

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.	
Watching and Waiting: Advent Stories and Poems	Today at 10 a.m. and December 16 and 23 at 9 a.m., Lincoln Parlor
The Annunciation, Advent and Christmas have generated a tremendous outpouring of art and literature across country and culture. This class will focus upon watching and waiting, two responses to the promise of the coming of God in flesh, as reflected in poetry and short stories. Gwenn Gebhard, Tom Dunlap and Paul Dornan will lead.	
Evolution, Science and the Presbyterian Church	Today, 10 a.m. Docherty Center
Protestant denominations in the United States have taken different approaches to reconciling the theory of evolution with biblical interpretation. An extreme position is rejection of evolution and adherence to creationism, in effect rejecting an overwhelming scientific consensus on the validity of evolutionary theory. This is not the PCUSA position. The historical roots of these different positions will be described and the PCUSA position will be presented. Len Shabman will lead the class.	
Children and Youth Sunday School and Christmas Pageant Practice	Today, 10:00 a.m., PMH

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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/1OFP6r> 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 9, 2018

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

Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude “Es ist ein Ros’ entspringen”
Johannes Brahms

Introit “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”
Tune of Truro, 1778
NYAPC Musical Ensemble
J. David Brown, Sheyna Burt, violins;
Caroline Brethauer, viola;
Joanna Taylor, cello; **Peter Ostle**, bass

* **Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

***The Lighting of Advent Candles: The Candle of Peace**

8:45 a.m. **Kristin, Matt and William Ford**

11:00 a.m. **Courtney, Jim and Sylvan Spearman**

Call to Worship

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: Christ is our light. By grace he came, in power he rose; we wait for Christ to come again.

Response:

From Central Moluccas traditional melody



Cantor: All: Cantor: All: Cantor
We wait, we wait, we wait, we wait, ma-ra-
All: Cantor: All:
na - tha, ma-ra - na - tha, we wait, we wait.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, (Luke 1:68-79)
for God has looked favorably upon God's people and redeemed them.

People: God has raised up a mighty savior for us, as promised through the mouth of the prophets

Leader: to save us from our enemies,

People: so we might serve God without fear in holiness and righteousness before God all our days. [Response]

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us

People: to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. [Response]

***Opening Hymn**

#88, (verses 1-4), “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Veni Emmanuel

*Please stand, if able

Prayer of Confession

God of the loving heart, we confess before you those places in our hearts where we have refused you entrance: people we have refused to love; habits we never get around to changing; good things we have left undone; and the ways in which we hurt you, ourselves, and others. Come to us in the light of your Christ. Shine on those places we have hidden from you. Show us new ways to live. Sweep clean the rooms of our hearts, that Christ may find a home among us. Be known among us now and forever! Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Response

#88, (*verse 6*), “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Veni Emmanuel
**O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.**

Refrain:

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Luke 1:68-79, page 54, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Gloria in Excelsis Deo,” from **Gloria**
Antonio Vivaldi

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Luke 3:1-6, pages 56, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **“Home”** Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#87, “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”
Genevan

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:45 a.m. Please gather around the table for giving and prayer.
11:00 a.m. “Domine Fili Unigenite,” from Gloria
Antonio Vivaldi

*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

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, **O Promised One.** Once again we come to this place of Advent and await your presence. We pray that the giving of these gifts of money and time might be a spiritual practice for us. We pray that this practice of giving might teach us about seeking patience during these busy days, might teach us about the faith and hope to wait for the Savior, and might teach us the love that does not wait when it meets Christ in our neighbor. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we pray. 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

#96, “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”
Winchester New

- 1 On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!**
- 2 Then cleansed be every life from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.**
- 3 We hail you as our Savior, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.**
- 4 Stretch forth your hand; our health restore,
and make us rise to fall no more.
O let your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“In Dulci Jubilo”
J. S. Bach

**The Call to Worship and Advent Candle Litany was written by Carla Pratt Keys and Music by Doug Brown for Ginter Park Presbyterian Church, Richmond, VA; published by the NEXT Church. The Prayer of Confession and the Prayer of Dedication are adapted from Touch Holiness edited by Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi.*

We wish to thank our choir, soloists, and string ensemble for their participation in worship this morning celebrating Advent.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by Jay Davenport in loving memory of his parents, **Jay H. and Lillian Davenport.**

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.

Participants in Worship		
	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Ann Davie	Stacey Gagosian
Tour Guide	Spencer Gibbins	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Karen Dunlap and Rev. Alice Tewell	Karen Dunlap and Rev. Alice Tewell

Counters	
December 9	ShuXian McKenna and Adam Bain
December 16	John Schultheis and Barbara Dornan
December 23	ShuXian McKenna and Dan Stokes

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.