

Adult Sunday School	
Adventures in Prayer	September 4, 9:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel
Maybe you are new to prayer. Maybe prayer is as natural to you as breathing. This class 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. Miriam Dewhurst will lead.	
Nowhere to Rest Your Head: Fr. Greg Boyle	Today, 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 28, 2016
10:00 a.m.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude Selections by the Bell Choir
Daniel Stokes, Conductor
Introit “Amazing Grace”
John Newton
Meg Neill, Soprano, and Stacey Gagosian, Alto

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

(from Earth Prayers, 1985)

Leader: Great God and mystery of sleep who has safely brought us to the beginning of this day, we thank You for the refreshment You daily provide,

All: And for the renewing cycle of Your dreams that shelter our fantasies, nourish our vision, and purge our anger and fears.

Leader: We praise You for providing a new beginning whose perennial grace is tangible hope for all the children of the earth.

All: We praise You God for the gift of another morning, and pray that we may be worthy bearers of its trust in the hours to come, until we rest again in the vastness of Your everlasting arms.

Leader: In our living, surprise us and be no harsher than our spirits may bear, for the morning has come and we welcome this day with gladness and greet the dawn with praise.

*Opening Hymn

#23, “God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”
Pleading Savior

Prayer of Confession

(from a Celtic service, Church of Scotland)

O compassionate and forgiving God, we live and move and have our being in You, yet always in the midst of this creation-glory, we see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness: around us in the broken, the hungry and the poor, the deception and betrayal practiced on one another, and often deep within us, a striving against Your Spirit. O trinity of love, forgive us that we may forgive one another, heal us that we may be people of healing and compassion, and renew us that we also may be makers of peace. Lord, make us receptive to Your voice: open deaf ears, soften hard hearts, concentrate distracted minds, deepen shallow emotions and send Your Spirit to take root and grow in us, so that we may flourish in Your grace, forgiven and forgiving, in service to You. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

**Please stand, if able*

***Response**

#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.

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Luke 11:33-36, page 69, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Air in F Major,” from **Water Music**
G. F. Handel
Jacob Gagosian, Violin

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Numbers 27:1-11, page 141, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Re-Story the Story” Rev. Alice R. Tewell

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#4, “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”
Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Song of Kilimanjaro”
Nancy and Randall Faber
Sam Neill, Piano

*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, we thank You for the abundance only You can provide.
We thank you for the land we live on, the space of Yours which
we inhabit, and all that You offer us. Grant us wisdom to use
these offerings to glorify Your work in this world Strengthen us to
give generously out of all that we have and all that You have
entrusted to our care. We dedicate these offerings with
thanksgiving for Your extravagant love for all of creation. 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

#22, (*verses 1-3*) “God of Sparrow”
Roeder

- 1 **God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise**
- 2 **God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save**
- 3 **God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Fugue in C Major”
G. F. Handel

We wish to thank all of our special guest musicians who participated in worship this morning, including **Sam and Meg Neill, Jacob and Stacey Gagosian**, and the **NYAPC Bell Choir**, led by **Daniel Stokes**.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Billie E. Dees** by Carl F. Dees and their daughters.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for the victims and loved ones for those affected by the flood crisis in Louisiana and the earthquake in central Italy.

	10:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Warren Krug
Tour Guide	Paul Dornan
Worship Play	Courtney Spearman and Caroline White

Preaching Schedule	
August 28	Rev. Alice R. Tewell
September 4	Rev. Roger J. Gench
September 11	Rev. Roger J. Gench

Counters	
August 28	John Schultheis and ShuXian McKenna
September 6	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
September 11	Adam Bain and Amy Gillespie
September 18	Barbara Dornan and John Schultheis

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.

Garage parking is extended to 3:00 p.m. today.

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!