

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.	
Downtown Day Services Center	Today, 10:00 a.m., Docherty Center
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.	
Sunday, September 23 at 10 a.m.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honoring the Life and Service of Rev. Phineas D. Gurley, Lincoln Parlor Meet the Young Adult Volunteer, Peter Marshal Hall 	

Participants in Worship		
	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Kathryn Sparks	Karen Feret
Tour Guide	David Powell	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Karen Dunlap	Stacey Gagosian and Alice Tewell
Counters		
September 16	ShuXian McKenna and Barbara Dornan	
September 23	Martha Davis and Dan Stokes	

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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, 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/1OFPh6r> 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 16, 2018

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude “My Song is Love Unknown”
Tune of Rhosymedre, Ralph Vaughn Williams

Introit “Go to the World!”
Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughn Williams

* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: There is no place where You cannot reach:

People: God who made the heavens and the earth.

Leader: There is no journey that You have not traveled.

People: God who shared our life in Jesus Christ.

Leader: There are no people beyond Your care:

People: God who is the Spirit, the Comforter: Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

#307, “God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM Rhondda

Prayer of Confession

Leader: O God, you made the world and everything in it. You created us all as one and gave us the earth as the arena of our faithfulness.

People: Break down the walls that separate us, and make us one people.

Leader: O God, we come before you in sadness, for we have failed:

People: Failed to be the imprint of your image, failed to be your stewards of life and time and nature, failed to reflect your love and mercy, failed to be servants of reconciliation. Break down the walls that separate us, and make us one people.

Leader: God you mean us to be a single people:

People: Ruled by peace, feasting in freedom, freed from injustice, responsible in the life we lead, the love we share, and the relationships we create. Break down the walls that separate us, and make us one people.

Leader: O God, renew within us the image of your Son. Give us ever new insights into the truth and awareness of your will for all of your children. Give us courage to do what is right and be persistent in challenging unjust structures until they fall into dust. Give us, we pray, grace and creativity to exercise a common ministry of reconciliation.

People: Break down the walls that separate us, and make us one people. O God, in your mercy forgive us all that is past. Direct us, we pray, in ways we do not yet discern, and equip us for the service of reconciliation and liberation in your world. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Please stand, if able

***Response** *(All are invited to join in simple movement by following the worship leaders.)*

#691, *(verse 1)* “Lord, When I Came Into This Life”

Land of Rest

- 1 Lord, when I came into this life
you called me by my name;
today I come, commit myself,
responding to your claim. [Repeat two times]**

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Mark 12:29-31, page 46, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Mit Staunen, sieht das Wunderwerk," from **Creation**

F. J. Haydn

Whitney McColley, Soprano

Translation:

The marvelous work behold amaz'd
The glorious hierarchy of heaven;
And to th' ethereal vaults resound
The praise of God and of the second day.

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Matthew 25:31-40, page 339, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Dialogue Sermon with Rev. Linda M. Kaufman

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

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

Wareham

Sacrament of Baptism **Matteo Victor Ajello-McGlothlin**
(11:00 a.m. see insert)

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission **Community Club**

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:45 a.m. Please gather around the table for giving and prayer.

11:00 a.m. “The Heavens are Telling,” from **Creation**

F. J. Haydn

Taisha Estrada, Manuel Melendez, Nathan Moon, Solo Trio

*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

**Dear God, receive our offering. Guide those who use it, that
it may help to bring fullness of life to those who life in need
and long for our care. 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

#298, *(verses 1-3)* “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

Abbot’s Leigh

- 1 Lord, you give the great commission:
“Heal the sick and preach the word.”**

**Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity:
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.**

- 2 Lord, you call us to your service:
“In my name baptize and teach.”**

**That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community:
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.**

- 3 Lord, you make the common holy:
“This, my body; this, my blood.”**

**Let us all, for earth’s true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children’s liberty:
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

March in E Major, from “The Prophet”

G. Meyerbeer

**The liturgy for today’s worship is from Healing Liturgies for the Seasons of Life edited by Abigail Rian Evans.*

We wish to thank Whitney McColley, Taisha Estrada, Manuel Melendez and Nathan Moon for their participation in worship this morning. Special welcome to Taisha who is a new choral scholar from George Mason University, who will also lead the youth music program.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in appreciation of the **teachers and volunteers in the NYAPC Christian Education Program.**

The red rose on the Communion Table this morning is to welcome and celebrate the birth of **Andrew Cody Lauer**, son of Molly and Benno Lauer and little brother to Dylan. He was born September 6.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for those adversely affected by drought, hurricanes, and other disasters—may all God’s children have food, nourishment and shelter.

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.

Nursery and Quiet Spaces for Families with small children: We are so happy to have infants and children in worship with us. Our nursery, located in Room 317 (3rd Floor), is another option for babies and children 4 and under. Licensed, paid professionals provide care. The nursery is open from 8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Parents are invited to feed their children in the sanctuary or if you prefer some privacy and a quiet place, we have some additional seating in the balcony area (3rd floor) as an area for parents and guardians to watch the service while caring for their child. There are couches in the main church office to use for fellowship, as well. You are also invited to use the meditation room located inside of the library on the 1st floor, as well as Alice and Stan’s outer office on the 2nd floor (sanctuary level). There is a single stall restroom with a changing table in that space.

Worship and Worship Play: We want children to feel included in worship and believe that they are a 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.

Embodied Prayer in Today’s Worship: *Lord When I Came Into This Life*

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 moving ‘Lord, When I Came’ following the exchange of peace as a way to deepen our connection with God – through our physicality.