

Adult Sunday School	
Gathered for Prayer	Today, 10:20 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.	
Black is Beautiful: Africans in the Hebrew Bible	Today, 10:00 a.m., PMH
McClendon Scholar in Residence: Professor Alice Ogden Bellis, Howard Divinity School, will give a talk that reviews stories about Africans and other people of color in the Old Testament. It is part of her overall exploration during the weekend of race and gender in the Bible.	
Sunday, September 17, 10:00 a.m. Room 511 Parenting/Adult Mentoring Series 1: Raising a Justice Seeking Christian Kid in an Interfaith and Diverse World; taught by Rev. Jen James.	
Sunday, September 17, 10:00 a.m. Room 520 David & Amy Gillies, Capital Appeal Co-Chairs; and Rebecca Davis, Trustees President will be leading.	

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Opportunities for Service

7-2-9 Club – Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), September through 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

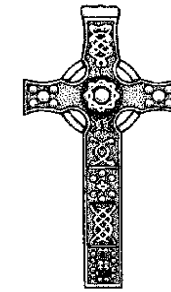
The Peace Candle – Visitors are invited to take a Peace Candle home to their congregations. Candles are at the back, right side, of the sanctuary. Please sign the note card there, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Marilyn Seiber, 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 Faith on Tap, Bible Study, other fellowship and service activities, or to be added to the e-mail list, contact Helen Anthony (shanthon@ncsu.edu) or Taylor Allison (taylorallison93@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.

September 10, 2017
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

"Prelude on "Hyfrydol"
 Gerhard Krapf
 Samantha Scheff, Organ

Introit

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
 Tune of Hyfrydol

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come together, joining hands and hearts.
 Let our hands be links of the chain, which hold our lives together

**All: Not a chain of bondage but a silver cord of strength,
 a ribbon of love and faith and community,**

Leader: Giving us slack to sail in the wind,
 yet holding us in a mystical embrace,

**All: That we may be alone but never lonely,
 that we may be together but never lost in a crowd,
 that we may be one without forfeiting uniqueness.**

Leader: Come together, joining hands and hearts,

**All: And let the Spirit of God and the human spirit
 flow in each one and through us all
 as we gather here to share this time and space
 and as we walk together on the journey.**

*Opening Hymn

#301, "Let Us Build a House"
 Two Oaks

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we have not loved You with all our heart, our soul, our strength and our mind. We have not loved our neighbors with a deep and abiding compassion. And we have not loved ourselves and cared for our own truest needs. Transform our whole beings, enliven our complacency, and heal our wounded broken places so that with Your Spirit we may be forgiven, even as we forgive ourselves and others. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ who brings us love that has no end. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

*Response

All are invited to join in moving as we sing by following the leaders.

#591, (Refrain), "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

Halle, Halle

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Repeat once

**Please stand, if able*

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Ruth 1:6-18, page 230, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“Gracious Spirit Dwell in Me”

K. Lee

Second Lesson

John 15:12-17, page 103, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Time for Children and Their Friends Blessing of the Backpacks

God of love, bless all You have gathered here today. Bless our children and students as they go to school this year. Bless our teachers, assistants, and mentors. Help us all know that wherever we go, we are supported, protected and encouraged by you. Help us all be teachers and students. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Sermon “Not Just Allies, But Friends” Dr. Alice Ogden Bellis

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#324, “For All the Faithful Women”

Nyland

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission	Coffee Fellowship	Nurture
	8:45 a.m. Meg House	
	11:00 a.m. Courtney Spearman	

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“When in Our Music, God is Glorified”

Tune of Engelberg, arr. Hal Hopson

*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

O God, through the offering of these gifts may we become a more open people. May we be open-minded in hearing Your Word and wisdom, open-hearted in healing a broken world, open handed in heeding Your call for charity and enacted love. With thanks for all good gifts, we present a portion of our substance and the whole of ourselves. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader

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

#761, “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

Beecher

- 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.**
- 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.**
- 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.**
- So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow
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

“Toccata”

William Byrd

*The Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession and Dedication are adapted from [Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship](#) edited by Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi.

We wish to thank Samantha Scheff and Purev Arslanbaatar for leading the music in this morning’s worship while Dr. Engebretson is away in New York.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of the teachers and volunteers of the NYAPC Christian Education program.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for the Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma victims—for the rescued and rescuers; for volunteers and relief supplies; for government policies and efforts that will need to persevere in the months ahead to restore housing, transportation, communication, medical, and other services desperately needed by the displaced.

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Warren Krug	Tamara Saltman
Tour Guide	John O'Brien	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Rev. Alice Tewell	Karen Dunlap

Counters	
September 10	John Schultheis and Adam Bain
September 17	Barb Dornan and Martha Davis
September 26	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

Preaching Schedule	
September 17	Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader
September 24	Rev. Alice R. Tewell
October 1	Rev. Dr. Hector Mendez

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 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 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 nametag on either kiosk on one of the next two Sundays. Nametags are just one more way NYAPC strives to be a welcoming presence in Washington.

Embodied Prayer in Today’s Worship: Halle, Halle

Offering ourselves to God in worship as a community can take on an additional layer of meaning when we involve our entire body in our prayer and praise. This Sunday and for several more upcoming Sundays we will practice ‘Halle Halle’ following the exchange of peace as a way to deepen our connection with God – through our physicality.