

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.	
Two-Week Book Study Led by Rev. Gench	July 2 and 9, 9:00 a.m., Room 511
Brian Bantam's "The Death of Race: Building a New Christianity in a Racial World."	
Is 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 their 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.	
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 ( <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.), beginning again in September, 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@gmail.com](mailto:mjs1wan2@gmail.com)

**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@gmail.com](mailto:mjs1wan2@gmail.com) 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 need 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 [pbdornan@aol.com](mailto:pbdornan@aol.com).



## Celebration of Worship

The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church welcomes all people into community, worship, service and leadership.

July 2, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Communion

Prelude

“The Storm Is Passing Over”  
Charles Albert Tindley, arr. Barbara W. Baker  
“Give Us Hope”  
Jim Papoulis, arr. Francisco J. Nuñez

Introit

“Inflamatus et accensus” (Stabat Mater, No. 11)  
Giovanni Pergolesi

\* Lincoln Chimes

## I. The Community Gathers for Worship

\*Call to Worship

Leader: As we remember the birth of our nation, and the gifts of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, let us offer our thanks and prayers to God, the giver of all good gifts.

People: **We thank You Lord.**

Leader: For the tribes and nations who inhabited this land for generation upon generation,

People: **We thank You Lord.**

Leader: For the men and women who laid the foundation of our democracy, and who pledged liberty and justice for all,

People: **We thank You Lord.**

Leader: For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers, farmers and factory workers; for all who labor and provide for the common good,

People: **We thank You Lord.**

Leader: For this land, with its peaks and valleys, coasts and deserts, fields and meadows,

People: **We thank You Lord.**

Leader: For our own community, for those who came before us in this place, and for our neighbors near and far,

People: **We thank You Lord.**

Leader: Lord, we pray for The United States, that we might always be a nation which defends and promotes liberty and freedom, truth and justice.

People: **We pray to You Lord.**

Leader: That we might always be a nation where all are free to worship and pray,

People: **We pray to You Lord.**

Leader: That we might be a beacon of freedom to all those who live under the shadow of terror and hopelessness,

People: **We pray to You Lord. Amen**

\*Opening Hymn

#336, “We Gather Together”  
Kremser

*\*Please stand, if able*

### Prayer of Confession

Leader: Eternal God, before You nations rise and fall.  
Help us to repent our country’s wrong,  
and to choose Your way of reunion and renewal.

**People: Great God, renew this nation.**

Leader: Give us a glimpse of the Kingdom You are bringing to earth,  
where death and violence and hunger will be no more,  
and where all nations gather in the light of Your presence.

**People: Great God, renew this nation.**

Leader: Teach us peace, that we may plow up battlefields  
and pound weapons into building tools,  
and learn to talk across old boundaries  
as brothers and sisters in Your love.

**People: Great God, renew this nation.**

Leader: Talk sense to us,  
so that we may wisely end all prejudices,  
and may put a stop to injustice and cruelty,  
which divides or wounds the human family.

**People: Great God, renew this nation.**

Leader: Draw us together as one people who do Your will,  
so that we may be a light to our nation,  
leading the way to Your promised kingdom,  
which is even now coming among us.

**People: Great God, renew this nation.**

**Great God, eternal Lord,  
show us there is no law or liberty apart from You;  
and let us serve You whole-heartedly, as Your devoted  
followers, through Christ our Lord.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**\*Response**

#339, (*verses*), “Lift Every Voice and Sing”  
Lift Every Voice

**God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places,  
our God, where we met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with  
the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.**

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

Romans 6:12-23, page 146, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

“I Am His Child”  
Moses Hogan

### Time for Children and Their Friends

#### Second Lesson

Matthew 10:40-42, page 10, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon “Faith on the Ground” Rev. Roger J. Gench**

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

**\*Sermon Hymn**

#340, “This Is My Song”  
Finlandia

### Concerns of the Church

**Offertory**

“Little Lamb”  
Alejandro D. Consolacion II

**\*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 offer these gifts to be used in celebration  
of Your steadfast love. We give joyfully so others may join  
our unending common voice of praise. Let all people sing  
a new song of thanksgiving that is not merely noise but is  
a faithful celebration of Your love and grace. 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**

#338, “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”  
Materna

- O beautiful for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea!**
- O beautiful for heroes proved  
in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved,  
and mercy more than life!  
America! America!  
God mend thine every flaw;  
confirm thy soul in self-control,  
thy liberty in law!**
- O beautiful for patriot dream  
that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam,  
undimmed by human tears!  
America! America!  
May God thy gold refine  
till all success be nobleness  
and every gain divine!**

**\*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

*Please be seated following the benediction for a short concert presented by  
our guest choir.*

## Postlude

“My Country ‘tis of Thee”

Samuel Francis Smith, arr. John F. Wilson

“God Bless America”

Irving Berlin

“America, the Beautiful”

Samuel A. Ward, arr. Rollo Dilworth

“Amani (A Song of Peace)”

Jim Papoulis & Jacques Sebisaho, arr. Francisco J. Nuñez

**We wish to thank the Miami Children’s Chorus and their director, Tim Sharp,** for presenting the special music during worship this morning.

**The flowers in the chancel today** are given to the glory of God in honor of John Quinn and his over 50 years of service to The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church.

**The Peace Candle in the chancel** reminds us to pray during this Fourth of July, Independence Day week for our country, its people, leaders, and elected officials, to appreciate the gift of freedom and the blessings and challenges we as a people are graced to have.

10:00 a.m.	
<b>Liturgist</b>	Kristin Ford
<b>Tour Guide</b>	Paul Dornan
<b>Worship Play</b>	Sarah-Dianne Jones

Counters	
<b>July 2</b>	Martha Davis and John Schultheis
<b>July 11</b>	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
<b>July 16</b>	Barbara Dornan and ShuXian McKenna

Preaching Schedule	
<b>July 9</b>	Rev. Roger J. Gench
<b>July 16</b>	Rev. Roger J. Gench
<b>July 23</b>	Sarah-Dianne Jones, NYAPC Young Adult Volunteer

## ABOUT THE MIAMI CHILDREN’S CHORUS

Established in 1965, the award-winning **Miami Children’s Chorus** continues today as a youth chorus for 206 children age 8-18. MCC offers children of Miami-Dade County the opportunity to study and perform standard and experimental forms of choral music. Through this study the children learn musicianship, vocal technique, discipline, commitment and the rewards of sustained and dedicated effort. In weekly rehearsals, the children also learn that there is no greater result than giving their personal best.

Presentations by the choristers of the MCC have won acclaim from critics and earned the organization national recognition as an exemplary children's choir. MCC has bowed twice with the renowned **Cleveland Orchestra**. First in 2012 in Gustav Mahler’s *Symphony No. 3* and again in 2015 in Carl Orff’s *Carmina Burana*. MCC has performed with PBS favorite **André Rieu** and at the 44<sup>th</sup> NFL Super Bowl with Queen Latifah for the pre-game show at Sun Life Stadium in 2010. In the fall of 2006, MCC performed for the opening of the **Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County**. MCC performance credits include three appearances at **Festival Miami (FL)**, **Carnegie Hall (NY)**; the **Cardiff Proms Summer Concert Series** (Wales, UK); the **Israel Chamber Orchestra** and – by invitation – in the Great Hall of The Mozarteum for the **2015 Cantus MM Festival** in Salzburg. The Miami Children’s Chorus has presented concerts in Austria, Argentina, Brazil, Italy, the Czech Republic and South Africa in addition to appearances in various cities in the United States.

Currently, MCC conducts a wide variety of community service projects. *Bring on the Boys* – a project for boys with unchanged voices held at the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami; *Sing Miami!* – A professional development workshop for teachers and a free community sing-along held at the Arsht Center. *Sing Miami* is a partnership project between the Miami Children’s Chorus; the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts and the Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Since 1999 MCC has conducted free family sing-alongs titled *All Together Now* in Homestead, Little Havana and Miami Beach. *Choir for All* is an MCC initiative in partnership with social service agencies in Homestead, Little Havana and Miami Beach. It is a yearlong offering of free group singing lessons to children who attend their agency.

MCC can be heard singing background on recordings of Raul di Blasio, Gloria Estefan, Christian Castro and the Frost Chorale at the University of Miami. MCC has also participated in recording projects with Jon Secada and José Antonio Molina and Jim Papoulis. MCC has appeared in state, regional and national conventions of the American Choral Directors Association. The MCC commissioning project – *New Works for Children’s Voices* – has introduced 45 new works to the children’s chorus repertory from composers around the globe.

### TIMOTHY A. SHARP • music director

**Timothy A. Sharp** has served as Music Director of the award-winning Miami Children’s Chorus for more than 28 years. Mr. Sharp earned his B.A. in Music Education from Bethune-Cookman University, M.S. in Music Education from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and received an ArtistTeacher Diploma from the Choral Music Experience Institute for Choral Teacher Education led by noted educator/conductor Doreen Rao, Ph.D. Mr. Sharp retired from his position as general music teacher at Vineland K-8 Center in Miami-Dade County, Florida where he served for more than 30 years. He currently teaches the Upper Academy Chorus at Vineland. As a performer, he appeared with the FGO Chorus for five seasons. He has prepared children to appear in numerous productions of the FGO and for appearances with the Cleveland Orchestra. He has presented workshops for the Florida Elementary Music Educators Association, the Virginia Choral Directors Association, the American Guild of Organist • Stamford Chapter and the CME Institute for Choral Teacher Education. Mr. Sharp has also conducted workshops at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County on developing the child’s voice and leads the MCC project *Sing Miami!* held at the Arsht Center. He is designing a new curriculum project for music education that will provide teachers the tools they need to make more purposeful teaching and learning preparation and execution. He has also appeared at the Arsht Center as a professional development facilitator for the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Division of Social Sciences with sessions on African-American Spirituals.

Mr. Sharp has been a guest conductor for the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent’s Annual Honors Music Festival (Miami, FL), Broward County Schools Elementary Honor Choir (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) and the Norman Public Schools All-City Fifth Grade Chorus (Norman, OK). Mr. Sharp has been awarded a MAXIE award by the New World School of the Arts in recognition of his contributions to the arts for children; named *Educator of Note* by the Young Patronesses of the Opera and *Arts Teacher of the Year* by the Children’s Cultural Coalition. He is a Past President of the Miami-Dade County Music Educators Association as well as past Committee Chairperson for Children’s Choirs and Ethnic and Multicultural Perspectives for the Florida Chapter of ACDA.

### ALAN G. NGIM • principal accompanist

Principal Accompanist **Dr. Alan Ngim**, is Associate Professor of Music and Director of the Piano and Chamber Music Program at the Wolfson Campus of Miami Dade College. A frequent performer of contemporary music, Ngim has received positive reviews for his performances and has appeared on television and radio. Dr. Ngim earned his doctorate in piano accompanying and chamber music from the University of Miami in 1997, where he was awarded a University Fellowship. He holds bachelor degrees in both music and computer science from the University of California at Santa Barbara, and a master’s degree in piano performance and pedagogy from Northwestern University.