

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.	
Today, 10:00 a.m., Room 511 Reflections on Advent: Ancient and Modern Church History, Part 1&2 Phil Bolles, New York Avenue Presbyterian Church	


Single Service Sunday Worship

Sunday, December 17 at 10 a.m.: To celebrate our Children and Youth's Christmas Pageant, we will have a single service at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Alice Rose Tewell will give a short meditation.

Sunday, December 24 and December 31 at 10 a.m.: Single Service at 10 a.m.

Christmas Eve Services

Join us on the evening of Sunday, December 24, 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

	Ministers:	The Congregation
	Pastor:	Roger Joseph Gench, Ph.D. rfgench@mindspring.com
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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, robinsseleanor@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.

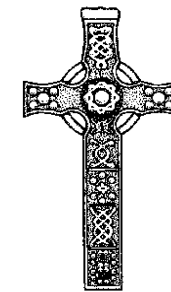
Triangle Park Committee – Working with the National Park Service to ensure maintenance and oversee the flower and plant beds along the church wall, we meet 4-6 times a year, conduct business via email, and schedule work days as needed. Contact Marilyn Seiber, mjs1wan2@gmail.com or Barry Tindall, barrytindall@verizon.net.

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).

NYAPC Parent's Listserve – For more information about ministry for infants to high schoolers, or to be added to the email list, contact Associate Pastor Alice Tewell (alice.tewell@nyapc.org).

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, 20-30 minutes before a Sunday service greeting and then 15-20 minutes after, 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 Helen Anthony at shanthon@ncsu.edu 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.

December 10, 2017
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent

Selections from Messiah

by George Frederick Handel
The New York Avenue Sanctuary Choir and Soloists
David J. Brown, Gray Dickerson, Sheyna Burt, Michael Hermann,
Peter Ostle, Orchestra

Prelude

8:45 a.m. "He Shall Feed His Flock and Come Unto Him"
Martha Davis and Whitney McColley
11:00 a.m. "The People that Walked in Darkness"
Nathan Moon

Introit

"Comfort Ye, my People"
Purev Arslanbaatar, Tenor
11:00 a.m. "Every Valley"
Ian Elder, Tenor

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*The Lighting of Advent Candles: The Candle of Peace

8:45 a.m. **Kirsten Wall and Astrid and Richard Brigham Karin, Nat, Annabel, and George Rotchford**
11:00 a.m. **Joon, Heather, Anna and Joshua Choi**

*Call to Worship

(Luke 1:76-79)

Leader: Greetings in the name of Christ to this second Sunday of Advent.
All: This Advent as we light the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, we will remember the promises of God with prayer.

Leader: Today we light this candle of hope. We light this candle for peace. Hear Zechariah's song of hope for peace to the Christ child.

All: "You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Leader: God of hope, God of peace, You speak peace into the world through the way of the Christ-child. Help us to live as peacemakers that we may be called children of God.

All: God of promise, God of peace, into our darkness come. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

#104, "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"
Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

**Please stand, if able*

Prayer of Confession

To You O Lord we bring our lives, troubled, broken or at ease, a sacrificial offering for You to use. We pray that You take away our selfishness and teach us to love as You loved. Take away our sense of pride and show us the meaning of humility. Take away our blindness and show us the world through Your eyes. Take away our greed and teach us how to give as You gave. Show us Your ways, teach us Your paths, that we might walk with You more closely. Our hand in Your hand. Our feet in Your footsteps; from the baby in a stable to eternity, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Response

#95, “Prepare the Way of the Lord”
Prepare the Way
**Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see
the salvation of our God.**

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Mark 1:1-8, pages 32-33, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“And the Glory of the Lord”

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

2 Peter 3:8-15, page 224, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “A Home for Justice” Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#83, “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
Stuttgart

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission Vision 20/20 Capital Appeal Dedication

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:45 a.m. Please gather around the table for giving and prayer.
11:00 a.m. “For Unto Us a Child is Born”

*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

Ever-faithful God, we long to be faithful givers, modeling ourselves on You who have given everything to us. May Your Spirit of abundance, which gives more than we ask or imagine, grace these gifts for Your kingdom in Jesus’ name, 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

#106, “Prepare the Way, O Zion”
Bereden Väg För Herran

**1 Prepare the way, O Zion,
your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley
a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory,
foretold in sacred story.**

**Refrain O blest is Christ who came
in God’s most holy name.**

**2 He brings God’s rule, O Zion;
he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding,
for grace and joy abounding. [Refrain]**

**3 Fling wide your gates, O Zion;
your Savior’s rule embrace,
and tidings of salvation
proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow rejoicing,
their adoration voicing. [Refrain]**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

8:45 a.m. “Fugue in C Major”
G. F. Handel
11:00 a.m. “His Yoke is Easy”

*The liturgy for this service comes from the Presbyterian Mission Agency (Call to Worship) and Faithandworship.org (Confession), and UnitingChurch.org (Dedication).

We wish to thank our Sanctuary Choir, Soloists, and Orchestra for their participation in worship this morning. Their beautiful presentation of **Messiah** is most appreciated!

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by Jay Davenport in loving memory of his parents, **Jay H. and Lillian Davenport.**

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray on this second Sunday of Advent for **Peace** to come to this world and our hearts, that the peace of Christ will reign.

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Mary Spatz	Beth Braxton
Tour Guide	Joe Riley	John O’Brien
Worship Play	Rev. Alice Tewell	Rev. Alice Tewell

Counters	
December 10	Martha Davis and John Schultheis
December 17	ShuXian McKenna and Adam Bain
December 26	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
January 2	Jim Martin and Dan Stokes

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.