

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.	
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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Church Summer Hours Begin Monday, June 5

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tuesdays: 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, 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 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/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 28, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Prelude

"All Glory be to God on High"
Garth Edmundson

Introit

"People, Clap Your Hands"
Geneva 47

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: Today is Ascension Sunday when we celebrate Christ's return to God.

All: We look up in wonder as he is lifted from us into heaven!

Leader: But this is not a time to gaze upward. There is work to be done.

All: Jesus has entrusted the ministry of God's love to us.

Leader: Let's get to work!

All: Let's make our hearts ready for the task ahead with prayer and praise!

Leader: Amen

All: AMEN!

*Opening Hymn

#275, (verses 1-3), "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
Ein' Feste Burg

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving and gracious God, you have called us to be the church, to live out our Resurrection faith. You have asked us to place our trust in You and to bring to all the good news of Your saving love. But we have failed to do this. We have given our faith a back seat to the troubles of the world and to the stresses in our own life. We look for the quick and easy answers. Forgive us for the smallness of our faith. You, who raised Christ from the dead, have promised to raise our spirits and bring us to new life. You have done this, and yet we remain static in our response to You. Clear our spirits of the clutter of everyday living. Help us to be open always to Your word and your love. Challenge us to move in directions of peace and hope for all people. These things we pray in the name of our risen Lord. AMEN.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

**Please stand, if able*

***Response**

#275, (verse 4), "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
Ein' Feste Burg
That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also.
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Psalm 68:1-10, page 500-501, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

"O Happy Souls"
Traditional arr. Alice Parker

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Acts 1:6-14, page 110, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Devotions" Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#407, "Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers"
Nun Danket All' Und Bringet Ehr'

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission "Legacy Sunday" Planned Giving

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Psalm 121"
Jay Rouse arr. Kirkland

***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**

God declares all of the creation good. We are among God's creatures, and humbled that God calls on us to till and keep the earth. With hope and inspiration to answer that call, we place our trust in God to show us the way.

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**

#463, (verses 1-3), "How Firm a Foundation"
Foundation

- 1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word! What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**
- 2 Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**
- 3 When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**
Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

"Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn"
J.S. Bach

We wish to thank **Samantha Scheff** and **Purev Arslanbaatar** for their participation in worship this morning, while Dr. Stan Engebretson is away.

The **flowers in the chancel today** are given to the glory of God by David Harris and his family in celebration of the birthday of his sister, Anne Laroche, and in commemoration of the U. S. military men and women who have given their lives in service to our country.

The **Peace Candle in the chancel** reminds us to pray on this Memorial Day weekend for all military veterans and their families, especially for those who died in service, and for military personnel serving today.

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

Counters	
May 30	Nancy Dickinson and Barbara Dornan
June 4	Martha Davis and John Schultheis
June 13	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
June 20	Barbara Dornan and Jim Martin
June 25	Adam Bain and Dan Stokes

Preaching Schedule	
June 4	Rev. Roger J. Gench
June 11	Rev. Beth Braxton
June 18	Rev. Alice Tewell
June 25	Kelly Brown Douglass, McClendon Scholar in Residence

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.

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!