

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.	
Learning to Tell the Bible by Heart	Today, 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 having 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 30, 2017
10:00 a.m.**

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

"Wir eilen mit eilen, doch emsigen Schritten," from **Cantata BWV 78**
J. S. Bach

Introit

"Fanfare for the Common Man"
Aaron Copland
Stephen Dunlap and David Clark, Saxophones

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 105)

Leader: O give thanks to God, call Her by name, and make His deeds known by all the peoples.

All: Sing to God, and tell of all of His wondrous works.

Leader: Seek God and all of Her strength seeking after God continuously.

All: Remember the works God has done for the miracles and for the judgments uttered.

Leader: God is mindful of God's covenant forever and for the Word commanded for generations to generations.

All: Let us sing our praises to God!

*Opening Hymn

#645, "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"
Mit Freuden Zart

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we open our hearts and confess our sins— against You, against our neighbor, against even ourselves. For the wrongs of our minds, our hearts, our hands, our spirits - forgive us. For our silence and lack of compassion - forgive us. For our anger and our fear - forgive us. For the waste of your gifts - forgive us. For our part, known and unknown, in the suffering of all of Your children - forgive us. For our failures in justice and peace - forgive us. For all the times we do not walk the way of love - forgive us in the name of Jesus Christ who goes before us, so that we can know love. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

*Response

#582, *(verse 1)*, "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"
Glory to God

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
Repeat once**

**Please stand, if able*

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Romans 8:26-39, page 148, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

"Simple Song," from MASS
Leonard Bernstein
Stephen Dunlap, Saxophone

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52, pages 14, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Parables of Resistance" Rev. Alice R. Tewell

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#771, "What is the World Like"
New World

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission

Honoring David Clark

Prayers of the People

Rev. Beth Braxton

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Braziliera"
Darius Milhaud
David Clark, Saxophone

*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

God of the mustard seed, God of the yeast, God of the treasure, and God who separates the good catch from the bad, we think you for all of the good gifts you give us, some that start small they can barely be seen, but which grow and become powerful markers of Your peace and justice. Help us be good stewards of all of the gifts You give so that we might be disciples of Your Kingdom here and to come. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, 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

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

- 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?**

**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 snow and rain,
I have born my peoples 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? *Refrain***

- 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? *Refrain***

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

"When The Saints Go Marching In!"
Traditional American

**The prayer of confession is from Touch Holiness Resources for Worship Edited by Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi.*

We wish to thank Stephen Dunlap and David Clark for their participation in worship this morning. Both young artists are "children of our church," growing up at NYAPC playing "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" in the youth pageant! Well done and continued success to you both: Stephen now with a busy teaching career augmented by opportunities with Baltimore Symphony, and David embarking for his studies at JMU! We will always be proud of you and call you our own!

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in appreciation for the volunteers who serve on the **Finance Committee.**

The red rose on the Communion Table this morning is to welcome and celebrate the birth on July 20 of **Rosalie Simpson**, daughter of Alex and Carter Simpson.

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	Rev. Beth Braxton
Tour Guide	John O'Brien
Worship Play	Stacey Gagosian

Counters	
July 30	Martha Davis and ShuXian Mckenna
August 6	Adam Bain and John Schultheis
August 15	Nancy Dickinson and Jim Martin

Preaching Schedule	
August 6	Rev. Roger J. Gench
August 13	Rev. Roger J. Gench
August 20	Rev. Alice R. Tewell
August 27	Rev. Emily Rhodes Hunter

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!