


Adult Sunday School

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| Adventures in Prayer | Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel |
| Maybe you are new to prayer. Maybe prayer is as natural to you as breathing. This class, meeting in the Lincoln Chapel at 10:20 a.m., 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. | |
| Planned Giving at NYAPC | Today, 10 a.m., Room 520 |
| The Planned Giving Committee will explore the ways in which members and friends of this congregation can plan and structure the church's financial future with their own. Cathy and John Schultheis will lead. | |
| The Presbyterian Churches in Iraq and Syria | Today, 10 a.m. Lincoln Parlor |
| Learn about the status of the Presbyterian Churches in Iraq and Syria—both their struggles to survive and their inspiring stories of thriving missions in the midst of wars. Marilyn Seiber will lead a class to relay the latest stories of Presbyterian Churches in these wore-torn and ISIS-challenged congregations. You will see recent photos of the churches and congregations, as well as hear reports from our church partners, our PC(USA) Mission Co-Worker in Beirut, and The Outreach Foundations's (Presbyterian) April trip to the region. | |
| Muslim Young Professionals in the District With Farha Tahir | May 22, 10 a.m., Room 520 |
| DC is home to a thriving network of Muslim young professionals who engage in local activism and service, convene for study and prayer, and provide support to one another. Farha Tahir will discuss her experiences as a member of this community and the broader Muslim community in DC. The goal of the session will be to gain a glimpse into the life, activities, and activism of NYAPC's young Muslim neighbors. | |

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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, robinseleanor@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/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.

**May 15, 2016
8:45 and 11 a.m.
Pentecost Sunday**

Prelude

8:45 a.m. "Sonata in D Minor"
Domenico Scarlatti
11:00 a.m. "Adante," from **Violin Sonata No.1 in D Major**
J. S. Bach
David Brown, Violin

Introit

"On Pentecost They Gathered"
Tune of Munich, Adapted by Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship (From Genesis 1:2, 1 Samuel 10:6, Ezekiel 11:19-20, Isaiah 11:2, John 3:5,8, John 4:24, Psalm 31:5, Acts 1:8, John 14:26, John 20:22)

Leader: The Word comes, lively and liquid as wind on wildfire—out of control, scary even— engulfing all in cleared possibilities from burned-out ends. Listen! Listen!

All: Now the earth was formless and, void, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Leader: The Spirit of the LORD will come upon YOU in power, and you will prophesy . . . and you will be changed into a different person.

NYAve Side: Thus says the Lord, I will give you one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you;

H Street Side: And I will take the stony heart out of your flesh, and will give you a heart of flesh that you may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them:

All: And you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Leader: The Spirit of the LORD will rest upon him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

Women: "I tell you the truth," Jesus said, "no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. . . ."

Men: "The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

All: God is spirit, and those who worship the Lord must worship in spirit and in truth.

Leader: From the cross Jesus cries: "Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth."

All: You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Leader: The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom God will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

All: And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

*Opening Hymn

#279, (*verses 1-3*) “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

St. Agnes

Prayer of Confession

(Based on Joel 2:28-29)

God who comes to us in the wind, the flame, the water, and in all of creation, hear our prayers of confession that we bring to You. The Spirit comes with fire of justice, and we offer the extinguisher of complacency. The Spirit comes with the rain of love, and we offer an umbrella of reserve. The Spirit comes bearing fresh winds of change and we close the windows. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy upon us.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**Please stand, if able*

*Response

#279, (*verse 4*) “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

St. Agnes

**Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all thy quickening powers;
Come, shed abroad a Savior's love,
and that shall kindle ours.**

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Acts 2:1-21, page 111, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Romans 8:14-17, page 148, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Spirit’s Work”

Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#282, “Come Down, O Love Divine”

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Reception of New Members

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission

“7-2-9”

Spence Gibbins

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:45 a.m. *The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around the Table for Giving and Prayer

11:00 a.m. “Sing Unto God”

Paul Fetler

*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, Your caring moves us to care, and Your mercy moves us to kindness. Your justice stirs us to work for the oppressed, and Your humility causes us to desire no reward for any deed. Use these gifts according to Your compassionate will, we pray in Your name. 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 (*11:00 a.m.*)

*Sending Hymn

#285, “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

BrideGroom

- 1 Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
come, Holy Spirit, come.
- 2 To the members of Christ's Body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the Church in faith assembled,
to her midst as gift and sign:
come, Holy Spirit, come.
- 3 With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power of love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

"Allegro,” from Violin Sonata No.1 in D Major

J. S. Bach

We wish to thank David Brown for his beautiful music in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in appreciation for church office volunteers, by members and friends of the congregation through their gifts to the Flower Fund.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for the bombing victims in Aleppo, Syria and Baghdad, Iraq, and that peace will come soon to all people in the region.

| Preaching Schedule | |
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| May 22 | Rev. Roger J. Gench |
| May 29 | Rev. Roger J. Gench |

| | 8:45 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. |
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| Liturgist | Nathan Moon | Sarah Benzing |
| Tour Guide | Joe Riley | Barry Tindall |
| Worship Play | Rev. Alice Tewell and Caroline White | Karen Dunlap |

| | Counters |
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| May 17 | Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein |
| May 24 | Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein |
| May 29 | Barbara Dornan and ShuXian McKenna |
| June 5 | Barbara Dornan and Seth Doleman |

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 jthierry@erols.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 8:30 a.m.–12:30p.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!