

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	Today, 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 as 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 (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 9, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary time

Prelude

“Voluntary in E minor”
John Stanley

Introit

“I'm on my way to Canaan land”
Traditional

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: We hear the voice of one who calls to us to come and find rest.
All: **We come burdened with much, but will heed the voice of Jesus.**
Leader: We have much to learn from him, and he will give us all that we need.
All: **May we be made ready to receive the yoke of Christ, and empowered to live in it.**

*Opening Hymn

#827, (verses 1-2), “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”
Wie Schön Leuchtet

Prayer of Confession

Holy One You breathed in us the breath of life, and yet we confess we do not always acknowledge Your presence. We get caught up in the ways of the world and are concerned only for ourselves. We put our wants above the needs of others. We put our desires above the needs of the church. We put our ways above Your ways. Forgive us, O God, when we have turned away from You, from a brother or sister in need, or from the church, our family. Call us back to the path of right-living, so that we might walk in Your ways. Turn us away from the control of sin, and let us be filled with Your love, so that it might guide our path. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

*Response

#827, (verse 3), “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”
Wie Schön Leuchtet

**What joy to know, when life is past,
the Lord we love is first and last,
the end and the beginning!
He will one day, O glorious grace,
transport us to that happy place
beyond all tears and sinning! Amen! Amen!
Come Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness!
We are yearning for the day of your returning.**

**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

Psalm 145:8-14, page 549, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“If with all your hearts ye truly seek me,” from **Elijah**
Felix Mendelssohn

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Matthew 11:28-30, page 11, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “The Yoke” Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#836, “Abide with Me”
Eventide

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission Washington Interfaith Network
Rebecca Davis

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Variations on "America"
Austin C. Lovelace

*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 *(adapted from a prayer on [Mustard Seed](#))*

We make our offerings, small and large, with the hope and confidence that all we do, all we offer, all we say, all we think, and all we hope will take root in this world and be the source of new expressions of God’s love, of God’s justice, of God’s character, of God’s mission, and of God’s reign. May God’s will be done on earth as it is in heaven through us, alongside us, despite us, and for us. 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

- Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let 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.**
- 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

Toccata on "America"
Austin C. Lovelace

We wish to thank **Samantha Scheff and Ian Elder** for their participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by the Danewitz family in loving memory of Mary's parents, **James Hutton Lemly and Onice Walker Lemly.**

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for victims of violence and guns—police officers, innocent bystanders, club-goers, car drivers, families—and the perpetrators of violence and their loved ones. All need our prayers.

10:00 a.m.	
Liturgist	Pruitt Ashworth
Tour Guide	Paul Dornan
Worship Play	Sarah-Dianne Jones and Karen Dunlap

Counters	
July 11	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
July 16	Barbara Dornan and ShuXian McKenna
July 25	Nancy Dickinson and Dan Stokes
July 30	Martha Davis and Adam Bain

Preaching Schedule	
July 16	Rev. Roger J. Gench
July 23	Sarah-Dianne Jones, NYAPC Young Adult Volunteer
July 30	Rev. Alice R. Tewell
August 6	Rev. Roger J. Gench

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!