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), until 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 – 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 or go to 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's mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout Washington, DC. Grant proposals are solicited and awarded annually to Community Club and other grassroots non-profits that further its mission. A volunteer Board of Directors conducts the work of NYAF. If you are interested in learning more about the foundation or participating in the NYAF mission, please contact Brian Schimming, nyavefoundation@gmail.com. CFC #25839.

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 Sunday brunches, Faith on Tap, Bible study, or other fellowship or service activities (or to be added to the e-mail list), contact Helen Anthony (shanthon@ncsu.edu), Phil Bolles (philbolles@gmail.com), or Katherine Leiden (keleiden@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, 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/1OEPH6r>. 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.

**December 18, 2016
10:00 a.m.**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude “Schlafe, mein Liebster,” (Cradle Song, Sleep my Beloved) from **Christmas Oratorio**, BWV 248
J. S. Bach

Introit “Sleepers, Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us
Tune of Wachet Auf, J. S. Bach

***Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

***The Lighting of Advent Candles and Call to Worship**

Neill Family

Based on Psalm 89: 1-4

Leader: Today we relight the first three candles of the Advent wreath, the candle of hope, the candle of peace, and the candle of joy. God speaks in many ways: through dreams, visions, new ideas, and the kicking of a child not yet born, a child to be born in Bethlehem of Judah. We light our fourth candle, as a sign of God's love, shining in the world through people past and present.

All: **I will sing of Your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your faithfulness to all generations. I declare that Your steadfast love is established forever; Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

Leader: God said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: 'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

All: **Living Christ, incarnate amongst us all, give us hope to follow You, peace to put our trust in You, joy to adore You, and love to recognize You in the face of all others. We praise You for Your abounding never changing love. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn**

#105, (verses 1-4), “People, Look East”
Besançon

Prayer of Confession

God of wonder, as we journey into these final days of Advent we confess that we have busied ourselves with things we need to get done, until we have lost all of our energy. We have tried to meet others expectations and forgotten about the beauty of the expectation and hope of this season. We have forgotten that we are first Your beloved children. Forgive us. Inspire us. Show us how to open our hearts wide to Your love for the world. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing of the Peace**

***Response**

#105, (verse 5), “People, Look East”
Besançon

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth

Christ who brings new life to earth.

Set every peak and valley

Humming with the word,

The Lord is coming.

People, look east: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

**Please stand, if able*

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

Vocal Solo

“Ich will nur dir zu Ehren leben,” from **Christmas Oratorio**

J. S. Bach
Ian Elder, Tenor

Translation: I would but for thine honor live now;
My Savior, give me the strength of will,
That lifts my heart with zeal. Strengthen me with thy mercy
And allow me to live my life with gratitude in honor of thee.

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-16, page 598, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Jauchzet, frohlocket, auf, preiset die Tage!”
from **Christmas Oratorio**
J. S. Bach
Translation: Triumph, rejoicing, all of the days arise in praise,
To proclaim what the Highest has done!
Fear now abandon and banish complaining,
Join, filled with triumph and gladness, is our song!
Serve ye the Highest in ous chorus,
Let us the name of our ruler now honor!

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25, page 1, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “What’s in a Name?” Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn**

#93, “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”
Truro

Concerns of the Church Christmas Joy Offering

Moment for Mission “Sanctuary Movement” Kathy Doan

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Ehre sei dir, Gott, gesungen,” from **Christmas Oratorio**
J. S. Bach
Translation: Glory to thee, God, be sung now, to thee be praise and thanks.
All the world exalts thee, as today our every wish is accomplished in
splendid joy.

***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**

Most High God, for You nothing is impossible. We give You thanks for these gifts and the gifts You provide us every day. Through a poor young woman in a small town You gave birth to your realm of endless glory. By Your Holy Spirit, fill us with new life and hope and overshadow us with Your power and grace so that we, like Mary, might be your servants, bearing witness to the promise of Your Word; through Jesus Christ. 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**

#104, “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”
Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

- O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright? Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart’s delight! O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp within my breast, to do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.**
- Love caused your incarnation; love brought you down to me; your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty. O love beyond all telling, that led you to embrace in love, all loves excelling, our lost and fallen race.**
- You come, O Lord, with gladness, in mercy and goodwill, to bring an end to sadness and bid our fears be still. In patient expectation we live for that great day when your renewed creation your glory shall display.**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

Chorale: “Nun seid ihr wohl gerochen,” from **Christmas Oratorio**
J.S. Bach
Translation: Now are you well avenged upon your hostile host,
For Christ hath fully broken all that you opposed.
Death, devil, and hell, are all reduced to nothing; the mortal human race is now in the shelter of God.

We wish to thank our Sanctuary Choir, Soloists, and our Orchestra this morning for their special music in worship this morning.

The New York Avenue Orchestra	
Trumpets	Dennis Edelbrock, Curtis Christensen, Robert Birch
Timpani	Samantha Scheff
Violins	J. David Brown, Gray Dickerson
Viola	Caroline Brethauer
Cello	Michael Hermann

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for all those struck by tragedy, suffering from loss and are homeless and hopeless—fires in Tennessee, earthquakes in Indonesia and Pakistan, bombings in Aleppo—all who need our prayers.

10:00 a.m.	
Liturgist	Meg Neill
Tour Guide	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Rev. Alice R. Tewell

Preaching Schedule	
December 24	Rev. Roger J. Gench (5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.)
December 25	Rev. Alice R. Tewell (10:00 a.m.)
January 1	Rev. Roger J. Gench (10:00 a.m.)

Counters	
December 18	Martha Davis and John Schultheis
December 27	Jim Martin and Dan Stokes
January 3	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

Information for Sunday Visitors

Please join us Saturday, December 24; we will have two Christmas Eve Worship Services at 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Ongoing through January 1, we will have only one worship service at 10:00 a.m.

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 immediately 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. During this worship playtime, 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.

If you have been worshipping regularly at NYAPC and do not yet have a permanent nametag or have somehow 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 permanent nametag on one of the kiosks on one of the next two Sundays. Nametags are just one more way New York Avenue strives to be a welcoming presence in Washington!