

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, 10 a.m., Room 511: Engaging MLK's Legacy at NYAPC Theo Brown, NYAPC Member Building upon the McClendon Scholar in Residence series on MLK, this session will explore Dr. King's role in the history, present, and future of NYAPC.	
April 29, May 6 and May 13, 10:00 a.m., PMH: Exploring Embodied Prayer Embodied prayer after the confession and passing of the peace has become a semi-regular occurrence in worship on Sunday mornings. This class provides a forum for discussion and investigation of prayer through bodily movement. There will be an opportunity to practice embodied prayer as intercession and space for creating your own prayer. Movement we will do is accessible for all bodies. Led by Kathryn Sparks with Sarah Barclay Hoffman.	
May 6, 10:00 a.m., Room 511 The Anglican Church in the Middle East Rev. Halim Shukair, Deacon, Episcopate of Jerusalem	

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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 Education 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.

April 29, 2018
 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

“Andante,” from **Partita** on CWM Rhondda
 Traditional Welsh Hymn, arr. Powell

Introit

“O Day of Peace”
 Tune of Jerusalem

* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: God is in our midst, forming us to be God's own people.

People: Though the way may be difficult, God will be with us.

Leader: We need not fear.

People: In the Lord we will take our refuge, for God is our strength.

Leader: Come to the Lord who will surround you
 with God's own righteousness.

**People: Lord, open our hearts and our spirits
 so that we may faithfully follow you. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

#450, (verses 1-3), “Be Thou My Vision”
 Slane

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, forgive our fear and timidity, for You are our strength and shield. Forgive our lack of vision, for Your light shines before us. Forgive our turning away, for You call us to follow You. Forgive our doubt and despair, for You are our sure hope. Forgive our little faith, for You never fail us. As you raised Christ from death, raise us from our dead ways, that we may know the joy of life abundant. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Response

#450, (verse 4), “Be Thou My Vision”
 Slane

**4 High King of Heaven, my victory won,
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*A Brief Statement of Faith

(Pages 37-38, “Glory to God” hymnal)

**Please stand, if able*

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Psalm 22:25-31, pages 474, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“Hear My Prayer”

Moses Hogan

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

John 15:1-8, pages 103, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Fruitless”

Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#479, “Ho, All Who Thirst (Come Now to the Water)”

Jacob’s Well

Sacrament of Baptism

11:00 a.m. See insert.

Elizabeth Marillyn Hutt

Beatrice Clare Hutt

Naomi Louise Hutt

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. “My Lord, What a Morning”

Spiritual, arr. Farrow

*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

We are grateful that no gift is insignificant in Your sight, O God. We humbly offer ourselves in Your service with these gifts and offerings. Do extraordinary things through them, for the relief of need, and the fulfillment of Your glory. 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

#526, (verses 1 & 3), “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Linstead

- 1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken; the wine is poured;
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

**Refrain Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

- 3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God [Immanuel] everywhere! [Refrain]**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Maestoso,” from **Partita** on CWM Rhondda

Traditional Welsh Hymn, arr. Powell

**The Call to Worship is from Ministry Matters, resources for the 5th Sunday of Easter*

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in memory of **Louise Pennywitt Cameron** by her granddaughter, Cindy Dickinson.

The **Peace Candle in the chancel** reminds us to pray for those family and friends who have lost loved ones to gun violence and senseless acts—again—and to unexpected events from planes, automobiles, and freak accidents. May God hear our prayers for them.

Participants in Worship		
	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Meg House	Robert Savage
Tour Guide	Paul Dornan	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Karen Dunlap and Rev. Alice Tewell	Karen Dunlap and Rev. Alice Tewell
Counters		
April 29	Barbara Dornan and ShuXian McKenna	
May 6	Martha Davis and Dan Stokes	
May 13	John Schultheis and ShuXian McKenna	
May 20	Martha Davis and Barb Dornan	
May 29	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein	
June 3	Dan Stokes and John Schultheis	

Information for Sunday Visitors

Garage parking extended to 3:00 p.m. for the Play Reading Group.

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**. 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.