

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.	
Vision and Strategic Planning Update	Today, 10 a.m., Lincoln Parlor
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.	
Downtown Day Services Center	September 16, 10:00 a.m., Lincoln Parlor
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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mjs1wan2@gmail.com) or Barry Tindall, [barrytindall@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto:shanthon@ncsu.edu)) or Taylor Allison ([taylorallison93@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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/1OFP6r> or contact Helen Anthony [shanthon@ncsu.edu](mailto:shanthon@ncsu.edu) or Paul Dornan [pbdornanp@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:yoderja@gmail.com) (usher) or Mark Zaineddin at [zaineddin@gmail.com](mailto: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 9, 2018

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

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Prelude** “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”  
Tune of Nettleton, John Wyeth

**Introit** “From All That Dwell Below The Skies”  
Lasst uns erfreuen

\* **Lincoln Chimes**

### I. The Community Gathers for Worship

**Call to Worship** (Taken from *Be Our Freedom, Lord*, edited by Terry C. Falla)

**Leader:** Sing a new song to the Lord.  
Sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord, bless his name.

**People:** **Proclaim God's salvation day by day,  
Tell his glory among the nations,**

**Leader:** Tell his marvels to every people.  
The Lord himself made the heavens,  
In his presence are splendor and majesty,  
In his sanctuary power and beauty.

**People:** **Ascribe to the Lord, families of the people,  
Ascribe to the Lord beauty and power,  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name.**

**Leader:** Bring an offering, bear it before him,  
Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness,  
Tremble before him, all the earth!

**People:** **Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad,  
Let the sea thunder and all that it holds,  
Let the fields exult and all that is in them,  
Let all the trees of the forest cry out for joy.**

\***Opening Hymn**  
#450, “Be Thou My Vision”  
Slane

**Prayer of Confession** (From the PCUSA Book of Common Worship  
Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1993; p. 88)

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

\***Passing of the Peace**

\*Please stand, if able



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**\*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 three times]**

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

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

Psalms 119:105-112, page 537, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

“When in our Music God is Glorified”

Tune of Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford

**Time for Children and Their Friends** **Rev. Alice R. Tewell**

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

### Second Lesson

2 Kings 22 (selected verses), page 339, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** **“The Word”** **Rev. Roger J. Gench**

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#459, “O Word of God Incarnate”

Munich

### Concerns of the Church

**Moment for Mission** **“Young Adult Volunteer”** **Kasey Kelly**

**Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings**

### Offertory

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

*11:00 a.m. “We Shall Walk”*

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

**God of all people, we humbly give to you these gifts, for we seek your guidance to show us how to work to change your world. With these gifts, we cry out for the rights of the workers, of the poor, and of those who seem to have no hope. Show us how to give of our whole selves. Like a small pebble ripples across a whole pond, so may we, by giving ourselves to You, help the entire world feel Your love.**

### 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

#463, *(verses 1-3)* “How Firm a Foundation”

Foundation

- 1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word! What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**
- 2 “Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**
- 3 “When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”**

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

### \*Congregational Response

**Alleluia! Amen!**

### Postlude

Sinfonia from “Wir Danken Dir, Gott”

J. S. Bach

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in loving memory and celebration of the life of **Krista Nix Golden** by her friends in her NYAPC book group.

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		
	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Liturgist</b>	Tracy Branding	Len Shabman
<b>Tour Guide</b>	Spencer Gibbins	John O'Brien
<b>Worship Play</b>	Rev. Alice Tewell and Karen Dunlap	Rev. Alice Tewell and Karen Dunlap
Counters		
<b>September 11</b>	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein	
<b>September 16</b>	ShuXian McKenna and Barbara Dornan	
<b>September 23</b>	Martha Davis and Dan Stokes	
<b>September 30</b>	Adam Bain and John Schultheis	
<b>October 9</b>	Jim Martin and John Schultheis	

### Information for Sunday Visitors

**Garage parking extended to 3:00 p.m. for the memorial service and reception.**

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](mailto: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 in Room 317 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 baby in the sanctuary or if you prefer some privacy and a quiet place, we have some additional seating in the balcony area (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 if parent groups would so choose. We invite you to use the meditation room located inside of the library on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. You are also welcome to use Alice and Stan's outer office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **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.