

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, March 18, Bible Study with Cuba Partners and Rev. Frances Gench, 10:00 a.m., Room 520 Join Rev. Frances Taylor Gench and those traveling to Cuba during Holy Week for a Bible study of John 13 ("Adventures in Footwashing"). The NYAPC delegation to First Havana will have an opportunity to engage in Bible study of this text with our Cuba partners during their visit, and can thus share our reflections!	
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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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 pbdornan@aol.com.



Celebration of Worship

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

March 18, 2018
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Prelude

“Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder,”
 (Ah Lord, poor sinner that I am)
 Johann Pachelbel

Introit

You are My Refuge, Faithful God (Psalm 31)
 "Morning Song,"
 Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813

* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship written by Thom Shuman, and posted on his [Lectionary Liturgies](#) blog. Visit there for many other excellent lectionary-based resources.

Leader: Each day is a gift from God,
People: **each moment is that opportunity to reach out in service to all creation.**

Leader: Each day is a reminder of the new covenant:
People: **not written on stone tablets easily broken, but inscribed on our hearts filled with joy and hope.**

Leader: Each day we draw closer to God:
People: **who has forgotten more than we ever learn; who has forgiven us more than we ever acknowledge.**

*Opening Hymn

#69, "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"
 Here I Am

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** *All are invited to join in simple movement by following the leaders up front.*

#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 51:1-12, pages 492-493, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

A Lenten Meditation
"Herzliebster Jesu"
Johann Crüger, arr. Fleming

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34, page 691, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Becoming Just" Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#691, "Lord, When I came into This Life"
Land of Rest

Commissioning of Cuba Mission Trip

8:45 a.m.

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. "Festival Te Deum"

Benjamin Britten
Whitney McColley, Soprano
Samantha Scheff, Organ

*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

Abundant God: You cause water to flow in desert places. You give wine to flow at a wedding feast, and food to feed five thousand on a grassy mountainside. Your generosity astounds and humbles us. We bow before You in gratitude and awe, asking You to receive what we have brought in response. May these gifts be a pleasing and fragrant offering, for the sake of the world You came to save. We pray in Your holy name. 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

#90, "Wait for the Lord"

Traditional

Wait for the Lord,

whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart. [Repeat twice]

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

"Vater unser im Himmelreich," (Our Father in Heaven)

Johann Pachelbel

We wish to thank **Samantha Scheff** and **Whitney McColley** for their participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in memory of **Mildred Mogul** by her family, Rebecca Davis, Glenn and Abby Davis and great granddaughter, Margaret Davis, to commemorate what would have been her 98th birthday on February 24, 2018. Milly was a career woman, accomplished stock picker and talented musician. We are grateful for her life and love.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for partner church First Presbyterian-Reformed Church of Havana, their new pastor, Rev. Liudmila Hernández and the NYAPC delegation visiting March 19-26 that will celebrate **Palm Sunday** in worship with the First Havana congregation.

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Sam Neill	John O'Brien
Tour Guide	Len Shabman	John O'Brien
Worship Play	Karen Dunlap	Karen Dunlap

Counters	
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.