

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.	
Cross Examinations, with Rev. Roger Gench Today through March 25, 10:00 a.m., Room 511	
Rev. Roger Gench is leading a 5-week Lenten series on the cross. The class uses the former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams' book "The Sign and the Sacrifice: The Meaning of the Cross and Resurrection" as a resource.	

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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. 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/1OEP6r>. 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.

February 25, 2018
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Lent

Prelude

“Voluntary in D Major”
Gordon Young

Introit

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
Ludwig van Beethoven

* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Pilgrims, we are invited to journey
through this season of Lent

People: towards the One who calls us each by a new name.

Leader: Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us,

People: pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.

Leader: Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,

**People: whose promises take on flesh
and blood in the good news called Jesus.**

*Opening Hymn

#166, “Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days”
St. Flavian

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against You
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In Your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in Your will
and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

**Please stand, if able*

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***Response**

#286, (verse 5) “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”
Trentham

- 1 **Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Psalm 22:23-31, page 474, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“Praise the Lord, ye Heavens Adore Him”
Arr. David Huff

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Mark 8:31-38, page 41, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **“Gifts from Heaven”** Rev. Robert Craig

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn**

#655, “What Shall I Render to the Lord”
Martyrdom

Sacrament of Baptism *Elisabeth (Elsa) Merrill Berry
and Genevieve Marie Berry*
8:45 a.m. See insert.

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

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

11:00 a.m. “A Gaelic Blessing”
John Rutter

***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**

Compassionate God, we offer You these gifts as signs of our time and labor. Receive the offering of our lives so that the ministry of Christ might continue and all Creation might find unending life in Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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**

#175, “Seek Ye First”
Lafferty

- 1 **Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu Alleluia**

- 2 **Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu Alleluia**

- 3 **You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu Alleluia**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Postlude in Classic Style”
Gordon Young

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by the Dewhurst family in loving memory of Miriam’s mother, **Mary Mitchell**.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for the children and families suffering from gun violence, victims of gun tragedies whose lives are cut short, and the politicians and governing officers who have the power to protect them and change this country’s gun culture.

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Meg House	Len Shabman
Tour Guide	David Powell	Barry Tindall
Worship Play	Karen Dunlap	Karen Dunlap

Counters	
February 25	Barbara Dornan and Adam Bain
March 6	Martha Davis and John Schultheis
March 13	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

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, 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 yours, please fill out a blank form with your name in the envelopes on either nametag kiosk in the narthex and the church entryway on the first floor. You will find your nametag on either kiosk on a following Sunday. Nametags are one more way NYAPC strives to be a welcoming presence in Washington.