

Adult Sunday School	
Gathered for Prayer	January 7, 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.	
January 7 and 14, 10:00 a.m., Room 511	
Raising Justice Seeking Kids and Youth: Inequality and Class; Consumerism and Marketing Rev. Dr. Emily Peck McClain, Wesley Theological Seminary.	

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Young Adult Volunteer :	Clare Forrister yav@nyapc.org	

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 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 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 31, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Christmastide

Prelude

“Carol Prelude”
Traditional

Introit

“New Year’s Carol”
Benjamin Britten

* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome to this time of quiet expectation.

People: **We have come here from extremely busy times.**

Leader: Come and find rest. Come and find hope.

People: **This is the last day of this year;
we do not know what is to come.**

Leader: Do not fear. Look with eager joy
for the presence of the Lord in your life.

People: **Open our eyes, ears, and hearts,
O Lord, to receive your message of hope for us.**

*Opening Hymn

#366, (verses 1-3) “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
Hyfrydol

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you have asked us to feed and give drink to those who hunger, to clothe those who are naked, to welcome the stranger, to visit those who are sick and imprisoned. When we look back on this year we might be able to say we did some of those things. We remember the enthusiasm with which we started out this waning year, ready to do your work and witness to your love. But you know how things got in our way. We allowed ourselves to be swallowed up by worries and fear. We placed comfort of self before service to others. We took the "easy way out" whenever we could. Now we are on the brink of the new year. We cannot change what we did not do, but we can make a covenant with you to be your witnesses in our words, thoughts and deeds to your people so that when you say, "Have you given food and drink to those who hunger and thirst, have you clothed the naked, welcomed the stranger, visited the sick and imprisoned?" We can respond with a joyful "Yes! Lord, we have done these things with joy and love!" Forgive us what we have not done. Inspire us to do what you would have us do. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

*Please stand, if able

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*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Response

#366, (verse 4) “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Isaiah 61:10-62:3 pages 650-651, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Sweet Little Jesus Boy”
Traditional Spiritual
Manuel Melendez, Tenor

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Galatians 4:4-7, page 178, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “A New Covenant” Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#110, “Love has come: a light in the darkness!”
Bring a Torch

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Let Every Heart”
Cary Ratclife

*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

Blessed are You, God of all creation;
through Your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of Your kingdom.
Blessed be God forever. 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

#136, “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”
Go Tell It

Refrain Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

- 1 While shepherds kept their watching
o’er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. [Refrain]
- 2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior’s birth. [Refrain]
- 3 Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Toccata in F Major”
Daniel Gawthrop

The poinsettias in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in memory and honor of friends and family of the congregation as listed in the bulletin insert.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for a New Year of peace, concern, and caring for everyone, that love will guide our actions and words toward others.

10:00 a.m.	
Liturgist	Kristin Ford
Tour Guide	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Rev. Alice Tewell

Counters	
January 2	Adam Bain and ShuXian McKena

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.