

Adult Sunday School	
Summer Handbells	Today through August 28, 9:00 a.m., Room 127
This class is for anyone over 16 who would like to learn handbell music and techniques. The goal will be to form a handbell choir to provide music for the August 28 worship service. Potential ringers should be able to read music and count and may attend any or all of the classes without committing to being a part of the handbell choir. However, any ringers who would like to be a part of the handbell choir on August 28 must attend the classes on August 21 and August 28. Led by Dan Stokes.	
Nowhere to Rest Your Head: Fr. Greg Boyle	Today and August 28, 9:00 a.m. Room 511
This audio sermon series was originally given several weeks ago at Chautauqua. Fr. Boyle founded Homeboy Industries which offers alternative schooling and job training for the poor youth of East Los Angeles. He is a wonderful preacher and storyteller. His sermon series asks and addresses how we can follow Jesus with integrity. Come and enjoy!	

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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's mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout Washington, DC. Grant proposals are solicited and awarded annually to Community Club and other grassroots non-profits that further its mission. A volunteer Board of Directors conducts the work of NYAF. If you are interested in learning more or participating in the NYAF mission, contact Brian Schimming, nyavefoundation@gmail.com. CFC #25839.

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, robinsleanor@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 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://bit.ly/1OFP66r>. 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.

August 21, 2016
10:00 a.m.

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude Pastorale on "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"
Jeffrey Blersch

Introit "Amen, We Praise Your Name"
South African Melody
Martha Davis, Meg Hanna House, Molly Wagner

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship *(from Sounds of the Eternal: a Celtic Psalter, 2002)*

Leader: In the silence of the morning I am alive to the new day's light,

All: Alert to the early stirrings of the wind and the first sounds of the creatures.

Leader: In the silence of my heart I hear the yearnings that are in me and the fears,

All: The hopes that arise from within and the doubts that trouble my soul.

Leader: In the beginnings of this day, O God, before the night stillness is lost to the day's busyness,

All: Open to me the treasure of my inner being, that in the midst of this day's busyness I may draw on Your wisdom.

Leader: Assure me again of my origins in You,

All: Assure me again that my true depths are of You.

*Opening Hymn

#15, *(verses 1-3)* "All Creatures of Our God and King"
Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Prayer of Confession *(from Sacraments and Seasons, III)*

Leader: Compassionate One, we open our hearts and souls to You. We confess our sins.

All: We acknowledge the places and times where we have strayed from Your peace, where we have started conflicts on the home turf of our living, and where we have disrupted the harmony of the larger community.

Leader: The times we have held our own opinion so rigidly that we could not see or understand another's perspective;

All: The times we were so overcome with anger that we lashed out with words or gestures;

Leader: The times we knew the vulnerable spots in another's life, and took advantage of that knowledge for our own benefit;

All: All the times, so deeply regretted, when we have broken relationships by intent or carelessness.

Leader: Trusting in Your forgiveness, we begin again to learn the ways of peace and ask:

All: Lord of mercy, forgive us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

**Please stand, if able*

***Response**

#15, (verse 4) “All creatures of Our God and King”
Lasst Uns Erfreuen
**All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
**Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia!**
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Luke 13:18-21, pages 71-72, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Come, Bring Your Burdens to God”
South African Melody
Martha Davis, Meg Hanna House, Molly Wagner

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21, pages 59-60, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “*Dance, Absolutely*” Rev. Alice R. Tewell

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#288, “Spirit of the Living God”
Living God
**Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.**
**Spirit of the Living God,
fall afresh on me.**
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
**Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.** (repeat)

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Prayer”
René Vierne

*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

Holy God, by the power of Your Spirit, bless and multiply these gifts we bring. Use them to raise up the fallen, to comfort the distressed, to guide the confused and strengthen the weak. Through our gifts and the work and service we offer through them, let all who are in need know they may experience the presence and power of Your Spirit active on their behalf in their lives. 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

#175, (verses 1-2) “Seek Ye First”
Lafferty
1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

Refrain Allelu, Alleluia.

2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and you shall find; Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
(Refrain and repeat)

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Rondeau”
Henry Purcell

We wish to thank **Samantha Scheff, organist, Martha Davis, Meg Hanna House and Molly Wagner, singers,** for their participation in worship this morning. **We thank the Rev. Beth Braxton, Parish Associate,** for her leadership in today’s worship service. **We also thank Kathryn Sparks, Director of Dance** for her leadership today. The movements in this service were choreographed by Kathryn.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by Ann Rose Davie in memory of **Bruce Davie** and in thanksgiving for God's blessings and for the NYA community.

The **Peace Candle in the chancel** is lit in thanksgiving for the inspiration of peace and community that our Paralympic and Olympic athletes bring the world.

	10:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Paul Dornan
Tour Guide	Barry Tindall
Worship Play	Stacey Gagosian and Karen Dunlap

Preaching Schedule	
August 28	Rev. Alice R. Tewell
September 4	Rev. Roger J. Gench

	Counters
August 21	Dan Stokes and Martha Davis
August 28	John Schultheis and ShuXian McKenna
September 6	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
September 11	Adam Bain and Amy Gillespie

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 josephnthierry@gmail.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 9:00 a.m.–12:00 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 to 6, or about 4th grader. 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!