

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

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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. Contact Tom Karr or Shamika Bradley at 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 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, 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 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).

**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 chairs 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 pbdornan@aol.com.



## Celebration of Worship

The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church welcomes all people into community, worship, service and leadership.

December 3, 2017

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent and Communion

Prelude

“Voluntary on “Nun komm, der heiden Heiland”  
Charles Callahan

Introit

“People, Look East”  
Tune of Besançon

\* Lincoln Chimes

### I. The Community Gathers for Worship

\*The Lighting of Advent Candles: The Candle of Hope

8:45 a.m. Craig, Renee, Elsa and Genevieve Berry

11:00 a.m. Jen, Patrick, and Josh Fowkes

Call to Worship

(Isaiah 2:2-4)

Leader: Greetings in the name of Christ to this first Sunday of Advent. During Advent we watch and wait for Christ's coming.

**People: This Advent, as we light the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, we will remember the promises of God with prayer.**

Leader: We light this candle of hope and listen to God's promise of hope from the prophet Isaiah.

**People: In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.**

Leader: Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”

**People: For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem**

Leader: He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

**People: They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nor will they learn war anymore.**

Leader: God of hope, out of death you bring life. Renew us in hope, so that we may be alert to the dawning of Christ's advent among us.

**People: God of promise and hope, into our darkness come. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn

#87, “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”  
Genevan

Prayer of Confession

**God of the the Advent story of hope and mystery, we come to Your confessing our sins, the ways we have separated ourselves from You. In this season of anticipation and preparation, we have busied ourselves with the ways of the world rather than the ways of Your kingdom. We have ignored those in need attending to our own needs first. We have stood silent in the face of atrocities. We pray that You forgive us of our sins and open our hearts and minds to Your coming Savior, the hope of this world. Amen.**

\*Please stand, if able

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**\*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.**

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

**First Lesson**

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13, page 514, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

Advent Procession on “Savior of the Nations, Come”

Nun komm, der heiden Heiland, arr. McIntyre

**Time for Children and Their Friends**

**Second Lesson**

Isaiah 40:1-11, pages 627-628, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **“Out of Exile”** Rev. Roger J. Gench

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

**\*Sermon Hymn**

#88 (*verses 1, 2, 6 and 7*), “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Veni Emmanuel

**Concerns of the Church**

Moment for Mission **Alternative Christmas** Marilyn Seiber

**Offertory**

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Arr. Fissinger

**\*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**

Thank You, God of Hope, for the promise of this season. We are grateful for the generosity aroused in us by Christ’s coming into the world. May these gifts represent a spirit of joyous sharing among us, for the sake of all Your children everywhere. Amen.

**Service of Communion**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Litany of Thanksgiving**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

*It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, eternal God our creator and redeemer. In Your wisdom, You made all things and sustain them by Your power....Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name.*

**Response**

#595, “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Argentine Santo

**Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!**

**My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!**

*You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. He shares our life in every way, and though tempted, was sinless to the end. Baptized as Your own, he went willingly to his death and by Your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, You gave birth to Your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit ... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Empowered by the Spirit, let us now offer the prayer our Lord taught us, saying:*

**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.**

**Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements**

*Participants in the communion proceed down the aisles to the servers, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and partake. Please return to your pew via the side aisles. Those unable to come forward will be offered the bread and the cup at their seats. (There is a Gluten Free communion set available; raise your hand for a pastor to respond.)*

**Prayer After Communion**

God of grace, You have called us to the holy table of the Lord, to proclaim his death and receive his gift of life. Help us to remember Christ’s self-offering with thanksgiving and praise. Open our hearts and minds to a vision of his love, and pour into our souls the fullness of his grace. As we offer ourselves to You, let us go forth to live and serve as those whose lives are not our own but belong to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and 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**

“Wake, Awake! For Night is Flying”

Phillipp Nicolai, arr. Eliot

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

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in celebration of the birthday of Nancy Dickinson by her daughter, Cindy Dickinson, and granddaughter, Alice Dickinson.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray in this beginning of Advent Season that God’s world will be filled with Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love for all.

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Liturgist</b>	Meg House	Rob Neill
<b>Tour Guide</b>	Marilyn Seiber	Barry Tindall
<b>Worship Play</b>	Caroline White and Rev. Alice Tewell	Rev. Alice Tewell

Counters	
<b>December 3</b>	ShuXian McKenna and Adam Bain
<b>December 10</b>	Martha David and John Schultheis
<b>December 17</b>	ShuXian McKenna and Adam Bain
<b>December 26</b>	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

**Information for Visitors**

Garage parking is extended to 4:00 p.m. at 1399 NY Ave.