

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.	
<b>Today, 10:00 a.m. Room 511</b> <b>Parenting/Adult Mentoring Series 1:</b> Raising a Justice Seeking Christian Kid in an Interfaith and Diverse World; taught by Rev. Jen James.	
<b>Today, 10:00 a.m. Room 520</b> <b>Capital Appeal Class</b> David & Amy Gillies, Capital Appeal Co-Chairs; and Rebecca Davis, Trustees President	
<b>Sunday, September 24, 10:00 a.m. Room 511</b> <b>Parenting/ Adult Mentoring Series 2:</b> When Sickness and Trauma Happen, Rev. Matthew Schlageter, Chaplain Children's Hospital Washington DC and Parish Associate NYAPC	
<b>Sunday, September 24, 10:00 a.m. Room 520</b> <b>Capital Appeal Class</b> Lead by David & Amy Gillies, Capital Appeal Co-Chairs; and Rebecca Davis, Trustees President	

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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](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, [robinsleanor@hotmail.com](mailto: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](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 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](mailto:shanthon@ncsu.edu)) or Taylor Allison ([taylorallison93@gmail.com](mailto: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](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.

**September 17, 2017**  
**8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### Prelude

"Air in F Major"  
G. F. Handel

#### Introit

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"  
Mit Freuden zart

#### \*Lincoln Chimes

### I. The Community Gathers for Worship

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome one, welcome all. Welcome to worship!

**All: We have come to worship God, the God who is with us in joy and in sorrow, the God who is with us in good times...and in hard times. God is good.**

Leader: God is trustworthy. God knows us as we truly are, and God loves us still. We don't have to pretend; we can relax in God's presence. God will speak to us, God will comfort us, God will guide us. Are we listening? Are we waiting expectantly?

**All: Yes, we want to hear from God. We ask the Spirit of God to fill us—with love, with wisdom, with energy; we want God to use us as healers in the world.**

Leader: Breathe in the love of God. Do not be afraid. Let God's joy and peace reign in your lives, and be thankful.

**All: Together, we rejoice in the Lord. Halleluia! Thanks be to God!**

#### \*Opening Hymn

#331, "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"  
National Hymn

#### Prayer of Confession

**God of all people, You created the world good, and You have brought us into community with one another. Yet too often we are preoccupied with ourselves and do not love our neighbors as You have commanded us. We treat some people as though they do not matter, and we judge by outward appearances, instead of seeing their hearts. Forgive us for all the ways we have wounded Your children, and fill us with Your Spirit of love and tenderness. Turn us around when we are headed the wrong way, and open our ears to hear Your voice, that we might follow and honor You all the days of our lives.**

#### Silent Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon

#### \*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

Proverbs 3:5-10, page 553, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

“You are Mine”

David Haas

### Time for Children and Their Friends

### Peacemaking

### Second Lesson

Acts 16:6-15, page 116, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **“Lord, What Do You Have For Me Today?”**

Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### Moment for Meditation

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding...”*  
-Proverbs 3:5, NKJV

### \*Sermon Hymn

#450, “Be Thou My Vision”

Slane

### Ordination and Installation of New Officers

### \*Passing of the Peace

### Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission **“Njoro”** Njoro Steering Committee

### Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

“In That Great Gettin’ Up Morning”

Spiritual, arr. Jester Hairston

Purev Arslanbaatar, Soloist

### \*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

**Gracious God, as You have blessed us, may we be a blessing to others. Use these gifts, this church, and our lives to bring light and hope to the world. May Your mercy abound to all in need, and show us what You would have us do. In the name of Jesus, we pray. 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

#65, “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWM Rhondda

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.**
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.**
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.**

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

### \*Congregational Response

**Alleluia! Amen!**

### Postlude

“The Rejoicing”

G. F. Handel

We wish to thank Purev Arslanbaatar for his participation as our soloist this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by Carol Casperson in memory of **John Johnson, Maynard and Clara Johnson, Paul C. Casperson, Carl L. and Kathryn Casperson, and Carl C. Casperson.**

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for the Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Jose 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.
<b>Liturgist</b>	Paul Dornan	Len Shabman
<b>Tour Guide</b>	David Powell	Len Shabman
<b>Worship Play</b>	Courtney Spearman and Rev. Alice Tewell	Rev. Alice Tewell and Karen Dunlap

Counters	
<b>September 17</b>	Barb Dornan and Martha Davis
<b>September 26</b>	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

Preaching Schedule	
<b>September 24</b>	Rev. Alice R. Tewell
<b>October 1</b>	Rev. Dr. Hector Mendez
<b>October 8</b>	Rev. Roger J. Gench
<b>October 15</b>	Rev. Roger J. Gench

### 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 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’ as a way to deepen our connection with God – through our physicality.