

Adult Sunday School	
Gathered for Prayer	Today, 9:20 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, 11:30 a.m.: Sermon Reflections Adult Education Summer Discussions After Service	
Today will conclude our sermon reflection series using Walter Brueggemann's book <u>Money and Possessions</u> . After the worship service, you are invited to join us for discussion on that book and the sermon. The group will meet in the Lincoln Parlor. All are invited.	

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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.

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. Donation baskets are at the rear of the Sanctuary and 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, robinsleanor@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.

Volunteers are needed to staff 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/1OFPPh6r> or contact Helen Anthony shanthon@ncsu.edu or Paul Dornan pbdornanp@aol.com.

Worship Service – Are you interested in ushering or serving as a liturgist during Sunday service? Please contact John Yoder at yoderja@gmail.com (usher) or Mark Zaineddin at zaineddin@gmail.com (liturgy) for more information.



Celebration of Worship

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

July 22, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude	Improvisation on "O Virtus Sapientiae" Samantha Scheff, organ
Introit	"O Virtus Sapientiae" Hildegard von Bingen Ashley Kitchelt, Mezzo-Soprano Translation: O Wisdom's energy! Whirling, you encircle and everything embrace in the single way of life. Three wings you have: one soars above into the heights, one from the earth exudes, and all about now flies the third. Praise be to you, as is your due, O Wisdom.

* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 146 United Church of Christ's Worship Ways)*

Leader: Happy are those whose hope is in God, maker of heaven and earth--

People: for God keeps faith forever!

Leader: God executes justice for the oppressed and gives food for the hungry.

People: God sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.

Leader: God lifts up those who are bowed down.

People: God watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow.

Leader: People of God, sing praise to the One who is your help—

People: for God keeps faith forever!

*Opening Hymn

#394, "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"
Westminster Abbey

Prayer of Confession

Most holy and merciful God,
we confess to you and to one another,
that we have sinned against you
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 fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.
You alone know how often we have grieved you
by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways.
Forgive us and free us from our sin.
Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit.
Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

**Please stand, if able*

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***Response**

#582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”
Glory to God
**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
Amen. [Repeat once]**

***A Brief Statement of Faith** (Pages 37-38, “Glory to God” hymnal)

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Isaiah 60:19-22, page 650, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“He Shall Feed His Flock” from **Messiah**
G.F. Handel

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Habakkuk 2:1-5, pages 821-822, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Faithfulness” Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#769, “For Everyone Born”
Traditional

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission “Adult Education” Kristin Ford

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris”
from **Mass in B minor, BWV 232**
J.S. Bach
Translation: You who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

*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, You made the world and everything in it. In you,
we live and move and have our being. We thank you for
the reconciling grace you have given in your Son, Jesus
Christ. We pray that our gifts may serve to spread your
love and the spirit of community to all who would hear
your Word. 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

#765, “May the God of Hope Go with Us”
Argentina

**1 May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

**Refrain Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

[Repeat verse one]

[Repeat Refrain]

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Allegro” from **Italian Concerto in F major, BWV 971**
J.S. Bach

**The responsive call to worship and opening prayer are inspired by Psalm 146. It comes from the United Church of Christ’s “Worship Ways” website.*

We wish to thank Ashley Kitchelt 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 Board of Deacons and the Benevolence Committee.**

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for our elected leaders, that they will work cooperatively for the collective good of all citizens, that they will discern what is in the best interests of the United States above personal gain, and that they will remember in their deliberations the humanity and love that should be accorded to all people.

Participants in Worship	
Liturgist	Miriam Dewhurst
Tour Guide	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Karen Dunlap
Counters	
July 22	Martha Davis and Barbara Dornan
July 31	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

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.

LARGE PRINT bulletins are now available for our worship services, including enlarged copies of the hymns. Please pick one up if it’s helpful to you, or ask a Deacon usher.

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. 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 small children: We are so happy to have infants and children in worship with us and our nursery, located on the park level (basement), is another option for babies and children 4 and under. Licensed, paid professionals provide care. The nursery is open from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Parents are invited to feed their baby in the sanctuary or if you prefer some privacy and a quiet place, we invite you to use the meditation room located inside of the library on the 1st floor. You are also welcome to use Alice and Stan's outer office on the 2nd floor (sanctuary level). There is also a single stall restroom with a changing table in that space.

We want children to feel included in worship and believe that they are vital part of our community of faith. Being in worship together can help children understand God's love and their identity as children of God. During our worship 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.