

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, 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	
Today - June 30 (except May 28)	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/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.

May 21, 2017  
 10:00 a.m.  
 Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Prelude

“Menuet,” and “Aria,” from **Water Music**  
 G. F. Handel

### Introit

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”  
 Unser Herrscher, 1680

### \*Lincoln Chimes

## I. The Community Gathers for Worship

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos.

**All: Our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.**

Leader: We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice.

**All: We bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long.**

Leader: We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love.

**All: Let our joy resound through singing, teaching and reflecting on the word.**

### \*Opening Hymn

#309, (verses 1-3), “Come, Great God of All the Ages”  
 Abbot's Leigh

### Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and merciful God, we open our hearts up to You, trusting that Your love and goodness are stronger than all of our shortcomings. We have been afraid to trust You, and we have forgotten the assurance of Your unending presence. We have sacrificed our convictions, quieted our voices, given in to distractions, and looked out for ourselves above all else. We have thought about giving up when the task before us seems too great. Forgive us for all these things, and help us to be guided by Your Spirit and to be filled with the One who gives us life. Amen.**

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

### Passing of the Peace

*\*Please stand, if able*

**\*Response**

#309, (*verse 4*), “Come, Great God of All the Ages”  
Abbot’s Leigh  
**Come, O come, in celebration,  
household of the one true God;  
in commitment and rejoicing  
let us go where Christ has trod;  
as we act in faith and reverence,  
let us, Lord, the future see;  
place us in the church triumphant,  
now and for eternity.**

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

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

Acts 17:16-21, page 129, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

“Homeward Bound”  
Marta Keen, arr. Wilberg

### Time for Children and Their Friends

#### A Litany of Thanksgiving for our Teachers

Leader: As those who love Jesus and call ourselves his disciples, we are on a lifelong journey of learning together. Today, we take time in our worship to thank all of those who taught us this year.

**All: Thank you, God, for our teachers.**

Leader: In Deuteronomy 6, we read, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart."

**All: Thank you, God, for our teachers.**

Leader: Teachers, we thank you for sharing your time in classes and other conversations. We thank you for hearing our questions and wondering with us. We thank you for helping us to grow our faith as your faith grew too.

**All: Thank you, God, for our teachers.**

Leader: Whether you shared Your love of God by being worship play leaders, Sunday School teachers, or teaching us songs and dances of faith, we thank you for using your gifts to make the good news come alive for us this year.

**All: Thank you, God, for our teachers. Amen.**

### Second Lesson

Acts 17:22-31, page 129, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Roots and Wings” Rev. Roger J. Gench

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#749, “Come! Live in the Light!”  
We Are Called

### Concerns of the Church

#### Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

“Hallelujah, Too”  
Steve Dobrogosz

### \*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

**Bless these gifts, gracious God, and bless all those who will be served because of them. We bring these offerings because we hope for more in the days ahead. We hope for a stronger church, a more compassionate world, and a time of peace. Shape us, through our giving, into people more faithful to Your Word and a people full of joy and good news. We dedicate them along with our lives and all that we are. Bless the lives of all Your children. 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

#293, “Loving Spirit”  
Dans Nos Obscurités

- 1 Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,  
you have chosen me to be,  
you have drawn me to your wonder,  
you have set your sign on me.**
- 2 Like a mother you enfold me,  
hold my life within your own,  
feed me with your very body,  
form me of your flesh and bone.**
- 3 Like a father you protect me,  
teach me the discerning eye,  
hoist me up upon your shoulder,  
let me see the world from high.**
- 4 Friend and lover, in your closeness  
I am known and held and blessed:  
in your promise is my comfort,  
in your presence I may rest.**
- 5 Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,  
you have chosen me to be,  
you have drawn me to your wonder,  
you have set your sign on me.**

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

### \*Congregational Response

**Alleluia! Amen!**

### Postlude

“Coro,” from **Water Music**  
G. F. Handel

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of the tutors and staff of the Community Club and in celebration of its graduating seniors.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for those who experience “earthquakes” in their lives—loss of a job, home, loved one, or confronting health challenges—all need our support and prayers.

10:00 a.m.	
Liturgist	Len Shabman
Tour Guide	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Rev. Alice Tewell and Karen Dunlap

Counters	
May 21	ShuXian McKenna and Adam Bain
May 30	Nancy Dickinson and Barbara Dornan
June 4	Martha Davis and John Schultheis
June 13	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

Preaching Schedule	
May 28	Rev. Roger J. Gench
June 4	Rev. Roger J. Gench
June 11	Rev. Beth Braxton
June 18	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](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.

**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!