

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.	
<b>Cross Examinations, with Rev. Roger Gench</b> Today, 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 pbdornanp@aol.com.



## Celebration of Worship

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

March 25, 2018  
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Palm/Passion Sunday

### Prelude

"Processional" from The Crucifixion  
John Stainer

### Introit

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"  
Tune of St. Drostan, 1862

### \* Lincoln Chimes

## I. The Community Gathers for Worship

### Call to Worship

Leader: Hosanna!

People: **Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Leader: We gather together,

People: **Waving palms of joy,**

Leader: Waving branches of peace,

People: **Eager to see Jesus, anxious for his healing touch, hoping to receive a blessing.**

Leader: We gather together,

People: **Waving palms of joy,**

Leader: Waving branches of praise,

People: **Longing to know abiding peace in the midst of pressing worry and hurry, longing to be accepted for who we are instead of being judged for not being or doing enough.**

Leader: We gather together,

People: **Waving palms of joy,**

Leader: Waving branches of peace,

People: **Hoping we are ready to walk with Jesus through the night of anguish, the morning of accusations, the noon of despair, the hours of darkness.**

Leader: We gather together,

People: **Waving palms of joy,**

Leader: Waving branches of prayer,

People: **Walking toward Easter.**

### \*Opening Hymn

#196, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"  
Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

*\*Please stand, if able*

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## Prayer of Confession

God of light, wellspring of inexhaustible energy, exuberance and love, as we approach the holiest of weeks with palm branches in one hand and thorns in the other, we come here to confess how we have sinned against You. We confess that our hope is dulled by habit, our hearing dimmed by contentment. We have been so preoccupied with our own lives that we have failed to see Your sacred beauty all around us. We have fallen asleep to our call as Your disciples. We pray that You, O God, would show us how to open our minds and hearts to Your grace, beauty and call on each of us. Grant us great expectations, openness and vigilance, that we may say, “Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears.” Amen.

### \*Assurance of Pardon

### \*Passing of the Peace

**\*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

Philippians 2:5-11, page 186, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

“Sanctus and Benedictus,” from **Requiem**

Gabriel Fauré

J. David Brown, Violin

Translation: Holy, holy, holy. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory, Hosanna in the Highest. Blessed are they that come in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the Highest.

### Time for Children and Their Friends

**Second Lesson:** Mark 11:1-11, pages 44-45, NRSV

### Third Lesson

Mark 14:32-52, page 49, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** “Political Theater” Rev. Roger J. Gench

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#209, “My Song Is Love Unknown”  
Love Unknown

**Sacrament of Baptism** Eleanor Grace and Virginia Mae England

*11:00 a.m. See Insert*

**Moment for Mission** Cuba Partners

**Concerns of the Church**

**Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings**

### Offertory

*8:45 a.m.*

*11:00 a.m.*

*Please gather around the table for giving and prayer.*

“Agnus Dei,” from Requiem

Gabriel Fauré

Translation: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us, hear our prayer.

### \*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, as we begin this holiest of weeks, we are reminded that You bring light out of darkness and hope out of despair. We pray that these gifts may be a sign of Your love that we might share Your love with one another. We pray that You would touch our hearts with the joy of the resurrection so that Your love may shine forth in a world hungry to know You. In the name of Jesus Christ 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

#221, “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Passion Chorale

- 1 **O sacred head, now wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down;  
now scornfully surrounded  
with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory,  
what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call thee mine.**
- 2 **What thou, my Lord, hast suffered  
was all for sinners’ gain:  
mine, mine was the transgression,  
but thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!  
’Tis I deserve thy place;  
look on me with thy favor,  
and grant to me thy grace.**
- 3 **What language shall I borrow  
to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow,  
thy pity without end?  
O make me thine forever;  
and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never  
outlive my love to thee.**

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

### \*Congregational Response

**Alleluia! Amen!**

### Postlude

Valet will ich dir geben, BWV 736

J.S. Bach

We wish to thank **J. David Brown** and **Samantha Scheff** for their participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ministry of **The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church** in the lives of **Elizabeth and George E. Jacobs; Annie, Hugh, Hugh Stewart and Marguerite Smith; Viola and Robert S. Jacobs; Elizabeth Jacobs and Robert G. Kissner; and Elinor Jacobs and William T. Grier.** They are the gift of Nancy and Gordon Kissner, Catherine Kissner and John Schultheis representing five generations of worshipers in this church.

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.
<b>Liturgist</b>	Kristin Ford	Nathan Moon
<b>Tour Guide</b>	Paul Dornan	Len Shabman
<b>Worship Play</b>	Karen Dunlap and Rev. Alice Tewell	Karen Dunlap and Rev. Alice Tewell

Counters	
<b>March 18</b>	John Schultheis and ShuXian McKenna
<b>March 25</b>	Barbara Dornan and Adam Bain
<b>April 3</b>	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.

**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](mailto: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.** Licensed, paid professionals provide care. 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.