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

October 18, 2015
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude
“Morning Has Broken”
Arr. Johnson

Introit
“Morning Has Broken”
Bunessan, Gaelic Melody

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gatherings for Worship
*Call to Worship
Leader: On this new morning and in every moment of our lives, gracious God,
All: From generation to generation, we praise Your holy name.
Leader: Like our ancestors before us, we proclaim Your greatness to our children,
All: For we have seen Your deeds of power and witnessed Your goodness in our lives.
Leader: You have opened Your hand to all, satisfying the desire of every living thing to open our hearts so that we might share the gifts we have received from You.
All: Let us worship God in gratitude and joy!

*Opening Hymn
#687, “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”
St. Anne
Prayer of Confession
(from Hornebley, 2004)
Loving Creator, so often we conceive patterns of life that reflect our understandings instead of Yours, in the myriad differences in human colors, cultures and ways of life, we invent categories to simplify our interactions. In our own lives, our thinking, acting and worshiping similarly fall into convenient, comfortable and convenient ways. We enjoy and rely on what seems easy or assumed rather than trusting and glorifying You in our endless creativity and surprise. Disturb us in our complacency, 0 God. Remove all that keeps us from seeing each other or ourselves as Your wondrous children. In its place, give us Your marvelous love. Teach us to reject all that would separate us from the rest of our brothers and sisters, from our truest selves, from Your mercy. We pray in the name of Jesus. Those persistent calls always find a way, even in the midst of our human distractions. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Please stand, if able
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.

On November 1, there will only be one worship service at 11:00 a.m. due to the All Church Retreat occurring the same weekend. During part of the Advent and Christmastide Season, for 4 Sundays, we also join together for a single service. On Dec 13, 20, 27, and January 3rd please join us for a single service at 11 a.m. (Please note the change in time from previous years).

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 j Thierry@jehs.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.—12:30 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. 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.

Upcoming Adult Sunday School Class:
“So Sarah Laughed: Laughter in the Bible.”
October 25 and November 1, 8, 15, 22, 10:00 a.m., Room 511
Rev. Paula Hall of Howard Divinity School will lead a Bible study of the role of laughter, a very human response to the vagaries of life, in the Biblical narratives. Rev. Hall has been a regular participant in the church’s adult program for the last two years, and we welcome her presence among us.

Worship Service Schedule Changes for Fall and Winter Seasons
Nov. 1: one service at 11:00 a.m. only
Dec. 13: one service at 11:00 a.m. only
Dec. 20: one service at 11:00 a.m. only
Dec. 27: one service at 11:00 a.m. only
Jan. 3: one service at 11:00 a.m. only