

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.	
Change Coming to First Havana and Cuba?	July 16, 9:00 a.m., Room 511
Last February a contingent from NYAPC and three other churches in the Presbytery visited First Havana. The group was large —24 — and included first-time travelers as well Associate Pastor Alice Tewell and her family and veterans of many trips. Ours was also the first church to visit First Havana since Reverend Héctor Méndez retired from the First Presbyterian-Reformed Church of Havana. And it was NYAPC's first trip since many of the Obama Administration's relaxation of various restrictions on US- Cuba relations were implemented, including allowing us to fly commercially. Many from the group will share thoughts and impressions of the trip and what may lie ahead. Len and Janet Shabman will show pictures and videos, as well as lead the discussion.	
Learning to Tell the Bible by Heart	July 23 and 30, 10:00 a.m., Room 511
Anyone can tell a story! Join us for an interactive workshop on how to tell parts of the Biblical Story by heart. This workshop can be geared to anyone Grade K and up. If you are planning to bring your very young child, please let Associate Pastor Alice Tewell (alice.tewell@nyapc.org) know so she can prepare accordingly. This workshop will also be useful for anyone serving as a Scripture reader.	
Young Adult Summer Bible Study	
Young Adults are planning 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

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 or go to 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 to learn more. Shopping at Amazon? Be sure to select the NYAF as your charity-of-choice at 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

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 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) or Taylor Allison (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 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.

July 16, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary time

Prelude

"Bist du bei mir," (Be Thou with me), BWV 508
J. S. Bach

Introit

"Let All Things Now Living"
Traditional English Setting
Summer Choral Ensemble

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Leader: God is the source of our life.

All: God journeys with us in love.

Leader: God is the giver of all that is good.

All: God journeys with us in love.

Leader: God is the sower of grace and truth.

All: God journeys with us in love.

Leader: God is our strength and our hope.

People: God journeys with us in love.

*Opening Hymn

#32, "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
Ellacombe

Prayer of Confession

We know the seeds we have sown, O God: anger which springs from our unyielding hearts; bitterness which flows like a rushing river into another's heart; hurtful words which wrap their thorny briars around a friend's kindness; passion which poisons an innocent relationship. Forgive us, Loving God, and have mercy. Your grace can turn our fallow hearts into rich fields of love. Your hope can smooth the rocks in our way, so we can go to be reconciled to another. Your love for us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, can untangle the thorny mess we have made of our lives, we pray.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

*Response

#432, (verse 1), "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"
Repton

**How clear is our vocation, Lord,
when once we heed your call
to live according to your word
and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all
and will not let us fall.**

**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

Isaiah 55:10-13, page 645, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“Down to the River to Pray”

Traditional American Tune

Summer Choral Ensemble

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23, page 13, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “The Seed” Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#171, “A Sower Came from Ancient Hills”

Seachrist

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Schafe können sicher weiden," (Sheep may safely graze),

BWV 208

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

Loving God, we seek to follow Your example of compassionate love and generosity. We are thankful for the blessings You have showered upon us, and seek to extend our gifts beyond ourselves. Use these gifts for Your glory and the glory of Your people, and use us, body and soul, in the fulfillment of Your work in the world. 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

#544, “Bless the Lord”

Precious Lord

**Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God’s holy name.**

**Bless the Lord, my soul
who leads me into life. Repeat twice**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

"La Rejouissance," (The Rejoicing), from **Music for the Royal Fireworks**

G. F. Handel

We wish to thank our Summer Choral Ensemble members **Tamara Saltman, Eric Slaughter, Nathan Moon, and Fritz von Fleckenstein** for their participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Nancy Biddle Doan** by Robert Doan, Kathryn Doan, Elizabeth Kelly-Doan, and Donald Kelly.

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.	
Liturgist	Nathan Moon
Tour Guide	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Sarah-Dianne Jones and Courtney Spearman

Counters	
July 16	Barbara Dornan and ShuXian McKenna
July 25	Nancy Dickinson and Dan Stokes
July 30	Martha Davis and ShuXian Mckenna
August 6	ShuXian McKenna and John Schultheis
August 15	Nancy Dickinson and Jim Martin

Preaching Schedule	
July 23	Sarah-Dianne Jones, NYAPC Young Adult Volunteer
July 30	Rev. Alice R. Tewell
August 6	Rev. Roger J. Gench
August 13	Rev. Roger J. Gench
August 20	Rev. Alice R. Tewell

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 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!