

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.	

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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, 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, Helen Anthony, the chair 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.

August 26, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude “Morning Has Broken”
Gaelic Melody, arr. Colvin

Introit “Give Me Jesus”
arr. Moses Hogan
Whitney McColley, Soprano

* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 28)

Leader: Praise be to God

People: Who hears our voice.

Leader: God is our strength;

People: God is our shield;

Leader: Our hearts trust

People: And help comes.

Leader: Our hearts leap for joy,

People: And with our songs we praise our God.

*Opening Hymn

#673, “Jesus, Light of Joy”
Lauda Anima

Prayer of Confession

(based on 1 Samuel 16)

Leader: God of light, forgive us.
We are a people blinded by appearances.

People: We glance at the surface. We look at the obvious.

Leader: We do not want to peer into the depths or worry over complexities.

People: In your mercy, grant us eyes to look on the heart.

Leader: God of truth, forgive us.
We are a people obsessed with appearances.

People: We want to look good. We want to seem righteous.

Leader: In trying to keep up appearances, we often ignore the substance of our lives.

People: In your mercy, reveal and transform our hearts. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Response

#291, (verse 4) “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”
Spirit

Refrain Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the see.

4 You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dreams.
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.

*Please stand, if able



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*A Brief Statement of Faith

(Pages 37-38, "Glory to God" hymnal)

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

James 1:9-11, 17-18, page 215, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

"Mein gläubiges Herze"

J.S. Bach

Whitney McColley, Soprano

Translation:

My faithful heart, delight, sing, play, your Jesus is here! Away with sorrow, away with lamenting, I will only say to you: my Jesus is near.

Time for Children and Their Friends

Rev. Matthew Schlageter

Second Lesson

James 1:22-27, page 215, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"You Can Make This a Beautiful Place"

Rev. Alice R. Tewell

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#63, "The Lord is God"

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Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission

"All Church Retreat"

Molly Johnson

"Downtown Day Service Center"

Rebecca Davis

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Solveig's Song"

Edvard Grieg

Adam McColley, Trombone

*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

Leader: God of abundance, accept the gifts we give this morning.

People: **Accept our gifts of praise—**

Leader: Our voices raised in song and prayer.

People: **Accept our gifts of time and talent—**

Leader: Our lives lived to further your reign of peace and justice.

People: **Accept our gifts of money— for all that we have, O most gracious God, comes from you. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Matthew Schlageter

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

#749, "Come! Live in the Light!"

We are Called

- Come! Live in the light!**
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain **We are called to act with justice.**
We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.

- Come! Open your heart!**
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hatred and violence will be no more! *Refrain*

- Sing! Sing a new song!**
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love! *Refrain*

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

"Let All Together Praise Our God"

Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, arr. Powell

*The Call to Worship (based on Psalm 28], the Prayer of Confession, and the Prayer of Dedication come from spaciousfaith.com. The Prayer of Confession is based on 1 Samuel 16:1-13; particularly from God's statement to Samuel: "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart" (v. 7).

We wish to thank Adam and Whitney McColley for their 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 boards established to manage church memorial funds, trusts, and the non-denominational New York Avenue Educational Foundation.**

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for political peace, calm, and understanding between opposing views in our country, that God's love will reign over discord.

Participants in Worship	
Liturgist	Nathan Moon
Tour Guide	John O'Brien
Worship Play	Karen Dunlap
Counters	
August 26	John Schultheis and Barbara Dornan
September 2	ShuXian McKenna and Dan Stokes
September 11	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
September 16	ShuXian McKenna 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.

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.