

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, 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.	

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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.)

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

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, 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

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 (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 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 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 pbdornanp@aol.com.



Celebration of Worship

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

March 26, 2017
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Prelude “O Gott, du frommer Gott”
Johannes Brahms

Introit “O God, Thou Faithful God”
Meiningen

***Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

***Call to Worship** *(from the poem “Lent” by Ann Weems)*

One: Lent is a time to take the time
All: to let the power of our faith story take hold of us,
One: a time to let the events
All: get up and walk around in us,
One: a time to intensify
All: our living unto Christ,
One: a time to hover over
All: the thought of our hearts,
One: a time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem
All: or to walk along the sea and listen to his word,
One: a time to touch his robe
All: and feel the healing surge through us
One: a time to ponder and a time to wonder...
All: Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God!

***Opening Hymn**

#643, “Now Thank We All Our God”
Nun Danket Alle Gott

Prayer of Confession *(from Sharing the Light: Service Prayers and Holy Communion for the Fourth Sunday of Lent Rev. Marilyn Kennedy Levine)*

Holy Jesus,
we confess that we fail to question our own sightlessness.
Being so sure that we “see,”
we miss the truths You would teach us.
With the poultice of Your love, cure this blindness.
Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings,
our own failures and our own faults.
Make our “shadow side” known to us
and help us to diminish it with the light of Your grace.
For it is only when we see ourselves clearly
that we can worship You truly.
In your name, we bring You our prayers. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Please stand, if able

***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

Anthem

“The Lord is My Shepherd,” from **Requiem**
John Rutter

Time for Children and Their Friends

Scripture

John 9:1-41, pages 96-97, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Witness” **Rev. Roger J. Gench**

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn**

#649, “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”
Amazing Grace

Sacrament of Baptism (8:45 a.m. See insert.)

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. O Most Merciful, “Schoenster Herr Jesu,” from Munster
Gesangbuch, 1677

***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** (from *Lectionary Liturgies for Lent 4*)

**With You as our center and by sharing our gifts, we can
indeed anoint others with grace, prepare feasts for the
hungry, welcome the stranger, and love those we consider
to be our enemies. Bless these gifts, and use our lives for
others, 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**

#716, “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”
Beach Spring

- 1 God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.**
- 2 Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.**
- 3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Forty Days and Forty Nights”
Heinlein arr. Leo Sowerby

We wish to thank our organ scholar, **Samantha Scheff** for her participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in appreciation for the volunteers who serve as gardeners of **Triangle Park** 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 powerless, the homeless, hungry, and sick, and for those who have power and ability to help and improve their lives.

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Meg House	Nathan Moon
Tour Guide	Marilyn Seiber	John O’Brien
Worship Play	Rev. Alice Tewell	Sarah-Dianne Jones

Counters	
March 26	ShuXian McKenna and Dan Stokes

Preaching Schedule	
April 2	Rev. Alice Tewell
April 9	Rev. Roger J. Gench
Maundy Thursday	Rev. Roger J. Gench/Rev. Alice Tewell
Good Friday	Rev. Roger J. Gench/Rev. Alice Tewell

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 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.