

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 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](mailto: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](mailto:directors@communityclub.org) or go to [www.communityclub.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mjs1wan2@gmail.com) or Barry Tindall, [barrytindall@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto:shanthon@ncsu.edu)) or Taylor Allison ([taylorallison93@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:shanthon@ncsu.edu) or Paul Dornan at [pbdornanp@aol.com](mailto:pbdornanp@aol.com).



## Celebration of Worship

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

**March 4, 2018**  
**8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**

### Prelude

Meditation on "Wondrous Love"  
David Paxton

### Introit

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"  
Repton

### \* Lincoln Chimes

## I. The Community Gathers for Worship

### Call to Worship

Leader: The heavens are telling of the glory of God;  
**All: and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**  
Leader: Your law, O God, is perfect, reviving our souls,  
**All: and Your commandments are sure, rejoicing our hearts.**

Leader: Let our words and worship, the meditation of our hearts,  
be acceptable to You,  
**All: O God, our rock and our redeemer!**

### \*Opening Hymn

#4, (verses 1-3) "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"  
Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich

### Prayer of Confession

**O Holy One, we call to You and name You as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize You in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom.**

### \*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

**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.**

*\*Please stand, if able*

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## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

Exodus 2:13-22, pages 48, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

“Turn Thy Face From My Sins”  
Thomas Attwood

### Time for Children and Their Friends

#### Second Lesson

John 2:13-22, pages 87-88, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **“Marketing God”** Rev. Roger J. Gench

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#394, “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”  
Westminster Abbey

### Concerns of the Church

#### Offertory

11:00 a.m. “O Lamb of God Most Holy,”  
Nikolaus Decius arr. David C. Huff

### \*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.

### 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

#157, “I Danced in the Morning”  
Lord Of The Dance

- 1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

**Refrain Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

- 2 I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they would not follow me. I danced for the fishermen, for James and John. They came with me and the dance went on. [Refrain]**

- 3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame. The holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and left me there on a cross to die. [Refrain]**
- 4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black. It's hard to dance with the devil on your back. They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on. [Refrain]**
- 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. I am the life that will never, never die. I'll live in you if you'll live in me, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. [Refrain]**

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

#### \*Congregational Response

**Alleluia! Amen!**

#### Postlude

“Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless”  
O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig arr. Richard Hillert

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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 of the **volunteers who serve on the Evangelism Committee.**

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.
<b>Liturgist</b>	Miriam Dewhurst	James Turner
<b>Tour Guide</b>	Meg Neill	Len Shabman
<b>Worship Play</b>	Courtney Spearman	Caroline White

Counters	
<b>March 6</b>	Martha Davis and John Schultheis
<b>March 13</b>	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
<b>March 18</b>	John Schultheis and ShuXian McKenna
<b>March 25</b>	Barbara Dornan and Adam Bain
<b>April 1</b>	Martha Davis and Dan Stokes

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### **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.