Maybe you are new to prayer. Maybe prayer is as natural to you as breathing. Prayer is as easy as breathing and Cindy Fogleman, Pascack United Methodist Church, will lead. Prayer is a deep personal and congregational theological act, and it is essential to the worship service. 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, nyaf@gmail.com

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.

By Their Fruits You Shall Know Them - By Their Fruits You Shall Know Them - Biblical references: Matthew 7:15-20, Luke 6:43-45, Acts 13:2, James 2:14-26, Galatians 3:4-5. 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, nyaf@gmail.com

Adult Sunday School - Adult Sunday School - Sundays, March 8 - March 22 @ 10:30 a.m., Lincoln Chapel

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 book in the narthex and take one. If you are interested in learning more or participating in the Peace and Justice Committee, contact Marilyn Seiber, mjs1wan2@verizon.net

Triangular Park Committee - Working with the National Park Service to ensure maintenance and oversee the flower and plant beds along the park walls, meet 4-6 times a year, conduct business via email, and schedule work days as needed. Contact Marilyn Seiber, mjs1wan2@verizon.net or Benno Lauer, bennolauer@gmail.com

NYAF’s Young Adults - For more information about Sunday brunches, Faith on Tap, Bible study, and other fellowship or service activities (or to be added to the email list), contact Richard Snyder (snyder-richard@gmail.com) or Benno Lauer (bennolauer@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 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 financial officer, for more information. Contact Jan Maheras, JanMaheras@nyaf.org

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

Celebration of Worship

The worship service begins with a brief period for personal meditation and the Prelude.

Prelude - "I Stand at the Threshold," Arrangements by Cantara BWV 156

J. S. Bach

Introit - "My Song is Love Unknown" - John Ireland

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gatherings for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, All: reviving the soul; Leader: the decrees of the Lord are sure, All: making wise the simple; Leader: the precepts of the Lord are right, All: rejoicing the heart; Leader: the commandment of the Lord is clear, All: enlightening the eyes; Leader: the fear of the Lord is pure, All: enduring forever;

*All: They are more desirable than gold, and sweeter than honey. In keeping them is great reward.

*Hymn

Hymn

*Please stand, if able

Merciful God, forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything except You; keep us faithful. Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships—with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors. Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness, rather than words that belittle or destroy. Turn us away from violence, falsehood, and selfishness. Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power, for You are the God who made us, led us out of slavery, and has brought us into the
community of faith. Help us to depend on You alone and to rest in Your peace. In Christ’s name we pray.

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response

#20 (verse 4), "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Royal Oak
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

John 2:13-32, page 87, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Hear My Words" Stephen Paulus

Time for Children

Second Lesson

Exodus 20:1-17, page 63-64, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Really Real" Rev. Roger J. Gench

*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

O Lord our God, we want to follow all Your commandments—to love only You, not worshiping the things of this world; to love our neighbor freely, not desiring for ourselves something they possess. Accept these offerings, we pray, and teach us to be generous, giving fully of ourselves that we may truly be the body of Christ in this 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.

*Sending Hymn

#625, "O Lord My God"

How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed. Re 

2 When through the woods, and forest gladness I wander, And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees. When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. Re 

3 And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing; Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. Re 

4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" Re 

*Refrain

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

"Fugue in C Major" G. F. Handel

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mildred Mogul by her grandchildren, Rebecca Davis and Glenn Davis.

Today’s liturgy is from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, 2015.

The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds us to pray for people in the U.S. and overseas adversely affected by winter storms, losing homes, electricity and with scarce food.

8:45

Liturgists

Whitney McColley

Adam McColley

Tour Guide

John O’Brien

Barry Tindall

Worship Play

Alice Tewell

Counters’ Schedule

March 10

Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

March 15

Martha Davis and John Schul-theiss

March 24

Barb Dorman and Nancy Dickinson

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.

Please stay for coffee and fellowship at the side of the Sanctuary after the 11:00 a.m. service. If you would ever like a bit of privacy, or if your infants would like a break, parents — and nursing mothers especially — are very welcome to use the Worship Center space (directly across from the Sanctuary with the blue sofa). The Nursery is also open each Sunday from 8:30-12:30.

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.

Offertory