

Adult Sunday School

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| Adventures in Prayer | Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel |
| Maybe you are new to prayer. Maybe prayer is as natural to you as breathing. This class, meeting in the Lincoln Chapel at 10:20 a.m., is for everyone and anyone who takes prayer seriously. We learn together and pray together. All questions, joys and concerns are welcome. Come when you can. | |
| Series on Christian-Muslim Dialogue, History and Relationships | Today, 10 a.m. Room 520 |
| Part Two: "Building Bridges between Christians and Muslims". Matthew Taylor will continue his two-week series on relationships between Christianity and Islam. He will focus on the prospects for interfaith dialogue and even how Christians and Muslims can counter some of the more contentious versions of our faiths in the public marketplace. | |
| Bible Study: "Breakfast on the Beach" | Today, from 10:00 a.m. Room 511 |
| Join Rev. Frances Taylor Gench as she leads this "Bible Study with Cuba Partners" on John 21: 1-19 , the lectionary for the third Sunday after Easter. We will discuss the disciples' surprise encounter with the risen Lord, when, in a state of apparent post-Easter decline, they return to Galilee to go fishing. As we are studying this chapter of the Gospel of John, the NYAPC delegation visiting First Havana will also be studying this lesson with our brothers and sisters at First Havana along with other Cuba Partners in the USA | |
| NEXT Church | April 17 and 24, 10 a.m., Room 511 |
| Jessica Tate, Presbyterian pastor and Executive Director of Next Church, will share some of the ideas and lessons she has gleaned from the work of Next Church to envision the next iterations of "church" in America and especially how those ideas and lessons might apply to a downtown congregation like New York Avenue. | |



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| Young Adult Volunteer: | Angela Williams; Community Club and Radcliffe Room angela.williams@nyapc.org |

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Opportunities for Service

7-2-9 Club – Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), until 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 – A one-with-one tutoring and mentoring program, for DC public and charter school students (grades 7-12), meets at the church on Thursday nights, during the school year. Adult volunteers are needed! Please contact Tom Karr and Shamika Bradley at directors@communityclub.org or go to www.communityclub.org for more information.

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. Please place your donations in the baskets located at the rear of the Sanctuary or at the front desk.

New York Avenue Foundation – The NYAF mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout Washington, DC. Annually it solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots non-profits, which further that mission. A volunteer Board of Trustees conducts the work of NYAF. If you are interested in learning more or participating in the NYAF mission, contact Brian Schimming, nyavefoundation@gmail.com

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, robinseleanor@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@bellatlantic.net

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@bellatlantic.net Beth DuMez, bethdumez@erols.com or Barry Tindall, barrytindall@verizon.net

NYAPC's Young Adults – For more information about Sunday brunches, Faith on Tap, Bible study, or other fellowship or service activities (or to be added to the e-mail list), contact Helen Anthony (shanthon@ncsu.edu), Phil Bolles (philbolles@gmail.com), or Katherine Leiden (keleiden@gmail.com).

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 Jan Maheras, the church accountant, Laura Asiala, the chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Roger Gench, the Senior Pastor, for more information, questions, or to make your pledge.

We are in need of volunteers to help make NYAPC a welcoming place for our visitors and members by staffing the welcome table in the narthex before and after services. Welcome table volunteers arrive about 20-30 minutes before a Sunday service to greet worshipers and then hang out for about 15-20 minutes after the service to chat with visitors and members during coffee time. For more details visit <http://bit.ly/1OFPh6r>. If you are interested in signing up for one (or more!) services please contact Alison Kootstra Nowak at amkootstra@gmail.com or Paul Dornan at pbdornan@aol.com.



Celebration of Worship

The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church welcomes all people into community, worship, service and leadership.

April 10, 2016

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

Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude

"Christ Hath Burst His Prison"
Gilbert Martin

Introit

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"
Tune of Hyrfydol, 1831

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship

(from Alive Now, May, 2012)

Leader: The question is not whether You are a calling, God, for You indeed call.

All: You invite. You inspire. You challenge.

Leader: The question is whether we are a responding people—

All: Whether we are open to Your guiding Spirit,

Leader: Whether we quiet our hearts to hear Your voice,

All: Whether we are willing to be conformed to Your will.

Leader: Continue calling, God, to gift us, equip us, nurture us,

All: Challenge us, for the sake of a world that needs the gifts You've planted within us.

Leader: Until our hearts are quieted to hear Your voice and open to Your guiding spirit.

All: And willing to be conformed to Your will, until together we dance, step by step,

Leader: You in the lead:

All: Your call and our response.

*Opening Hymn

#254, "That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright"

Puer Nobis Nascitur

Prayer of Confession

(from Psalm Services for Group Prayer, 1993)

God we ask for the grace to shout when it hurts, even though silence is so often expected of us. We ask for the grace to object, to protest, when we feel, taste or observe injustice. We ask for the inspiration to make our voices heard when we have something that needs to be said, including our mistakes, something that rises to our lips despite our defiance or even our shyness. We pray for the grace to listen when the meek finally rise to speak and their words are an agony for us. We seek Your compassion and care. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**Please stand, if able*

***Response**

#246, (verse 5) “Christ is Alive!”
Truro
Christ is alive,
and comes to bring good news to this
and every age, till earth and sky
and ocean ring with joy,
with justice, love, and praise

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Psalm 30, page 478, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“The King of Love My Shephard Is”
Arr. Willberg
Mary and Jack Anderson, Flutists

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

John 21:1-19, pages 109-110, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “The Final Exam” **Rev. Roger J. Gench**

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn**

#231, “Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”
Suo Gan

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission “Radcliffe Room Ministry” **Angela Williams**

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:45 a.m. *The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around
the Table for Giving and Prayer
11:00 a.m. Psalm 121
Jay Rouse

***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** (From the United Methodist Church, prayers for the day.

Gracious God, we praise You for raising Jesus Christ from the dead. With joy, we witness the miracles that You continue to perform by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Help us to listen to the risen Christ, who urges us to feed his lambs and tend his sheep. May we join together as a congregation to faithfully feed people who are hungry and show kindness to those in need. Use our tithes and gifts in miraculous ways for Jesus’ sake. 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.

***Passing of the Peace** (11:00 a.m.)

***Sending Hymn**

#286, “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”
Trentham

- 1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.**
- 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.**
- 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.**
- 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

"Fanfare"
John Cook

We wish to thank Mary and Jack Anderson, flutes, along with Daniel Stokes, organ, for their special music in worship this morning while Dr. Engebretson is in Cuba with the NYA mission trip.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in appreciation for the **volunteers who do the gardening in the church park** by members and friends of the congregation through their contributions to the Flower Fund.

Easter Flower Memorials: In memory of **Virginia (Ginge) Peddle** from Meg and Doug House. In memory of **Jim and Pat Inglis** from Susan (Inglis) O’Dwyer.

The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds us to pray for the peace around the world and for the victims and those affected by terrorism.

| Preaching Schedule | |
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| April 17 | Rev. Alice Tewell |
| April 24 | Rev. Linda Lader |
| May 1 | Dr. Willie Jennings |
| May 8 | Rev. Roger J. Gench |
| May 15 | Rev. Roger J. Gench |

| | 8:45 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. |
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| Liturgist | Mary Spatz | John O’Brien |
| Tour Guide | John Schultheis | John O’Brien |
| Worship Play | Rev. Alice Tewell | Karen Dunlap |

| | Counters |
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| April 10 | John Schultheis and Anders Larsson |
| April 19 | Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein |
| April 24 | Anders Larsson and ShuXian McKenna |
| May 1 | Martha Davis and Barbara Dornan |

| HAPPY BIRTHDAY | |
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| April 10 | Aidan Bain |
| April 12 | Susan Neill, Ashley Noellert |
| April 13 | Lucy Smith, Nico Sciupac |
| April 14 | Martha Eyman |
| April 16 | Spencer Gibbins, Judith Roach, James Dandridge, Ian Davis-Hoff, Allison Sproles |

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.

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. Please contact Joe Thierry at jthierry@erols.com or 703-568-5158 for more information.

Building Tours: To take a tour of our building and learn about this congregation’s heritage, current ministry, and outreach, meet the tour guide at the front of the Sanctuary immediately following the service.

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 Infants and children: Infants and toddlers 4 and under are welcome in the **Park Level nursery**. Care is provided by licensed, paid professionals. The nursery is open from 8:30 a.m.–12:30p.m. During the services, **children’s worship bulletins**, crayons and books are available in the rear of the Sanctuary. During the sermon time, Pastor Alice and helpers offer **Worship Play** for ages 3-10. During this worship playtime, the children are invited to pray, listen to stories from the Bible and related picture books, sing a song or do a simple craft. At the end of Worship Play, the children are offered a peanut free snack.

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 the New York Avenue Church and do not yet have a permanent nametag or have somehow mislaid your permanent nametag, please fill out a blank form with your name in the envelopes on either of the nametag kiosks in the narthex and the church entryway on the first floor. You will find your permanent nametag on one of the kiosks on one of the next two Sundays. Nametags are just one more way New York Avenue strives to be a welcoming presence in Washington!