Adult Sunday School

Gathered for Prayer: Today, 9:20 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.

Learning to Tell the Bible by Heart

July 23 and 30, 10:00 a.m. Room 511

Anyone can tell a story! Join us for an interactive workshop on how to tell parts of the Biblical Story by heart. This workshop can be geared to anyone, grade K and up. If you are planning to bring your very young child, please let Associate Pastor Alice Tewell (alice.tewell@nyapc.org) know so she can prepare accordingly. This workshop will also be useful for anyone serving as a Scripture reader.

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 will be discussed at the meeting.

Contact Taylor Allison (taylorallison93@gmail.com) or Corinne Crews (corinnehester@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, spence@yourid.com

Community Club – Washington D.C.’s oldest tutoring and mentorship program for public and charter school students needs adult 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 Shamina 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, nyafbysfoundation@gmail.com to learn more. Shopping at Amazon? Be sure to select the NYAF as your charity-of-choice at www.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 Robins, eleanor@eleanorhotmail.com

The Peace Candle – Visitors are invited to take a Peace Candle home to their congregation. 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, gis14wun@bellsouth.net

Triangle Park Committee – Working with the National Service to maintain service 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, gis14wun@bellsouth.net Beth DuMers, bdudemers@verizon.com, or Barry Tindall, hamtvindal@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 (helen@munca.edu) or Taylor Allison (taylorallison95@gmail.com).

Annual Stewardship - Each of the ministries described on this page, as well as everything 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 Lance Jameson, the church bookkeeper, Rachel Browning and Kim Johnson, 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 guests and members during coffee time. For more details visit: https://tinyurl.com/100PPL. If you are interested in signing up for one or more services, please contact Allison Koostira Nazur at amkoostira@gmail.com or Paul Doman at pdomanmp@icloud.com.

Celebration of Worship

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

July 23, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

Variations on “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”
Joseph Haydn

Introit

“How Can I Keep From Singing?”
Traditional American
Stacey Gagostian, Soloist

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gatherings for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: O LORD, You have searched us and known us.
All: You seek out our paths and know our ways.
Leader: Where can we go from Your Spirit?
All: You are everywhere!
Leader: Even the darkness is not dark to you.
All: We praise you for you are our light.
Leader: Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn

#475, “Come, Thou Fount of Allmy Peace”
Neltleton

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, You know every step we take. You have seen what we are proud of and have seen the things we would rather forget. We hold on to anger instead of welcoming forgiveness. We are content to stay in the dark rather than to be people of the light. We wish to keep grace only for ourselves, rather than offering it to others. Forgive us, Holy One. Clear our clouded eyes so that we may once again see Your goodness, feel Your love, and joyfully accept Your grace.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

*Response

#582, (verse 1), “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”
Glory to God
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Holy Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. Repeat once

*Please stand, if able
II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson
1 Peter 4:12-19, page 221, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
"Vivace," from Concerto for Two Violins in D Minor, BWV 1043
J.S. Bach
Mary Whitesides, Jacob Gagosian, Violins

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson
Matthew 20:1-16, pages 20-21, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon
“Grace Remains” Sarah-Dianne Jones
NYAPC’s Young Adult Volunteer

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn
#726, “Will You Come and Follow Me”
Kelvingrove

Sacrament of Baptism Claire Beatrice Nowak
See insert.

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory
“Vater unser in Himmelreich” (Our Father in Heaven)
Dietrich Buxtehude

*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 Trinity God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication
God of grace, we offer these gifts out of our love for You. Not only do we offer these monetary gifts, but also ourselves. These gifts are not perfect, but because they are for You, we know that they can be used for good. We pray that these gifts will be used to do your will, not our will, and to brightly shine Your light in a world that can feel so dark. 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
#749, “Come! Live in the Light!”
We Are Called
1 Come, live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be 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.

2 Come, open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hatred and violence will be no more! Refrain

3 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 in G Major”
Dietrich Buxtehude

We wish to thank Samantha Scheff, Mary Whitesides, and Jacob and Stacey Gagosian for their participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Dennis Younger and in honor of Lindsey Younger on the occasion of their birthdays by Stacey, John, Jacob, and Nori Gagosian.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for family and friends and “the stranger” near and far—for their joys and challenges, health and illnesses, housing and food, employment and job loss, sorrows and grief. We are one family.

10:00 a.m.

Liturgist Robert Savage
Tour Guide David Powell
Worship Play Karen Dunlap and Adam Tewell

Information for Sunday Visitors

Garage parking is extended to 3:00 p.m. today for the church potluck.

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 josephiniertyv@gmail.com or 703-568-5188 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 licensed, paid 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 misplaced your permanent nametag, please fill out a blank 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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