

Adult Sunday School

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.	
NEXT Church	Today, 10 a.m., Room 520
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.	
Preview NYAPC Films from the Peter Marshall Years	Today, 10 a.m. Room 511
Three reels of previously unidentified films from NYAPC’s Archives have been digitized and will be shown today for the first time, and again on Sunday, May 29, as part of a Luncheon celebrating the ministries of Peter and Catherine Marshall. <i>(Save the date for a special presentation about previously unpublished lectures by Dr. Marshall and lunch after morning worship May 29.)</i>	
Njoro Kenya Visitors	May 8, 10 a.m., Room 511
Eight persons from the Orphans & Vulnerable Children Committee of the Njoro Presbyterian Church in Njoro, Kenya will be visiting NYAPC from April 28 – May 9. They will be telling stories about the lives of “our” orphans, their joys and struggles. Through their commentaries, we will see their vision for the future.	



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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 pbdornanp@aol.com.



Celebration of Worship

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

April 24, 2016

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

“Lobe den Herren, der alles so herrlich regieret”
J. S. Bach

Introit

“Kyrie,” from **Misa Criolla**
Ariel Ramirez
Manuel Melendez and Ian Elder, Tenors
Translation:
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship

From Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise the Lord in the heights!

**All: Praise the Lord from the earth,
let all Creation praise the Lord!**

Leader: Praise the Lord, rulers of the earth—men and women alike,
old and young together.

**All: Let us praise the name of God—for God has the only
name worth praising**

Leader: The Lord is mighty. The Lord is good.
God’s radiance exceeds anything in earth and sky.

**All: God loves us. God has raised us to love.
Let all God’s people praise the Lord!**

*Opening Hymn

#35, “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”
Lobe Den Herren

Prayer of Confession

God of love, You have loved us always, and You call us to love one another. Yet we have failed to love in many ways and at many times. Too often we are so absorbed in ourselves, so concerned about what others think and do, that we lose sight of You. Sometimes we are angry, sometimes afraid, sometimes discouraged. Often we are tired. Thank you for reminding us that You will never leave us or forsake us, that You hold the whole world—all of Creation—in Your hands. Forgive us our sin, restore us to wholeness, and renew us in Your Spirit.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**Please stand, if able*

*Response

#2, (verse 2) “Come, Thou Almighty King”

Italian Hymn

Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord,
our prayer attend.

Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Revelation 21:1-6, page 244, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

8:45 a.m. “Sing a New Song”

Paul Inwood

Youth Choir

Molly Wagner, Director

“Gloria,” from **Misa Criolla**

Ariel Ramirez

Translation:

Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace to all those of a
good will. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we
adore Thee, we give thanks to Thee for thy great glory....

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Acts 11:1-18, page 122, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Changing Our Minds” Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#435, “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

In Babilone

Conrad Stephen Hoffman

8:45 a.m.

See insert

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission “110th Annual Silver Tea and Gala Reception”

Bernice McIntyre

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. “River in Judea”

John Leavitt

*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

Gracious and Giving God, our gifts to You are so small, so we
ask You to multiply them—to feed the world, care for the
downtrodden, encourage the faint of heart. May they
demonstrate Your love for all people and our love for one
another, that the world will be healed and Your peace come
to earth. In the name of Jesus, our Lord, 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

#81, (verses 1 and 3) “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

Austrian Hymn

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God.

God, whose word cannot be broken,
formed thee for a blest abode.

On the rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation’s walls surrounded,
thou may’st smile at all thy foes.

3 See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows, their thirst to assuage?
Grace, so like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Benediction Response

8:45 a.m. “Go Ye Now in Peace”

Joyce Elaine Eilers

Youth Choir

Postlude

"Trumpet Tune"

Henry Purcell

We wish to thank Samantha Scheff, Manuel Melendez, Ian Elder, the
Youth Choir, their director, Molly Wagner and helper, Karen Dunlap, for
their participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by Polly Rice
and Lucy Ann Niven, in loving memory of their parents, Charles and Isabella
Stott, and the Stott’s grandson, Jonathan Rice.

The Peace Candle reminds us to pray for our partner church, First Presbyterian-
Reformed Church of Havana, its members and outreach mission, as our two
governments seek peace and reconciliation.

Preaching Schedule	
May 1	Dr. Willie Jennings
May 8	Rev. Roger J. Gench
May 15	Rev. Alice Rose Tewell
May 22	Rev. Roger J. Gench

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Meg House	ShuXian McKenna
Tour Guide	Barry Tindall	John Davies
Worship Play	Caroline White and Karen Dunlap	Rev. Alice Tewell

	Counters
April 24	Anders Larsson and ShuXian McKenna
May 1	Martha Davis and Barbara Dornan

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.

Parking in the 1399 New York Avenue garage has been extended to 3:00 p.m.

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!