

Adult Sunday School	
Gathered for Prayer	Today, 10:20 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.	
Back to Basics: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer	Today, March 26, April 2, 9, 10:00 a.m., Room 511
Revs. Roger Gench and Alice Tewell will lead this Lenten exploration of the basics of being Christian, using Rowan Williams' book "Being Christian" as a text. The series will prepare us for a renewal of baptism on Easter Sunday. The book will be available in the class and at the entryway desk for \$6.	

### Opportunities for Service

**7-2-9 Club** – Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), until June, 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, [robinseleanor@hotmail.com](mailto:robinseleanor@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](mailto: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](mailto:mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net) 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 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](mailto:shanthon@ncsu.edu)), Phil Bolles ([philbolles@gmail.com](mailto:philbolles@gmail.com)), or Katherine Leiden ([keleiden@gmail.com](mailto:keleiden@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, 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/1OEPH6r>. 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 [pbdornanp@aol.com](mailto:pbdornanp@aol.com).



## Celebration of Worship

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

March 19, 2017  
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Third Sunday of Lent

**Prelude** “Adagio Cantabile,” from Violin Sonata No. 3, and “Bist du bei mir,” (Be Thou with Me)  
J. S. Bach

**Introit** “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”  
Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>

\*Lincoln Chimes

### I. The Community Gathers for Worship

\*Call to Worship

One: In Jericho and Samaria,  
All: In Syria and South Africa, in Argentina and Afghanistan,  
One: In Palestine and Israel,  
All: In Arlington, Alexandria, Silver Spring and Washington DC,  
One: In ancient times and in this time  
All: Around the font and around the dinner table  
One: For sinners and saints  
All: For the broken and the beautiful  
One: For all of these and even more,  
Christ opens wide the arms of love and shouts,  
All: “Come! Come! Rest and drink deeply! Eat and be glad!  
Your life is holy and you belong here with me.”

\*Opening Hymn

#666, “O Splendor of God's Glory Bright”  
Puer Nobis Nascitur

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, forgive us.  
Unlike the psalmist,  
we are afraid to lie down in green pastures  
or rest beside still waters.  
Unlike Matthew the evangelist,  
we forget the words of Jesus and insist on  
carrying heavy burdens.  
Unlike Paul the apostle, we are not always sure that  
nothing can separate us from Your love.  
Forgive us when we are fragile enough to believe  
that our brokenness is stronger than Your grace.  
Help us, O God.  
Pour out Your Spirit upon us once more,  
so that the story we are so used to telling  
becomes the story we really,  
truly, fully and completely trust.

Silent Confession  
Assurance of Pardon

\*Please stand, if able

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### The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church

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#### General Church Hours:

Mondays, Fridays, Sundays: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursdays: 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Saturdays: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

*(If we have no evening event scheduled, we may close the building.*

*Please check the website/email for updates.)*

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**\*Response**

#286 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"  
Trentham

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do. (Repeat 2 times)**

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

**II. The Community Hears the Word of God**

**First Lesson**

Exodus 17:1-7, page 61, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

“Be Thou My Vision”  
Tune of Slane, arr. Rutter

**Time for Children and Their Friends**

**Second Lesson**

8:45 a.m.

Kristen Ford, Olivia Singleman, Mary Spatz,

Courtney Spearman, Miriam Dewhurst, Alice Tewell

11:00 a.m.

Kathy Doan, Carrie Schenkel Reasonover, Evelyn Ying,

Emily Rhodes Hunter, Rebecca Davis, Alice Tewell

John 4:5-42, pages 89-90, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **“Back to the Well”**

Rev. Roger J. Gench

**III. The Community Responds to the Word**

**\*Sermon Hymn**

#479, “Ho, All Who Thirst”  
Jacob’s Well

**Concerns of the Church**

**Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

8:45 a.m. *We Gather Around the Table for Giving and Prayer*

11:00 a.m. “Wondrous Love”

Southern Harmony, 1835, arr. Nelhybel

**\*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**

Holy One, we offer our gifts to You, who claims us as children,  
who names us beloved, who celebrates our presence. Use these  
gifts and our service to further Your kingdom. In the name of  
Jesus the 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**

#494, “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”  
Quebec

- 1 **Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,  
thou fount of life, thou light of all,  
from the best bliss that earth imparts  
we turn, unfilled, to heed thy call.**
- 2 **Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;  
thou savest those that on thee call;  
to them that seek thee thou art good,  
to them that find thee, all in all.**
- 3 **We taste thee, O thou living bread,  
and long to feast upon thee still;  
we drink of thee, the fountainhead,  
and thirst our souls from thee to fill.**
- 4 **Our restless spirits yearn for thee,  
where'er our changeful lot is cast,  
glad when thy gracious smile we see,  
blest when our faith can hold thee fast.**
- 5 **O Jesus, ever with us stay;  
make all our moments calm and bright.  
O chase the night of sin away;  
shed o'er the world thy holy light.**

**\*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

**Postlude**

“Plein Jeu a la Couperin”  
Gordon Young

\*The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession for today’s service is from the liturgy from  
worship at the NEXT Church conference 2017 held March 13-15 in Kansas City, MO. It  
is written by members and pastors of the PCUSA.

**The flowers in the chancel today** are given to the glory of God in memory of  
**Margery Peterson Carpenter** by her nieces, Wendy Preston, Lynn Peterson, Jill  
Wilson, and Lucy Peterson Coles.

**The Peace Candle in the chancel** reminds us to pray for all refugees and  
immigrants everywhere, for their welcome, for their care, for banishing their fear.

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Liturgist</b>	Whitney McColley	Tamara Saltman
<b>Tour Guide</b>	Meg Neill	Barry Tindall
<b>Worship Play</b>	Rev. Alice Tewell	Rev. Alice Tewell

Counters	
<b>March 21</b>	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
<b>March 26</b>	ShuXian McKenna and Dan Stokes

Preaching Schedule	
<b>March 26</b>	Rev. Roger J. Gench
<b>April 2</b>	Rev. Alice Tewell
<b>April 9</b>	Rev. Roger J. Gench
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	Rev. Roger J. Gench/Rev. Alice Tewell
<b>Good Friday</b>	Rev. Roger J. Gench/Rev. Alice Tewell

**Information for Sunday Visitors**

**Garage parking is extended to 3:00 p.m. today for the memorial service.**

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](mailto:josephnthierry@gmail.com) or 703-568-5158 for more information.

**Tours:** Meet a tour guide at the front of the Sanctuary immediately 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. 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 NYAPC 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!

**Embodied Prayer in Today’s Worship: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God***

Offering ourselves to God in worship as a community can take on an additional layer of meaning when we involve our entire body in our prayer and praise. This Sunday and for several more upcoming Sundays we will practice ‘Breathe on Me, Breath of God’ following the exchange of peace as a way to deepen our connection with God – through our physicality.