

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/1OEPPh6r>. 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.

March 11, 2018
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Prelude

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”
J. S. Bach

Introit

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
Rockingham

* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship

written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on **Bruce Prewer's** Homepage. <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

Leader: The grace of Christ Jesus be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: We each have a right to be here, a right not based on our righteousness but on God's free grace.

People: O give thanks to our God who is good, whose saving love endures forever.

Leader: Let those who are redeemed by God declare it, rescued from trouble and gathered from many lands;

People: From the east and from the west, from the north and from the south, give thanks to God who is always good!

*Opening Hymn

#215, “What Wondrous Love Is This”
Wondrous Love

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

Numbers 21:4-9, page 134, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”
G. F. Handel

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

John 3:14-21, page 88, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **“Snakebit, Take 5”** Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn**

#213, “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”
Rathbun

Reception of New Members 11:00 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. “Verleih’ uns Frieden”

Felix Mendelssohn

Translation:

Grant us peace graciously, Lord God, in our time; there is indeed no other who could fight for us than You, our God, alone.

***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**

Giving God, You bless us from generation to generation with the new life of Easter faith. All that we have and all that we are come from You, O God. We gladly share this offering that others too may be blessed for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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**

#227, “Jesus, Remember Me”

Remember Me

Jesus, remember me

when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me

When you come into your kingdom. [Repeat four times]

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Forty Days and Forty Nights”

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich, arr. Leo Sowerby

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 loving memory of **Marion B. Seiber** on the occasion of her March 5 birthday by her daughter, Marilyn Seiber.

The red roses on the Communion Table this morning are to welcome and celebrate the birth of **Matteo Victor Ajello McGlothlin**, son of Andrea Ajello and Cameron McGlothlin, on February 20, 2018 and the birth of **Huw Thomas Davies**, son of the Reverend Jessica Tate and John Davies, on February 28, 2018.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for everyone affected by recent storms, enduring power outages, damaged or destroyed homes, lives disrupted or lost—and not to forget the Puerto Ricans still struggling to recover from last fall’s hurricanes.

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Mary Nell Clark	John Gagosian
Tour Guide	Paul Dornan	John O’Brien
Worship Play	Karen Dunlap	Karen Dunlap

Counters	
March 13	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
March 18	John Schultheis and ShuXian McKenna
March 25	Barbara Dornan and Adam Bain
April 3	Martha Davis and John Schultheis

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.

Embodied Prayer in Today’s Worship: Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Offering ourselves to God in worship, as a community, can take on an additional layer of meaning when we involve our entire body in our prayer and praise. This Sunday, and for several more upcoming Sundays, we will practice ‘Breathe on Me, Breath of God’ following the exchange of peace as a way to deepen our connection with God – through our physicality.

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 josephthierry@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.