


Adult Sunday School	
Adventures in Prayer	Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel
Maybe you are new to prayer. Maybe prayer is as natural to you as breathing. This class, meeting in the Lincoln Chapel at 10:20 a.m., 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.	
Conversations on Race with Dr. Willie Jennings	Today, 10:00 a.m. PMH
NYAPC Panelists include Joon Choi, Elizabeth Winn Bowman, Alex Moore, Mike Smith, Whitney Washington moderated by Senior Pastor Roger J. Gench.	
Njoro Kenya Visitors	May 8, 10 a.m., Room 511
Eight persons from the Orphans & Vulnerable Children Committee of the Njoro Presbyterian Church in Njoro, Kenya will be visiting NYAPC from April 28 – May 9. They will be telling stories about the lives of “our” orphans, their joys and struggles. Through their commentaries, we will see their vision for the future.	

Preaching Schedule	
May 8	Rev. George Nganga
May 15	Rev. Roger J. Gench
May 22	Rev. Roger J. Gench

11:00 a.m.	
Liturgist	Ann Davie
Tour Guide	John O'Brien
Worship Play	Rev. Alice Tewell

Counters	
May 1	Martha Davis and Barbara Dornan
May 10	Jim Martin and Nancy Dickinson

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	Director of Liturgical Dance:	Kathryn Sparks, M.T.S. dancingsparks@yahoo.com
	Young Adult Volunteer:	Angela Williams; Community Club and Radcliffe Room angela.williams@nyapc.org

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 – 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, 8:15-9:45 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

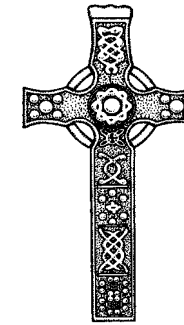
The Peace Candle – Visitors are invited to take a Peace Candle home to their congregations. Candles are at the back, right side, of the sanctuary. Please sign the note card there, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Marilyn Seiber, 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 (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, 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 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.

**May 1, 2016
11 a.m.**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
Communion Sunday**

Prelude “Let Us Break Bread Together”
Traditional, Arr. Sydney Carter

Introit “O Day of Peace”
Tune of Jerusalem, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1916

* **Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: The wind of the Spirit challenges us to change.

All: Give us courage to respond, O God.

Leader: The fire of the Spirit calls us to a passion for the kingdom.

All: Warm us and give us Your energy, O God.

Leader: The breath of the Spirit offers us new life.

All: May we receive and live out the gospel in the world.

Leader: In a world where there is need and oppression, violence and alienation,

All: May we bring life and love, O God.

Leader: In a world where there is racism, hatred and division,

All: May we bring unity and community, O God.

Leader: In a world where there is meaninglessness and emptiness,

All: May we bring purpose and hope, O God.

Leader: Lead us forth, Spirit of God, in joy and in faith, in truth and in freedom.

All: In ways known and unknown, may we follow. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

#401, (verses 1-3), “Here in This Place”

Gather Us In

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of surprises, You call us from the narrowness of our traditions to new ways of being church, from the captivities of our culture to creative witness for justice, from the smallness of our horizons to the bigness of Your vision.

All: Clear the way in us, Your people, that we might call others to freedom and renewed faith.

Leader: Jesus, wounded healer, You call us from self-preoccupation to daily tasks of peacemaking, from privilege to pilgrimage, from insularity to inclusive community.

All: Clear the way in us, Your people, that we might call others to wholeness and integrity.

Leader: Holy, transforming Spirit, You call us from fear to faithfulness, from clutter to clarity, from a desire to control to deeper trust, from the refusal to love to a readiness to risk.

All: Clear the way in us, Your people, that we might all know the beauty and power and danger of the gospel. Amen.

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Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

**Please stand, if able.*

*Response

#401, (*verse 4*), “Here In This Place”

Gather Us In

Not in the dark of buildings confining,

Not in some heaven, light years away:

Here in this place the new light is shining;

Now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever;

Gather us in and make us your own;

Gather us in, all peoples together,

Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Psalm 67:1-7 page 500, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“We Are One”

Ysaye Barnwell

Rhianna Cockrell, Solo

Time for Children

Second Lesson

Acts 11:1-18, page 122, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “A Revolutionary Life Together” Dr. Willie Jennings

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#664, “Morning Has Broken”

Bunessan

Concerns of the Church

Offertory

“Let the People Praise Thee”

William Mathias

Samantha Scheff, Organ

*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

We place these gifts into Your hands, O God. Infuse them with Your transforming grace that they may become seeds springing forth with new life, new songs of praise and new hope for people everywhere. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Litany of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

Blessed are You, strong and faithful God. All Your works, the height and the depth, echo the silent music of Your praise.... You gave us breath and speech, that all the living might find a voice to sing Your praise, and to celebrate the creation You call good. So now, with all the powers of heaven and earth, we sing the ageless hymn of Your glory:

Response “Holy, Holy”

Holy, Holy (Irregular)

Holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty;

And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love,

Holy, holy, holy, holy.

Holy God, how wonderful is the work of Your hands! When sin had scarred the world, You entered into covenant to renew the whole creation. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, as a father joyfully welcomes his own, You embraced a people as Your own and filled them with longing for a peace that would never fail. We bring You now our prayers of intercession... Together, in one voice we pray the Lord’s Prayer.

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.

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

Participants in the communion proceed down the aisles to the servers, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and partake.

Please return to your pew via the side aisles.

Those unable to come forward will be offered the bread and the cup at their seats.

(There is a Gluten Free communion set available; raise your hand for a pastor to respond.)

Prayer After Communion

Most loving God, You have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one through Jesus Christ. Inspire us to bring Your justice and compassion to all the world. We ask this through the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Sending Hymn

#761, "Called as Partners in Christ’s Service"

Beecher

- 1 Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.**
- 2 Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God’s people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.**
- 3 Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission, in a small or global sense, help us bear each other’s burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.**
- 4 So God grant us for tomorrow Ways to order human life that surround each person’s sorrows with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, Our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, Thus giving hope and confidence and peace.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude “Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

Land of Rest, arr. Robert Powell

*For today’s service, the liturgy comes from the PCUSA service for “People of Color and the Criminal Justice System,” (Call to Worship), from “Still Waters,” blog by Rev. Theresa Cho (Confession), and from the Presbyterian Church of Canada (Dedication).

We wish to thank Rhianna Cockrell and Samantha Scheff for their 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 the 7-2-9 Club each Wednesday**, by members and friends of the congregation through their gifts to the Flower Fund.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for our Kenya Partnership, the Njoro orphans and vulnerable children, and our visiting Kenyan guests.