Adult Sunday School

Gathered for Prayer

May 7, 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.

The Transformation of Shame: A Bible Study

Sunday, May 7, 14 and 21
10:00 a.m., Room 511

Shame is a thoroughly human trait, yet, without some means to relieve it, it can destroy the shamed as individuals and groups. Paula Hall of Howard Divinity School will survey selected Biblical accounts of shame and the ways it can be transformed.

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 Gibbons, spencerlg@so.com

Community Church – 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. Please contact Tom Karr or Shamina Bradley at director@communitychurch.org or go to www.communitychurch.org for more information.

New York Avenue Foundation – The NYAF mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout the Washington, D.C. community. It solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots nonprofits, including Community Church, to further impact D.C. students. Contact Brian Schimming, nyaffoundational@gmail.com to learn more. Shopping at Amazon? Be sure to select the NYAF as your charity-of-choice at www.smile.amazon.com. Every purchase helps a child in need.

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 at the front desk.

Radcliffe Rooms 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, girlvars4@bellevueinn.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, girlvars4@bellevueinn.net Beth DuMez, jrhuberhume@comcast.net, or Barry Tindall, bartindall@verizon.net

NYPC’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 (shakunba@verizon.net), Phil Bolles (philiboles@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 Lance Jamerson, the church bookkeeper, Rachel Browning and Kim Johnson, the chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Roger Genth, 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 worshippers 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://nyavefoundation.org. If you are interested in signing up for one (or more) services, please contact Alison Koostman Nourak at alison@nvpc.org or Paul Dorman at pcdorman@nvpc.org.

Celebration of Worship

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

April 30, 2017
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
Hyfrydol, Arr. Prichard

Introit

“Allahui, Allahulai! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord”
Donald Fisher, 1971

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship
*Call to Worship

Leader: Sing praises to God, you faithful, give thanks to God's holy name!

All: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning.

Leader: You turn our weeping to dancing, God; You remove the garments of mourning and clothe us in gladness.

All: May we praise You and not be silent! We will give thanks and worship You!

*Opening Hymn

#254, “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”
Puer Nobis Nascitur

Prayer of Confession

God of life and death, we confess that sometimes we are not alive to the possibilities You offer. We confess that there are many times when we are not mindful of Your presence. We give up the comfort and avoid the challenge that comes from Your Word and Spirit. Forgive us and restore the joy of knowing You. In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

*Response

#224, 4th. Day. “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”
St. Kevin

Neither could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal, nor the watchers, nor the seal hold you as a mortal: but today among your own, you appear, bestowing your deep peace, which evermore (verse 7):

*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: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Anthem: “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”
Tune of Westminster Abbey, Arr. Rutter

Time for Children and Their Friends
Lake 24:13-43, pages 84-85, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “Reframing the Story” Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn
#252, “Day of Arising” Raabe

The Sacrament of Baptism
Joshua Michael HanJun Choi

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings
Offertory
8:45 a.m.
“We Gather Around the Table for Giving and Prayer
“Arise, My Love” Craig Carnahan

*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
We come before You, O God, in Easter joy, seeking to be a people of the resurrection. We dedicate these gifts to You, and pray that through these gifts we may know Your love and renewing power. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. 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
#500, “Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread” St. Flavian
1 Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart; Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.
2 Here share with us, in love divine, your body and your blood, that living bread, that heavenly wine be our immortal food.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction
*Congregational Response
Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude
“Psalm XIX” Benedetto Marcello

*The liturgy for today’s service comes from Touch Holiness edited by Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by Adlai Amor and his siblings in memory of his parents, Alex G. and Delia J. Amor, and his grandparents, Alejo B. and Amalia G. Amor.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for those who experience “earthquakes” in their lives—loss of a job, home, loved one, or confronting health challenges—all need our support and prayers.

Information for Sunday Visitors

Garage parking is extended to 3:00 p.m. today.
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 earphone equipped hearing aids with the receiver. Please 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 immediately 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.

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.–12:30 p.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.

When bulletins are waved during worship at NVAPC, 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 NVAPC 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 on one of the next two Sundays. Nametags are just one more way New York Avenue strives to be a welcoming presence in Washington!