

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.	
The Transformation of Shame: A Bible Study	Today and May 21 9:00 a.m., Room 511
Shame is a thoroughly human trait, yet, without some means to relieve it, it can destroy the shamed as individuals and groups. Paula Hall of Howard Divinity School will survey selected Biblical accounts of shame and the ways it can be transformed.	
All Children/Youth Sunday School	
May 21-June 30 (except May 27)	9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Park Level Main Room

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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](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 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/1OEP6r>. 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.

May 14, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day and Youth Sunday

**Prelude** "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"  
Spiritual, arr. Hogan

**Introit** #784, "By the Waters of Babylon"  
David Clark, Saxophone

\*Lincoln Chimes

### I. The Community Gathers for Worship

\*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 121)* Jack Anderson

Leader: I look to the mountains; where will my help come from?

All: My help will come from God who made Heaven and Earth

Leader: God will not let you fall; your protector is always awake.

All: The protector of all creation never dozes or sleeps.

Leader: God will protect you from all danger and will keep you safe.

All: God will protect you as you come and go, now and forevermore.

\*Opening Hymn

#22, *(verses 1-5)*, "God of the Sparrow"

Roeder

### Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Call to Confession Lauren Gillies

Lauren: We are ignorant. We ignore God in our day-to-day lives and just run back to God in times of hardship. We use God for miracles instead giving thanks for Jesus Christ, Our Savior. We confess that we are ignorant people. We confess that we do not always listen to God's praises. God hears our confessions and accepts us as his children. Let us confess our sins together.

\*Confession Lauren Gillies

All: Almighty God, You have given us life in hopes that we would become Your faithful disciples, but instead we run from Your word. We have run from the goodness in Your world, ignoring Your everlasting words and commandments. Forgive us for our sins and help us and help us along our journey to become better people for You. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness Lauren Gillies

\*Passing of the Peace Lauren Gillies

Lauren: We pass the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*\*Please stand, if able*

**\*Response**

#22, (verse 6), “God of the Sparrow”  
Roeder  
God of the ages  
God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Lauren Gillies

Lauren: Let us affirm our faith together.

**All: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

**Scripture Reading**

*See insert.*

The Book of Jonah told through Biblical Storytelling

**Time for Children and Their Friends**

Alex Moore

**Anthem**

“Joy, Joy Down in My Heart”  
Combined Youth Choir with Adults  
Joy, Joy in My Heart  
Love of Jesus Down in My Heart  
Peace that Passes Understanding

**Sermon**

“Senior Reflection”

David Clark

**Dance Sermon**

“The Summons”

Beth Clark

**Sermon**

“Senior Reflection”

Jack Gillies

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

**\*Sermon Hymn**

#726, “Will You Come and Follow Me”  
Kelvingrove

**Concerns of the Church**

Jack Gillies, Rev. Tewell and Rev. Gench

**Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings**

Linda Kelly

God gives us so many good gifts! We want to respond to God’s good gifts to us by giving generously so we can be God’s hands and feet giving good gifts to others. In a spirit of thanksgiving, we continue our service of worship by receiving our tithes and offering.

**Offertory**

#19, (verses 1-3), “God of Great and God of Small”  
Youth Choir

**\*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**

Jack Anderson

God of great and God of Small, we pray that Your love will flow through these gifts we now give. Strengthened by Your Spirit, we offer our love and our lives. Let our love be an instrument of peace, an expression of hope, a sign of Your presence in the world. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

Lauren Gillies

**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**

#69, “I the Lord of Sea and Sky”  
Here I Am

**1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?**

**Refrain**

**Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.**  
**2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have born my peoples pain.  
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them,  
Whom shall I send? Refrain**

**3 I the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.  
Finest bread, I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them, whom shall I send? Refrain**

**\*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

David Clark and Jack Gillies

**\*Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

**\*Benediction Response (choir)**

“Go Ye Now in Peace”  
Youth Choir

**Postlude**

“Zion’s Walls”  
Aaron Copland  
David Clark, Saxophone

\*The Call to Worship and Prayer of Dedication were written by Jack Anderson and the Prayer of Confession and Prayers of the People were written by Lauren Gillies.

\*\*A special thanks to Molly Johnson and Samantha Scheff for directing the Youth Choir and the All-Children Choir. We also thank Kathryn Sparks and Whitney McColley for their help today.

\*\*\*Many thanks to all of the Sunday School teachers and parents who helped the youth and children prepare for today!

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation for the talents and energy of our youth.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray this Mother’s Day for all mothers and the love, care, nurture, and sacrifice they gladly give to and for their children. Today, we also recognize that Mother’s Day can be difficult for many. We pray that this candle will bring peace to all.

10:00 a.m.	
Liturgist	Children and Youth
Tour Guide	Paul Dornan
Worship Play	Please stay in worship.

Counters	
May 16	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
May 21	ShuXian McKenna and Adam Bain
May 30	Nancy Dickinson and Barbara Dornan

Preaching Schedule	
May 21	Rev. Roger J. Gench
May 28	Rev. Roger J. Gench
June 4	Rev. Roger J. Gench