

| Adult Sunday School | |
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| 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. | |
| September 9: Vision and Strategic Planning Update. Members of the Vision and Strategic Planning Taskforce will lead an exercise that captures how they have begun their task of arriving at a vision, mission statement and strategic plan for the New York Avenue Church. There will be plenty of time for questions and advice from those who attend. Meg House and Paul Dornan will lead. | |
| September 9 and 16: Modernism, Fundamentalism and the NYAPC Story The commitment to social justice that characterizes NYAPC today grew out of what has been called Christian modernism, as distinct from fundamentalism. The historical origins and key differences between these two perspectives on the role of the church in society will be described, as will the circumstances that caused NYAPC to follow the modernist path in the 1920s. The class will describe how the perspectives continue today as a divide between "mainline" and "evangelical" Christians. Len Shabman will lead the class. | |
| Downtown Day Services Center | September 16, 10:00 a.m. |
| Join the Board of Trustees and Downtown Day Services Center Executive Director, Linda Kaufman, to discuss this exciting new initiative. We will discuss the plans for the center, its theological underpinnings, the partnership with the BID and city, and our conversations with the Presbytery, with a lot of time for Q&A. | |

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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.

September 2, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Communion

Prelude

"Variations on Simple Gifts"
Traditional American, arranged Pethel

Introit

"I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me"
Traditional Spiritual

* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: The work of the Creator is visible.

All: Let us respond with praise.

Leader: The example of Jesus is apparent.

All: Let us respond with obedience.

Leader: The wind of the Spirit is blowing.

All: Let us respond with joy.

Leader: The word of God is calling.

All: Let us worship in spirit and in truth.

*Opening Hymn

#336, "We Gather Together"

Kremsler

Prayer of Confession

(Taken from Be Our Freedom, Lord, edited by Terry C. Falla)

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*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]

**Please stand, if able*



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II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Revelation 18:9-17, page 242, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“Ave Verum”

W. A. Mozart

Translation: (Anthem for Holy Communion) Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who suffered and was sacrificed on the cross, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet.

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Revelation 22:1-5, page 245, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“id’ed”

Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#329, “God is Our Refuge and Our Strength”

Winchester Old

Concerns of the Church

Offertory

“Amazing Grace”

Traditional American Hymn

*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

Blessed are you, God of all creation;

through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God forever. 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

#320, (verses 1-3), “The Church of Christ in Every Age”
Wareham

**1 The church of Christ in every age,
beset by change but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.**

**2 Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.**

**3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Rigaudon”

André Campra

Welcome back to our members of the sanctuary choir! For everyone, please consider joining us this fall. Rehearsals are on Thursdays 7:15-8:45. Come and “Sing to the Lord!”

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in appreciation of the talent and contributions of our **church staff.**

The Peace Candle in the Chancel reminds us to pray during this back-to-school season for children and students, that they may find challenge and love of learning in a happy environment; for teachers as they dedicate themselves to the education and safety of their students; and for parents who support their children, teachers, and schools.

| Participants in Worship | |
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| Liturgist | Jenean McKay |
| Tour Guide | Barry Tindall |
| Worship Play | Courtney Spearman and Karen Dunlap |

Two Service Sunday's Return Next Week

On September 9, we will return to two worship services at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.