

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. Miriam Dewhurst will lead.	
Pilgrimage to the Promised Land	January 8, 15, 22, 29, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
All are invited to group engagement with the great cloud of witnesses in Hebrews chapter 11 through Bible study, embodied prayer and creative dance. Come 'move' your leaps of faith and glean wisdom from the pathways that have illuminated your life with God as we explore lessons from Hebrews. This is a four-week series leading to a presentation in worship on Feb 5. All bodies (high school and above) are encouraged to participate. Led by Frances Taylor Gench and Kathryn Sparks.	
From Gurley to Sizoo: Perspectives on Theology from the NYAPC Pulpit	January 8, 15, 22 10 a.m., Room 511
John O'Brien has completed path breaking research on the relationship between NYAPC minister Phineas Gurley and Abraham Lincoln. However, Gurley was more than Lincoln's pastor. He was responsible for the creation of NYAPC in 1859, was a leader of the old-school tradition in the national denomination. This context helps describe the bond between Gurley, the president and the Lincoln faith journey. The ministers who followed Gurley at NYAPC maintained an old-school tradition until the denomination was shaken by modernist- fundamentalist controversy in the 1920s. Events and decisions at NYAPC related to this controversy and the call of Joseph Sizoo moved NYAPC in a modernist direction that continues to this day.	

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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, 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

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/1OFPh0r>. 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.

January 1, 2017
10:00 a.m.
New Year's Day

Prelude Chorale Prelude on "In dulci Jubilo"
Dietrich Buxtehude

Introit "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"
Kingstold, 1893

* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

People: In all seasons we will trust in God.

Leader: God is our God in all times and places!

People: In doubt and wonder, we will trust in God!

Leader: God is our God in the past, present and future.

People: In waiting and in hoping, we will still trust!

Leader: Our God is our God in all times and places!

People: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

Leader: Come now; let us praise the living God!

*Opening Hymn

#25, (verses 1-4), "O Lord, Our God, How Excellent"
Winchester Old

Litany of Confession (Based on Revelation 21: 1-6)

Leader: Yesterday was a time of sin and failure.

People: But today God is making all things new!

Leader: Yesterday was a time of pain and anguish.

People: But today God is making all things new!

Leader: Yesterday was a time of lying and cheating.

People: But today God is making all things new!

Leader: Yesterday was a time of smacking lips and rolling eyes in frustration.

People: But today God is making all things new!

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Response

#25, (verse 5), "O Lord, Our God, How Excellent"
Winchester Old

O Lord, our God, how excellent,
how glorious is your name,
majestic in your holiness.

We sing and praise your fame.

*Please stand, if able

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II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Psalm 148, page 550, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“The First Nowell”

Traditional English Carol, arr. Willcocks

Time for Children

Second Lesson

Isaiah 63:7-9, pages 652, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Can I get a Witness?”

Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#108, (*verses 1-4*), “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Stuttgart

The Sacrament of Baptism

William Matthew Ford

Concerns of the Church

Offertory

“Hymn for a New Day”

Hymn Tune of Wareham, arr. Swift

*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

Holy One, with these gifts we proclaim that we are alive in Christ and that we seek to live lives worthy of Your calling on each of us. Show us how to lift up the name of Christ with love, with care, and with praise, singing Your love song all of our days. 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 right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.....Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, 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. You sent him into this world to satisfy the longings of Your people for a Savior, to bring freedom to the captives of sin, and to establish justice for the oppressed... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Let us pray for God’s rule on earth, as Jesus taught us:

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

Gracious God, we offer our thanks to You. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of Your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of Your promise, children of Your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of Your peace. Amen.

*Sending Hymn

#144, “In the Bleak Midwinter”

Cranham

- 1 In the bleak midwinter,
frosty wind made moan;
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen,
snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.**
- 2 Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter
a stable place sufficed
the Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.**
- 3 Angels and archangels
may have gathered there;
cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air;
but his mother only,
in her maiden bliss,
worshiped the beloved with a kiss.**
- 4 What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man,
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Noël”

Louis-Claude Daquin

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for the year ahead in 2017, for peace and the peacemakers, jobs for the jobless, homes for the homeless, food for the hungry, healthcare for the sick, and always tolerance and understanding for others.

10:00 a.m.	
Liturgist	Laura West
Tour Guide	David Powell
Worship Play	Karen Dunlap

Counters	
January 3	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
January 8	Martha Davis and John Schultheis
January 17	Nancy Dickinson and Jim Martin
January 24	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

Information for Sunday Visitors

We will resume with two services at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. on January 8.

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!