

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.	
Sunday, September 24, 10:00 a.m. Room 511 Parenting/ Adult Mentoring Series 2: When Sickness and Trauma Happen, Rev. Matthew Schlageter, Chaplain Children's Hospital Washington DC and Parish Associate NYAPC	
Sunday, September 24, 10:00 a.m. Room 520 Capital Appeal Class Lead by David & Amy Gillies, Capital Appeal Co-Chairs; and Rebecca Davis, Trustees President	
Sunday, October 1, 10:00 a.m. Room 511 Faith in Times of Crisis Rev. Héctor Méndez, Pastor Emeritus, First Presbyterian-Reformed Church of Havana	
Sunday, October 8, 10:00 a.m. Room 511 Burial Rituals in Yemen: Negotiating Death During War Sama'a Al Hamdani, Journalist & Founder of Yemeniatiy <i>Death & The Afterlife Series</i>	

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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@gmail.com.

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@gmail.com 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 24, 2017
 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

“Bist du bei mir (Be Thou With Me)”
 J.S.Bach

Introit

“God is Calling through the Whisper”
 Polish Tune, Wilbur Lee

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: In the name of God,

All: Wondrous, mysterious, marvelous.

Leader: In the name of Jesus,

All: Among us, beyond us, with us.

Leader: In the name of the Spirit,

All: Strange, startling, shaking;

Leader: We are called to worship.

All: We come to lift our hearts and minds, to open our lips and our lives, to celebrate our God.

Leader: God calls us to God's way in our time.

All: We accept that call seeking the ways of God's wisdom and strength.

*Opening Hymn

#174, “Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom”
 Madeleine

Prayer of Confession

God who is wisdom, make us each an instrument of Your love. May we see each circumstance in our lives as an opportunity to grow closer to You. Knowing Your eternal love and forgiveness, we bring You our confessions. We ask that where we have been impatient, You would help us become more patient. We ask that where we have been unkind and unloving, that our hearts would turn toward You. We ask that where we have become full of anger, that You would show us how to see each person as Your beloved creation. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

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

Mark 9:30-37, page 42, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“How Lovely are the Messengers,” from **St. Paul**
Felix Mendelssohn

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Proverbs 31:10-31, page 579, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Women of Valor: “Eshet chayil (E-shet-hi-yil)”
Rev. Alice R. Tewell

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#201, “A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar”
How Can I Keep From Singing

Sacrament of Baptism Marin Ella Laskowski 8:45 a.m. See insert.

Reception of New Members 11:00 a.m. See insert.

*Passing of the Peace

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission “Church Assessment Tool (CAT)” Session

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:45 a.m. Please gather around the table for giving and prayer.

11:00 a.m. "Lord, God of Abraham," and
"Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord," from **Elijah**
Felix Mendelssohn
David Williams, Baritone

*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, the giver of wisdom, accept these gifts for Your church, for this community, and for our work in Your world. Grant us discerning hearts, so that we may use our own wealth wisely. We give knowing that every good gift comes from You. We pray that we may be good stewards of Your gifts to us. In Jesus name 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

#351, “All Who Love and Serve Your City”
Charlestown

- 1 **All who love and serve your city,
all who bear its daily stress,
all who cry for peace and justice,
all who curse and all who bless:**
- 2 **In your day of wealth and plenty,
wasted work and wasted play,
call to mind the word of Jesus,
"You must work while it is day."**
- 3 **For all days are days of judgment,
and the Lord is waiting still,
drawing near a world that spurns him,
offering peace from Calvary's hill.**
- 4 **Risen Lord, shall yet the city
be the city of despair?
Come today, our judge, our glory.
Be its name “The Lord is there!”**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Voluntary in F Major”
Fanny Mendelssohn

We wish to thank **David Williams** for his participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in memory of **Andrew Dornan** by Molly and Mike Smith.

The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds us to pray for New Beginnings — for those affected by hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, fire; for those suffering illness, job loss, bereavement; for those embarked on a new school year; for those needing help and encouragement to start afresh. We pray for God’s peace and love.

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Mary Spatz	Robert Savage
Tour Guide	Barry Tindal	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Karen Dunlap and Dawn Hill	Karen Dunlap

Counters	
September 26	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

Preaching Schedule	
October 1	Rev. Dr. Hector Mendez
October 8	Rev. Roger J. Gench
October 15	Rev. Roger J. Gench
October 22	Rev. Roger J. Gench

Information for Sunday Visitors

Garage parking has been extended to 3:00 p.m. today.

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