

Adult Sunday School

Gathered for Prayer	Today, 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. Miriam Dewhurst will lead.	
Iconoclasm, Images and Faith	Today at 10:00 a.m., and December 11, 9:00 a.m. Room 511
We will explore visual art as a voice for God's grace, with revelatory power and meaning that transcends human intentions. Kim Johnson, leader.	
Presenting the New Lincoln Chapel Wall Hanging	December 18, 9 a.m. Lincoln Chapel
Susan Tilt, the fabric artist who created the new wall hanging in the Lincoln Chapel, will explore with us her inspiration for our new quilt and how she executed her inspiration.	



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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, 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 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.

December 4, 2016
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude "Sinfonia," from Christians Oratorio
J. S. Bach

Introit "Remember, Mortal Ones"
Thomas Ravenscroft

* **Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

***The Lighting of Advent Candles:** 8:45 a.m. **Bain Family**
The Candle of Peace and Call to Worship 11:00 a.m. **Clark Family**

Leader: This Advent we will light the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer. Today we light the candle of hope and the candle of peace. We listen to the words of Isaiah 11.

All: **A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.**

Leader: The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

All: **His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.**

Leader: On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

All: **Risen Christ, Light of the world, we pray that Your hope and Your peace will shine through our lives and into every corner of Your world. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn**

#96, "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry"
Winchester New

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, You sent Your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. We confess to You that we have heard Your message of repentance, but we have ignored it and have instead chosen a path illuminated by all of the temptations of the world. We pray that Your goodness may transform us and deepen within us a gratitude for the beauty around us, the kindness among us, and the bread broken for us. We pray that You will transform us as Your peacemakers who stand firm and fast in faith of You alone. Amen.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Passing of the Peace**

**Please stand, if able*

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*Response

#95, “Prepare the Way of the Lord”
 Prepare the Way
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God.

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Matthew 3:1-11, pages 2-3, NRSV
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
 Tune of Stuttgart, arr. Wu

Time for Children Alternative Christmas Giving

Second Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-11, pages 602-603, NRSV
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Advent Detox” Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#106, “Prepare the Way, O Zion”
 Bereden Vag For Herran

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission Choir Whitney McColley

Offertory

11:00 a.m. “O Come Emmanuel”
 Veni, Veni, Emmanuel, arr. Manor

*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

Good and gracious God, with these gifts accept the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts, which rejoice in Your goodness and love. Let our gifts point to Your presence in the world, and further Your dream for the world through Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us. Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Litany of Thanksgiving

One: May the Advent God give You hope.
All: May God grant You peace.
 One: Let us lift our hearts to God who offers righteousness to all.
All: We open our hearts to the One who loves justice.
 One: Children of God, rejoice in the One who call us to live in harmony with everyone.
All: Amen and Amen! We give our thanks to God!

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

It is right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.....Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

Response #595, “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Argentine Santo
Holy, holy, holy.
My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you:
you are holy, Lord!

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. You sent him into this world to satisfy the longings of Your people for a Savior, to bring freedom to the captives of sin, and to establish justice for the oppressed... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Let us pray for God’s rule on earth, as Jesus taught us:

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.

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

Participants in the communion proceed down the aisles to the servers, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and partake. Please return to your pew via the side aisles. Those unable to come forward will be offered the bread and the cup at their seats. (There is a Gluten Free communion set available; raise your hand for a pastor to respond.)

8:45 a.m. *Please remain around the table.

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, we offer our thanks to You. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of Your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of Your promise, children of Your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of Your peace. 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 “Voluntary on Veni Emmanuel”
 Charles Callahan

**The liturgy for this service was adapted from Advent liturgies from the Presbyterian Church USA.*

We wish to thank our guest choir members this morning for joining us! On Sunday, December 18, the Sanctuary Choir and orchestra will present selections from J. S. Bach’s Christmas Orations during the 10 a.m. service. Please join us for this special music.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by Marilyn Seiber to honor her parents, **Bernard and Marion Seiber**, on what would have been their 74th wedding anniversary on December 15 and the passing of Marion last December 30, 2015.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for Rev. Héctor Méndez as he prepares to retire from his ministry at First Presbyterian-Reformed Church of Havana on his last Sunday there, December 4, and for the First Havana congregation as they seek to continue worship and ministry as “A Light in the City” without him.

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Len Shabman	John O’Brien
Tour Guide	David Powell	Barry Tindall
Worship Play	Karen Dunlap and Courtney Spearman	Rev. Alice Tewell

Preaching Schedule	
December 11	Christmas Pageant; single service at 10:00 a.m. begins
December 18	Rev. Roger J. Gench (10:00 a.m.)
December 24	Rev. Roger J. Gench (5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.)
December 25	Rev. Alice R. Tewell (10:00 a.m.)

Counters	
December 6	Nancy Dickinson and Dan Stokes
December 11	Adam Bain and ShuXian McKenna
December 18	Martha Davis and John Schultheis
December 27	Jim Martin and Dan Stokes

Information for Sunday Visitors

Garage parking is extended to 3:00 p.m. today for the congregational meeting.

We extend a warm welcome to visitors! We invite you to sign the guest book at the rear of the Sanctuary.

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.

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 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!