

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.	
Christian Faith and Practice	January 6, 13, 20, 27, 10 a.m.
This course will cover the basics of the Christian faith with an emphasis on how the faith has evolved in our contemporary context and how it can be practiced in our lives. We will cover subjects such as the nature of theology, the Bible, the Trinity, the person and work of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, and how these notions have changed in our modern setting. We will also talk about how each of these notions can shape the way we practice our faith. Led by Rev. Roger Gench.	

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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.

December 30, 2018

10:00 a.m.

First Sunday After Christmas

Prelude "Away in a Manger"
 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
 "Coventry Carol"
Beth Law, Flute and Kenneth Law, Cello

Introit "On this Day, Earth Shall Ring"
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* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship *written by Rev. Mindi and posted on her Rev-olution website. <http://rev-olution.org/>*

Leader: A new day has dawned, a new year about to begin.

People: O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice.

Leader: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.

People: O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path.

Leader: We enter this new year with hope and excitement.

People: O Lord, remind us that You lead us
 O Lord, guide us as look to You, and worship You.

*Opening Hymn
 #152, (verses 1-3), "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"
 Puer Nobis Nascitur

Prayer of Confession
 O Lord our God, you know the ways this past year in which our lives have not represented truth and knowledge. You know the times in which we struggled to be warm and caring and the times when we did not choose goodness. Forgive us Lord, for those times when our lives did not reflect your love. Give us your help and healing in our lives that we may begin this New Year with hope and joy.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Response
 #152, (verse 4), "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"
 Puer Nobis Nascitur
 O Jesus, while the star of grace
 impels us on to seek your face,
 let not our slothful hearts refuse
 the guidance of your light to use.

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

*Please stand, if able

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Leader: Luke 2:41-52, page 55-56, NRSV
This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“Ding Dong, Merrily on High”
Traditional Carol

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Leader: Colossians 3:12-4, pages 190, NRSV
This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **“Wearing God”** Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#401, “Here in This Place”
Gather Us In

Sacrament of Child Baptism **George Edward Feret**
(See insert)

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“New Year Carol”
Traditional

*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 grace, we stand by the river giving thanks for your gift of grace given to us in baptism. Show us how to live our lives as bearers peace, justice and comfort to all the world, 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

#482, (verses 2-3) “Baptized in Water”
Bunessan

- 2 **Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising,
freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praises we sing.**
- 3 **Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit,
we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Arioso”
J. S. Bach

We wish to thank **Beth and Kenneth Law** for their special music this morning.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray that Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love of the Season will reign throughout the world, and that the coming of the Christ Child will not be forgotten as the true meaning and spirit of Christmas.

10:00 a.m.	
Liturgist	John O'Brien
Worship Play	Karen Dunlap
Tour Guide	Len Shabman

Counters	
December 30	Barbara Dornan and Dan Stokes
January 8	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein



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 an 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). 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.