

Adult Sunday School	
Adventures in Prayer	Today, 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.	
Hearing the Parables: Pearls, Pharisees, Publicans and Pounds	July 17, 9:00 a.m., Room 511
Professor Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt Divinity School lectures on how we might hear Jesus' parables afresh. Video lecture followed by group discussion. Led by Paul Dornan.	
Work and Baltimore	July 24, 9:00 a.m., Room 511
Wes Moore, community activist and founder of Stand!, a Baltimore program that works with youth in the criminal justice system, lectures. Video lecture followed by group discussion. Led by David Inoue.	
Summer Hand Bells	July 24 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.	
An Encounter with Simone Weil	July 31, August 7 and 21, 9:00 a.m. Room 511
This film documentary on Simone Weil (1909-1943), French philosopher, activist and mystic, will be shown over three weeks with weekly conversations following. This award-winning film "is a deeply moving work of art that not only challenges us to think and to feel, but encourages us to initiate important political, psychological and interfaith dialogue." Led by Paul Dornan.	

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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 vbnmaking 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 (kelciden@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/1OFP6r>. 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.

July 17, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude “Rhosymedre” (My Song is Love Unknown)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Introit “Over My Head”

Traditional Spiritual

Marlissa Hudson, Soprano

***Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

***Call to Worship**

(based on Jeremiah 31: 31-34)

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord,

when I will make a new covenant...

it will not be like the old covenant:

All: Written on stone.

Leader: This will be a radically new covenant,

my laws will be within you.

All: Written on hearts.

Leader: And God added these wonderful words—

I am your God and you are my people.

All: Imprint these words anew on our hearts, O God,

so that we know You in all Your fullness,

love You as You love us,

and worship You as You deserve.

Leader: Let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn**

#401, (verses 1-3) “Here in This Place”

Gather Us In

Prayer of Confession

BCW

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You

in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone. We have not loved

You with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your

mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we

are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in

Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy

name.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**Please stand, if able*

***Response**

#401, (*verse 4*) “Here in ‘This Place’
Gather Us In
Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away:
Here in this place the new light is shining;
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us
Your own; gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Genesis 3:1-7 pages 2-3, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Walk Together Children”
Traditional Spiritual, arr. Margaret Bonds
Marlissa Hudson, Soprano

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

John 3:14-21, page 88, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Christ the Snake” Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn**

#753, “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”
Prayer of St. Francis

Moment for Mission Nurture Committee

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“He's Got the Whole Wide World in His Hands”
Traditional Spiritual, arr. Hogan

***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**

Loving God, we seek to follow Your example of
compassionate love and generosity. We are thankful for the
blessings You have showered upon us, and seek to extend
our gifts beyond ourselves. Use these gifts for Your glory
and the glory of Your people, and use us, body and soul, in
the fulfillment of your work in the world. 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.**

***Passing of the Peace**

***Sending Hymn**

#749, “Come! Live in the Light!”
We Are Called

- Come! Live in the light!**
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be the light for the Kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the City of God.

Refrain

- We are called to act with justice;**
We are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.
- Come! Open your heart!**
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and violence will be no more. *Refrain*
 - Sing! Sing a new song!**
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we’ll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain*

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Toccata Brevis”
Daniel Gawthrop

We wish to thank our guest Marlissa Hudson for her participation in worship
this morning. Welcome!

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in
appreciation for the **volunteers who write and edit the newsletter, The
AVENEWS**, by members and friends of the congregation through their
contributions to the Flower Fund.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for the victims of the
senseless act of violence in Nice, France this past week. We also continue to pray
unceasingly for the end to gun violence in our nation, for the many victims young
and old, and those who use guns for power and control.

	10:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Len Shabman
Tour Guide	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Karen Dunlap and Stacey Gagosian

Preaching Schedule	
July 24	Rev. Roger J. Gench
July 31	Rev. Roger J. Gench
August 7	Rev. Alice R. Tewell
August 14	Rev. Alice R. Tewell
August 21	Rev. Alice R. Tewell

Counters	
July 17	Martha Davis and Adam Bain
July 24	Dan Stokes and ShuXian McKenna
July 31	John Schultheis and Amy Gillespie
August 9	Barbara Dornan and Jim Martin
August 16	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
August 21	Dan Stokes

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 3-10. 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!