


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.	
Raising Justice Seeking Kids	November 18 at 10 a.m., PMH
Rev. Alice Tewell will wrap up the 4-week series with a conversation about what it means to parent or mentor children in the #MeToo era. How do we give our children a vocabulary and a framework around consent and boundaries while encouraging healthy relationships?	
The Transformation of a Downtown Congregation: NYAPC in the 50s and 60s	November 18 & at 10 a.m., Lincoln Parlor
Fifty years ago, the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church made a bold statement about its future in downtown Washington, DC. In the process, the congregation fundamentally shifted its focus to a commitment on social action and justice. Over two weeks we will explore the factors and personalities that shaped that transition during the pastorate of Rev. Dr. George Docherty. On November 18, John O'Brien will describe the outreach efforts of the congregation in the Washington community, emphasizing the ministry of Rev. Phillip Newell.	

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Young Adult Volunteer :		



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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. For more information, 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 Educational Foundation - The NYAEF mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need in the Washington, DC community. Annually, it solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots nonprofits, including Community Club, to further impact DC students. Visit <https://nyaef.org> to learn more or contact Brian Schimming at nyaef.dc@gmail.com. Shopping at Amazon? Select the NYAEF as your charity-of-choice through this link <https://smile.amazon.com>. Federal employees/retirees please consider giving through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC #25839) at <https://cfcgiving.opm.gov>.

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 Senior Accountant, 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.

November 18, 2018
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude “We Praise You, O God”
Kremser, (We Gather Together)

Introit “We Gather Together”
Kremser

*** Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: God stretches out the heavens and shapes the earth.

People: **God raises up the mountains and pours water into the seas.**

Leader: God calls forth plants from the soil and forms animals in infinite variety.

People: **God breathes upon us and fills us with life. Let us give thanks and worship God!**

*Opening Hymn

#15, “All Creatures of Our God and King”
Lasst uns Erfreuen

Prayer of Confession

Compassionate One, we open our hearts and souls to you. We confess our sins. We confess the places and times where we have strayed from your peace, where we have started conflicts with those closest to us, and where we have disrupted the harmony of the larger community. We confess the times we have held our own opinion so rigidly that we could not see or understand another's perspective, the times we were so overcome with anger that we lashed out with words or gestures, and all the times, so deeply regretted, when we have broken relationships by intent or carelessness. Trusting in your forgiveness, we pray that we may begin again to learn the ways of peace and ask: Lord of mercy, forgive us. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Response

#70, “What Does the Lord Require of You”
Moon

What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness,

walk humbly with your God.

**Please stand, if able*

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Matthew 6:25-33, page 6, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“River in Judea”

Arr. John Leavitt

Time for Children and Their Friends

Kasey Kelly

Second Lesson

Joel 2:21-29 , page 799, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **“Preparing the Ground”** **Rev. Alice R. Tewell**

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#14, “For the Beauty of the Earth”

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Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission **Nominating Committee**

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

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

11:00 a.m. “Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child”

Spiritual, arr. Ludeman

Taisha Estrada and Nathan Moon, Soloists

*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

Holy, Creating, Creative God,

We sing from the depths of our sorrow.

We sing from the abundance of our joy.

We sing in voices separate and unique.

We sing with one voice as your body.

May the words of our mouths,

whether in speech or song,

and the meditations of our hearts, whether in prose or

poetry, be pleasing in your sight. 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

#643, “Now Thank We All Our God”

Nun Danket Alle Gott

**1 Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

**3 All praise and thanks to God,
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

Lasst uns erfreun, arr. Wold

**The Prayer of Dedication is from spaciousfaith.com*

We wish to thank Taisha Estrada and Nathan Moon for their participation in worship this morning.

The bounty table in the chancel today represents the blessings of the harvest season and our thanksgiving to God for the gifts of the earth. The whole earth is full of God's glory.

The red rose on the Communion Table this morning is to welcome and celebrate the birth on November 6 of **George Edward Feret**, son of **Karen** and **Tyler Feret** and grandson of **Bonnie** and **David Milam** and **Ron** and **Sue Feret**.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray that the senseless murders and mass killings will stop, that the horror of lost lives and devastated families will cease, and the troubled souls who commit these acts will seek help and find peace.

Participants in Worship		
	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	John Quinn, Jr.	Rev. Beth Braxton
Tour Guide	Meg Neil	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Courtney Spearman	Karen Dunlap and Stacey Gagosian
Counters		
November 18	Adam Bain and Martha Davis	
November 27	Jim Martin and John Schultheis	

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 josephthierry@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.