

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.	
NYAPC Raising Justice Seeking Kids and Youth 2018 Series Last September, we offered two Adult Education classes focusing on raising children and youth. This January and February, we will continue that series with seven additional classes digging deeper at the issues, including inequality, GLBTQ celebration, systemic racism, and raising differently abled kids/ youth. Classes will run from 10:10-10:55 in Room 511. We encourage parents to drop off kids/ youth at gathering time and come upstairs. This series is meant for parents, grandparents, teachers, and others around the church who wish to minister to our kids and youth!	
January 7 and 14, 10:00 a.m., Room 511 Inequality, Privilege and Consumerism Rev. Dr. Emily Peck McClain, Wesley Theological Seminary We will spend two Sundays looking at class and economic differences/divides between people in this country as well as marketing and consumerism and how these factor in to decisions we make as parents and mentors of children and teenagers. We will navigate the sometimes-stormy waters of needs, wants, expectations, pressures, and hopes around buying, having, and giving. This part of the Raising Justice Seeking Kids and Youth series will include learning information on January 7 and putting what we have learned together in our faith practice on January 14.	

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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 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. Please 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 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/1OEPH6r>. 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.

January 7, 2018
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Baptism of the Lord

Prelude

“How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”
Dietrich Buxtehude

Introit

“As with Gladness, Men of Old”
Tune of Dik

* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship

(Psalm 29)

Leader: Ascribe to our GOD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to our GOD glory and strength.

NY Ave Side: Ascribe to our GOD a glorious name;
worship our GOD in holy splendor.

H Street Side: *The voice of our GOD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.*

NY Ave Side: The voice of our GOD is powerful;
the voice of our GOD is full of majesty.

H Street Side: *The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.*

NY Ave Side: God makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

H Street Side: *The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.*

NY Ave Side:

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

H Street Side: *The voice of our GOD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in God's temple all say, "Glory!"*

NY Ave Side: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
Our GOD sits enthroned as ruler forever.

Leader: May our GOD give strength to the people!
May the LORD bless the people with peace!

*Opening Hymn

#475, “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
Nettleton

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in baptism, You promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In Your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises You make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, Lord, have mercy. One God, now and forever. Amen.

*Please stand, if able

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***Assurance of Pardon**

***Passing of the Peace**

***Response**

#291, “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”
Spirit
**Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5, page 1, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“Pilgrims’ Hymn”
Stephen Paulus

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Mark 1:4-11, pages 32-33, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Heaven’s Breaking Through” Rev. Alice R. Tewell

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn**

#484, “Out of Deep, Unordered Water”
Rustington

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission Kenya Mission Trip Beth Braxton

Offertory

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

11:00 a.m. “Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”

Francis Bland Tucker

***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 of grace, we stand by the river giving thanks for
Your gift of grace given to us in baptism. Show us
how to live our lives as bearers of peace, justice and
comfort to all the world, 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**

#488, (verses 1-3) “I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”
Waterlife

- "I was there to hear your borne cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."**
- "When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk 'till rising sun."**
- "In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in,
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise."**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Vieux Noël”
César Franck

**The Call to Worship was written by Rev. Rosemary McCombs Maxey in Seeking Higher Ground,
Service Prayers for Baptism of Christ Sunday.*

We wish to thank Samantha Scheff for her participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in appreciation for the
volunteers who serve as ushers and greeters.

The red rose on the Communion Table this morning is to welcome and celebrate
the birth on December 28 of Wyatt William Baer, son of Devon and Neal Baer and
grandson of Marilyn Seiber and the late William Noellert and Nancy and Neal Baer.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray on this Epiphany Sunday for the
wisdom of the Three Kings to honor and celebrate Jesus, Christ the King, and to bring
this honor and love to all mankind.

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Miriam Dewhurst	Tamara Saltman
Tour Guide	David Powell	Paul Dornan
Worship Play	Karen Dunlap	Karen Dunlap

Counters	
January 7	Barbara Dornan and Dan Stokes
January 16	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
January 21	John Schultheis and ShuXian McKenna