NYAPC Raising Justice Seeking Kids and Youth 2018 Series
Today, 10:00 a.m., PMH, Inclusional Celebration
Jess Cook, Program and Communications Manager, More Light Presbyterians
Promotions: They/Them/Their; http://www.clatteringbones.com; @clatteringbones
Rev. Alex McNeill, More Light Presbyterians
Promotions: He/Him/His @presbyjesus

Jess Cook is a candidate for ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA). A native of East Texas and lifelong Presbyterian, Jess holds a Master of Divinity from Union Presbyterian Seminary; a Master of Fine Arts in Photography from the University of North Texas, and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art from Baylor. Prior to joining MLP, Jess was the Youth Programs Director at Side by Side, an organization in Richmond, VA serving LGBTQ youth. They created a parent support group and a meals program, and trained a wide variety of faith community leaders and service providers on best practices for working with LGBTQ+ youth.

Alex Patchin McNeill is the first openly transgender person to head a mainline Protestant organization. He is an openly transgender pastor and queer (LGBTQ) Christian. He has trained hundreds of Christians to become allies, helped improve church policies, and has been a key organizer in the church movement for the passage of Amendment 10A in the PC(USA), and for marriage equality.

Prior to joining MLP, McNeill was the Interim Director for McClendon Scholar in North Texas, and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art from Baylor. He has a Master of Fine Arts in Photography from the University of Virginia, a M. Div. from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and a B.A. in English Literature from the University of Virginia. McNeill is a published author of the book "The Art of Clergying: Spiritual and Emotional Care for Clergy and Church Volunteers" and is an active writer on inclusive ministry,. McNeill serves on the board of the Religious Institute at The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church and is also an affiliate faculty member of the Institute for Welcoming Relationships.

Ministries

The Congregation
Pastor: Roger Joseph Gench, Ph.D.
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- Matthew Schlager, M.Div.
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Opportunities for Service

7-2-2 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 Spencer Gibb, spencer.gibb@gmail.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 volunteer mentors meet at the church Thursday nights during the school year. Contact Tom Kurt or Shatnika Brinell, More Light Presbyterians
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New York Avenue Foundation – The NYAF mission is to be a canal 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. Please contact Brian Schimming, nyafoundation@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, 8:30-9:45 a.m., for hymn singing, refreshments and socializing. Donations of umbrella, rain gear, clothing, toiletries, and transportation money are needed. Contact Eleanor Roberts, robsieleanor@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 card there, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Marilyn Seiber, mjs1wan2@gmail.com.

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@gmail.com or Barry Tindall, barrytindall@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 (shanthion@ncsu.edu) or Taylor Allison (taylorallison93@gmail.com).

NYAPC Parent’s Listserve – For more information about ministry for infants to high schoolers, or to be added to the email list, contact Associate Pastor Alice Towell (alice.towell@nyapc.org).

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 significant commitment to the church. Anything else that happens at this church, is supported in a significant way by Annual Stewardship giving. Stewardship giving. Annual Stewardship. Please contact Lance Jameson, the church book keeper, Rachel Browning and Kim Johnson, the chairs 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, 20-30 minutes before a Sunday service meeting and then 15 minutes after, to chat with visitors and members during coffee time. For more details, visit https://bit.ly/10FFPbt. If you are interested in signing up for one (or more) services, please contact Helen Anthony at shanthion@ncsu.edu or Paul Doman at phdorman@aol.com.

* A Brief Statement of Faith (Pages 37-38, “Glory to God” hymnal)
* Please stand, if able

Celebration of Worship

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

January 28, 2018
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
Dale Wood

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“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
Tune of Nertlenton

* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gatherings for Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us worship God.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;

People: Let us exalt the name of the Lord together.

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Rock of our salvation.

*Opening Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory”
Cwm Rhondda

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, You have called us to be Your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of Your presence and the strength of Your Spirit among us. O God, forgive our foolish ways. As You have chosen us and claimed us in our baptism, strengthen us anew to choose Christ’s way in this world. Give us Your Holy Spirit that each may be provided with all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Response

“God of Grace and God of Glory”
Cwm Rhondda

4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore. Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee who wert our teacher, serving thee whom we adore.

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II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson
Psalms 111, pages 531-532, RSVV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
“Spiritual”

Ysaye Barnwell

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson
Mark 1:21-28, page 33, RSVV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon
Confronting Madness
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn
#285, “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”
BrideGroom

Ordination and Installation of New Officers

Concens of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory
8:45 a.m.
Please gather around the table for giving and prayer.

11:00 a.m.
Vollendet ist das Große Werk,” 7th day from Creation
F. J. Haydn
Translation: Achieved is the glorious work, our song shall be the praise of God. Glory be to the Lord’s name forever for he alone shall reign on high. Hallelujah.

*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
Here I am, Lord — body, heart, and soul. Grant that with Your love, I may be big enough to reach the world, and small enough to be at one with You.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in memory of Lucyle and Turley Mace by Mary, Jerry, Jason, and Katie Spate.

The red rose on the Communion Table this morning is to welcome and celebrate the birth on January 22 of Rose Victoria Twell, daughter of Reverend Alice Rose Twell and Adam Twell and sister of Christopher.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for all immigrants and refugees whose status is precarious and unclear, who are abandoned in refugee camps, whose lives are determined by wars and politics beyond their control. Pray for their comfort, care, and wellbeing.

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, 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.

Information for Sunday Visitors

Garage parking is extended to 3:00 p.m.
Rev. Alice Tewell is on maternity leave.

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 josephthierry@gmail.com or 703-568-5158 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, 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.

The Reception of New Members

The Presentation of New Members

The Questions of Faith

Elder: Our Lord Jesus Christ commissioned us to teach those who are baptized. Do you, the people of this church promise to tell these new disciples the good news of the gospel, to help them know all that Christ commands, and by your fellowship, to strengthen their family ties with the household of God?

People: We do.

Unison Prayer:
God, our Creator, we praise You for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank You for choosing to add to our number brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in Your spirit and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

NEW MEMBERS
New member information will be in next week’s bulletin.