

Adult Sunday School

Adventures in Prayer	Today, 9:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel
Maybe you are new to prayer. Maybe prayer is as natural to you as breathing. This class is for everyone and anyone who takes prayer seriously. We learn together and pray together. All questions, joys and concerns are welcome. Come when you can. Miriam Dewhurst will lead.	
Summer Handbells	July 24 through August 28, 9:00 a.m., Room 127
This class is for anyone over 16 who would like to learn handbell music and techniques. The goal will be to form a handbell choir to provide music for the August 28 worship service. Potential ringers should be able to read music and count and may attend any or all of the classes without committing to being a part of the handbell choir. However, any ringers who would like to be a part of the handbell choir on August 28 must attend the classes on August 21 and August 28. Led by Dan Stokes.	
An Encounter with Simone Weil	Today, August 7 and 21, 9:00 a.m. Room 511
This film documentary on Simone Weil (1909-1943), French philosopher, activist and mystic, will be shown over three weeks with weekly conversations following. This award-winning film "is a deeply moving work of art that not only challenges us to think and to feel, but encourages us to initiate important political, psychological and interfaith dialogue." Led by Paul Dornan.	

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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 by 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 or participating in the NYAF mission, 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 (kelceiden@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, Laura Asiala, 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 worshippers 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 pbdornan@aol.com.



Celebration of Worship

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

July 31, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude "Sonata in E Major, Longo #30,"
Domenico Scarlatti

***Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

***Call to Worship**

Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

All: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Leader: Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

All: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Leader: Come now, all who thirst, and drink of the water of life.

All: Come now, all who hunger, and be filled with good things.

Leader: Come now, all who seek,

All: And encounter the abundant love of the almighty God.

***Opening Hymn**

#802, (verses 1-5) "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
St. Columba

Prayer of Confession

Compassionate God, greet us with Your grace this day, for we need You and Your whole world needs Your peace. We cannot save ourselves. Though we may be frantic with activity, our efforts do not yield peace, peace as You can give. We pray that today we would be quiet enough to hear your voice. We pray that today we would be still enough to feel Your touch. Help us to find that place where we can receive as well as give, wait as well as act, and listen as well as speak. Come to us now, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing of the Peace**

***Response**

#802, (verse 6) "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
St. Columba

And so through all the length of days

Thy goodness faileth never;

Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise

within Thy house forever.

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

**Please stand, if able*

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Romans 8:26-30 page 148, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“Largo,” from **Trio Sonata No. 3 in G Major**
J. S. Bach
Mary Anderson, Flute
J. David Brown, Violin

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

John 21:20-24, page 110, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **“Holy Saturday Faith”** Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#821, “My Life Flows On”
How Can I Keep From Singing

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Presto,” from **Trio Sonata No. 3 in G Major**
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

Eternal God, You bring light out of darkness and hope out of despair. Share Your love with us this day that we may better love each other. Touch our hearts with the joy of resurrection, and help our love shine forth in a world hungry to know Your love. In Jesus’ name 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

#834, “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”
Precious Lord

- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand;
lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light;
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**
- 2 When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near;
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall;
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Sonata in D Minor, Longo 58”
Domenico Scarlatti

We wish to thank Mary Anderson and J. David Brown for his participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation for the volunteers who serve on the Peace and Justice Committee by members and friends of the congregation through their contributions to the Flower Fund.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for the children in our community, nation, and world who are hungry and homeless, victims of violence and war, orphans and refugees—all children of God.

	10:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Rob Neill
Tour Guide	Joe Riley
Worship Play	Rev. Alice R. Tewell

Preaching Schedule	
August 7	Rev. Alice R. Tewell
August 14	Rev. Alice R. Tewell
August 21	Rev. Alice R. Tewell

	Counters
July 31	John Schultheis and Amy Gillespie
August 9	Barbara Dornan and Jim Martin
August 16	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
August 21	Dan Stokes

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.

Building Tours: To take a tour of our building and learn about this congregation’s heritage, current ministry, and outreach, meet the tour guide at the front of the Sanctuary immediately following the service.

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 9:00 a.m.–12:00 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 the New York Avenue Church 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!