

Opportunities for Service



Celebration of Worship

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

**March 29, 2015
8:45 and 11 a.m.
Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday**

The worship service begins with a brief period for personal meditation and the Prelude.

Prelude "Alas!"
Martyrdom, arr. Bish

Introit "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"
Tune of Martyrdom

***Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

***Call to Worship** (*"Give Thanks to the Lord," by David Gambrell, 2009 from Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29*)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, whose mercy is sure, whose goodness and love will always endure.

All: Let everyone join this resounding refrain: Forever and ever our Savior will reign!

Leader: Now fling wide the gates! Now open the doors! We come to give praise and thanks to the Lord.

All: God has worked wonders; the tables have turned; our strength is the stone that the builders once spurned.

Leader: Be joyful and glad! The Lord made this day. God gives us success and hears when we pray.

All: And now from the temple the people exclaim: How blessed is the one who has come in God's name!

Leader: The Lord is our God, the source of all light. We sing and give thanks will all our might.

All: Let everyone join this resounding refrain: Forever and ever our Savior will reign!

***Opening Hymn** (*Adults and children are invited to join the Palm procession; please meet in the back of the Sanctuary*)

#196, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
Valet will ich dir geben

Prayer of Confession *adapted from "The Fear and Feeding of the Sheep," by Ann Weems*

God of grace, we have nothing against Jerusalem: in fact, it's the place to be on a sunny Easter morning. It's Golgotha that we fear; and yet, we've been to church enough to know that the way to Jerusalem leads through Good Friday. Keeping covenant means keeping covenant under a cross as well as by an empty garden tomb. What we'd like to do, of course, is wave palms and shout Hosanna and then rest up for the Hallelujah Chorus. We forget about Holy Week. We ignore it. We say we are too busy. O Lamb of God, hear our prayers. Amen.

Please stand, if able

Silent Confession

All Christian Education classes will resume April 12

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL –
Classes meet in the Park Level at 10 a.m.**

Class	Teachers
Nursery (8:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.)	Certified and professional staff members, supervised by Rev. Tewell
Preschool Class ages 3-5	Doug House, Elizabeth Sciupac, Kay Meek
Lower Elementary Class Kindergarten- 1st Grade	Molly Lauer, Marsha Renwanz, Mark Sproles, Bridget Sproles, Carter Coker
Upper Elementary Class 2nd Grade-5th Grade	David Gillies, Kathy Doan, Catherine Cannon
Youth Class 6th Grade-12th Grade	Kevin Guy, Jessie Cleveland, Joe Brady, Betsy Merritt

This Holy Week, you are invited to come into the Sanctuary to reflect and to pray. You will find some devotional booklets made especially for this Holy Week by members of the Nurture Committee. These devotional booklets provide scriptures appropriate to Holy Week for many of the Stained Glass Windows. The Sanctuary will be open Monday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday	April 2
6:00 p.m.	Soup and Bread Supper in Peter Marshall Hall
7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship
Good Friday	April 3
12 Noon	Good Friday Worship Service
Saturday	April 4
10:00 a.m.	Easter Vigil (<i>note time change</i>)
Easter Sunday	April 5
7:15 a.m.	Sunrise Worship Service in Triangle Park
7:45 a.m.	Breakfast (\$7.00) in Peter Marshall Hall
8:30 a.m.	Radcliffe Room Ministry
8:45 a.m.	Celebration of Worship and Communion Rev. Roger J. Gench, preaching
9:45 a.m.	Breakfast (\$7.00) in Peter Marshall Hall
10:00 a.m.	Easter Activities for Families
10:15 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt for Children
11:00 a.m.	Celebration of Worship and Communion Rev. Roger J. Gench, preaching

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"An inclusive and justice seeking church"

7-2-9 Club – Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), September until June, with guests recovering from mental illness. There are games, entertainment, refreshments and time for making friends. Contact Spence Gibbins, spencerqib@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 mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout Washington, DC. Annually it solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots non-profits, which further that mission. A volunteer Board of Trustees conducts the work of NYAF. If you are interested in learning more or participating in the NYAF mission, contact Brian Schimming, nyavefoundation@gmail.com

Radcliffe Room Ministry – Come join our homeless guests, Sundays, 8:15-10:30 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, and other fellowship or service activities (or to be added to the e-mail list), contact Richard Snyder (snyder.richard@gmail.com) or Benno Lauer (benno.lauer@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.

	Ministers:	The Entire Congregation
	Pastor:	Roger Joseph Gench, Ph.D.
	Associate Pastor:	Alice Rose Tewell, M. Div.
	Pastoral Associate:	Linda LeSourd Lader, M. Div.
	Director of Music:	Stanley P. Engebretson, D.M.A.
	Parish Associate for Visitation:	Ann Rose Davie, M. Div.
	Director of Planned Giving:	Catherine Schultheis, B.A., Chr.Ed.
	Parish Associates:	Beth Braxton, M. Div., MRE, D. Min. J. Gary Campbell, M. Div., M.A. Frances Taylor Gench, M. Div., Ph.D.
	Director of Dance:	Kathryn Sparks, M.T.S.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response

#582, "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.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Mark 11:1-11, page 44, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Ehre sei Dir, Christe," Schlusschor from
The St. Matthew Passion
Heinrich Schütz
Purev Arslanbaatar, conductor
*Translation: Christ, be thine the glory! Thou in deepest woe
on the cross didst suffer for us this bitter death,
to reignest with the Father in eternity.
Help us fainting sinners to our Heav'nly rest.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

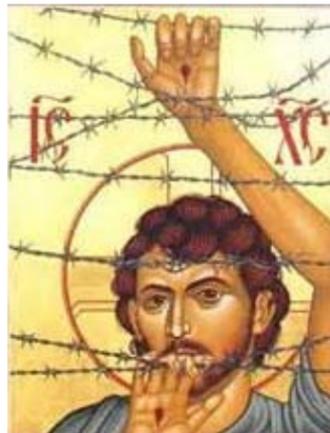
Time for Children

Second Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11, page 189, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Looking Around"
Rev. Roger J. Gench



III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#209, "My Song is Love Unknown"
Love Unknown

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:45 *The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around
the Table for Giving and Prayer
11:00 "Hosanna to the Son of David"
Daniel Moe

*Response

#607, "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ,
all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

(from the poem "Thank You," by Ann Weems)

**Thank you, Jesus God Spirit, who is Holy on us.
Anointing us with amazing love, You dug a dwelling
place, and settled tenaciously forever amen within us.
Thank you, Jesus God Spirit, who is Holy on us for all
your incredible gifts of grace. Show us how to use these
gifts for the world. 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

#221, "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"
Passion Chorale

- 1 O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded with thorns,
Thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory,
what bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.**
- 2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered,
was all for sinners' gain:
mine, mine was the transgression,
but Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
look on me with Thy favor,
and grant to me Thy grace.**

- 3 What language shall I borrow
to thank Thee, dearest friend,
for this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever,
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to Thee.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

"A Chorale for Organ"
Passion Chorale,
Setting by Delphin Strungle

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ministry of The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in the lives of *Elizabeth and George E. Jacobs; Annie, Hugh, Hugh Stewart and Marguerite Smith; Viola and Robert S. Jacobs; Elizabeth and Robert G. Kissner; and William T. Grier.* They are the gift of Elinor Jacobs Grier, Nancy and Gordon Kissner, and Catherine (Kissner) and John Schultheis, representing five generations of worshipers in this church.

The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds us to pray for people in the U.S. and overseas adversely affected by winter storms, losing homes, electricity and with scarce food.

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Liturgists	Brian Schimming	Spencer Gibbins
Tour Guides	Len Shabman	John Davies
Worship Play	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.

Infants and children: Babies and toddlers under 4 are welcome in the Park Level nursery. **Care is provided by licensed, paid professionals.** During the services, children's worship bulletins are available in the rear of the Sanctuary.

Our Youngest Worshipers: We love having all the babies in the church! Babies and children are always welcome in the services. If you would ever like a bit of privacy, or if your infants would like a break, parents -- and nursing mothers especially -- are very welcome to use the Worship Center space (directly across from the Sanctuary with the blue sofas). The Nursery is also open each Sunday from 8:30-12:30.

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.