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.

Young Adult Summer Bible Study
Young Adults are having a summer Bible Study! We will be meeting Sundays after the service for an hour-long study at 11:30 a.m. in the youth room (Park Level). Possible study topics of discussion include youth ministry, service projects, etc. Contact Taylor Allison (taylorallison93@gmail.com) or Corinne Crews (corinne.e.hester@gmail.com) with any questions.

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. Contact Spence Gibbins, spencegibbins@gmail.com

Community Club – Washington D.C.’s oldest tutoring and mentorship program for public and charter school students needs 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 Shamika Bradley at directors@communityclub.org or go to www.communityclub.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. Annually, it solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots nonprofits, including Community Club, to further impact D.C. students. Contact Brian Schimming, nyafoundation@gmail.com to learn more. Shopping at Amazon? Be sure to select the NYAF as your charity-of-choice at 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 or at the 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 Robbins, roblin6820@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, mrs14@bellsouth.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, mrs14@bellsouth.net Beth DuMers, 1stbHEME@earthlings.org, 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 (shannahon@mu.edu) or Taylor Allison (taylorallison93@gmail.com).

Annual Stewardship - Each of the ministries described on this page, as well as everything your church does for and with the community, 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, service and mission of this church. Members, affiliates, and friends are all invited to participate in Annual Stewardship. Please contact Lance Jameson, the church bookkeeper, Rachel Browning and Kim Johnson, 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/1O3P3It. If you are interested in signing up for one (or more) services, please contact Alison Kostro Nausk at jmkostros@gmail.com or Paul Dorman at pkgdorman@card.com.

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

August 20, 2017
10:00 a.m.

Prelude
“Voluntary in C Major”
Henry Purcell

Introit
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
Traditional

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: We, being many, are one in Christ Jesus.
All: We celebrate our diversity, given by God.
Leader: When we are strong, we will participate fully.
All: Where we are weak, we will rejoice in the strength of our friends and neighbors.
Leader: Where God-given beauty and peace are threatened, we will be partners in restoration.
All: Paying attention to those who are threatened, we will celebrate the wholeness of all persons, for we believe that God created each of us in God’s own image.
Leader: Where persons are broken because of their personal or communal denial, we will seek to be healers of hurt, seeking and healing.
All: We, being many, are one in Christ Jesus.
Therefore, we trust - and listen.
We grow - and listen.
We love - and listen.
We dream, sing, plan and hope - worshiping God together.

*Opening Hymn
#353, “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”
Solid Rock

Prayer of Confession

God of all grace, we come to You to confess the secret sins of the hidden spaces of our lives, which hold us in fear and anguish, keeping us from You and separate from one another. We confess the words of judgment we have withheld in our societies and the compromises we have made that allows evil to multiply, producing a harvest of destruction and death. We confess the complacency with which we live in disunity, the ease with which we keep our prejudices, refusing to be the one people of God for whom Jesus prayed. God, from whom nothing is hidden and who knows the motives of our hearts, we pray that You forgive our sin, heal our divisions, and overcome our hostility. Unite us in the bond of Your all-encompassing love. Amen.

*Please stand, if able
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 earphone. You may also use your own choice of ear phones or t-coil 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 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 professional, licensed 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 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 your permanent nametag, please fill out a blank form with your name in the envelopes on either of the nametag kiosks in the narthex. If you have been worshipping regularly 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.

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