

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.	
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/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.

January 6, 2019
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Epiphany of the Lord

Prelude "Fantasia"
Heitor Villa-Lobos
David Clark, Saxophone

Introit "The First Nowell"
Traditional English Carol

* **Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of God has risen upon you.

People: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Leader: When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, wise men came from the East, saying: Where is he who is born king of the Jews?

People: For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.

Leader: The light of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

*Opening Hymn

#151, "We Three Kings of Orient Are"
Kings of Orient

Prayer of Confession

O God, our guide, who once used a star to lead people to Christ, we confess our poor sense of direction. We let ourselves become confused, easily distracted, and lose our way. We fail to follow the signs you provide. Forgive our waywardness, O God. Lead us to the Christ so that we may follow his way to you and shine with the radiance of his glory. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Response

#582, "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"
Traditional

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen. [Repeat]

*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

Isaiah 60:1-6, page 649, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“While By My Sheep”
Hugo Jungst

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12, pages 1-2, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**“The Scandal of Epiphany
and the Shadow Side of Christmas”**
Rev. Frances Taylor Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#153, “In Bethlehem a Newborn Boy”
In Bethlehem

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. “The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy”

Spiritual, arr. Wilburg
Luke Ratcliffe, Piano; Eric Slaughter, Bass

*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

Loving God, may these gifts reveal to us and to others the Light that is Jesus Christ. And may this Light lead us on into new and challenging ways of living and serving.

Service of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Litany of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, eternal God our creator and redeemer. In Your wisdom, You made all things and sustain them by Your power....Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name.

Response

#595, “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Argentine Santo

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. He unmasks the idolatries of our lives and our world. He shares our life in every way, and lives in solidarity in and with the wounded of the earth. Baptized as Your own, he was crucified by imperial authorities, yet by Your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, You gave birth to Your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Empowered by the Spirit, let us now offer the prayer our Lord taught us, saying:

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.**

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

8:45 a.m. *The congregation is invited forward to take communion by intinction. After you receive communion, you are invited to stay up front and gather around the table for prayer and our final hymn. Please bring your bulletins forward with you.*

11:00 a.m. *Participants in the communion proceed down the aisles to the servers to take communion by intinction. After you receive communion, please return to your pew via the side aisles. Those unable to come forward will be offered the bread and the cup at their seats. (The Gluten Free offering is in the middle upfront)*

Prayer After Communion

God of grace, You have called us to the holy table of the Lord, to proclaim his death and receive his gift of life. Help us to remember Christ's self-offering with thanksgiving and praise. Open our hearts and minds to a vision of his love, and pour into our souls the fullness of his grace. As we offer ourselves to You, let us go forth to live and serve as those whose lives are not our own but belong to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

*Sending Hymn

#314, “Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”
Christ, Be Our Light

1 **Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

Refrain: **Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.**

2 **Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for
hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to
save us. Make us your living voice. [Refrain]**

3 **Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water,
many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for
others, shared until all are fed. [Refrain]**

4 **Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for
warmth, many are cold. Make us your building,
sheltering others, walls made of living stone. [Refrain]**

5 **Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that
yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. [Refrain]**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“While By My Sheep”
arr. Hustad

We wish to thank David Clark, Luke Ratcliffe and Eric Slaughter for their special music this morning,

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in appreciation of the **volunteers who serve on the Board of Diaconal Ministers.**

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for peace and understanding in the New Year, that hearts will be open to loving others no matter the differences, and that peace will come to God's world.

Participants in Worship		
	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Meg House	Tamara Saltman
Tour Guide	Spencer Gibbins	Melissa Jane Taylor
Worship Play	Karen Dunlap	Rev. Alice Tewell