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Possible for Service

7:29 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 Gibbs, spencergibbins@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 volunteers meet at the church on Thursday nights during the school year. Contact Tom Kerr or Shantika Bradley at direction@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. Please contact Brian Schimming, nyavefoundation@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.

Radiclike 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 Robbins, robbines Eleanor@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 Seiler, 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 Seiler, mjs1wan2@gmail.com or Barry Tindall, barrytindall@verizon.net.

NYAF’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 (shanthon@ncsu.edu) or Taylor Allison (taylorallison93@gmail.com).

NYAF Parent’s Listserv – For more information about ministry for infants to high schoolers, or to be added to the e-mail list, contact Associate Pastor Alice Tewell (alice.tewell@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 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 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 gathering and then 15-20 minutes after, to chat with visitors and members during coffee time. For more details, visit https://bit.ly/10PPh6r. If you are interested in signing up for one (or more!) services, please contact Helen Anthony at shanthon@ncsu.edu or Paul Doman at pdoman@nyapc.org.

Opportunities for Service

I. The Community Gatherings for Worship

Celebration of Worship

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

February 25, 2018
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Lent

Prelude

“Voluntary in D Major”
Gordon Young

Introit

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
Ludwig von Beethoven

* Lincoln Chimes
**Response**

#286, (verse 5) “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”
Trentham

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

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

**II. The Community Heears the Word of God**

**First Lesson**

Psalms 22:23-31, page 474, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

**Anthem**

“Praise the Lord, ye Heavens Adore Him”
Arr: David Hauff

**Time for Children and Their Friends**

**Second Lesson**

Mark 8:31-38, page 41, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

“Gifts from Heaven” Rev. Robert Craig

**III. The Community Responds to the Word**

**Sermion Hymn**

#655, “What Shall I Render to the Lord”
Martyrdom

Sacrament of Baptism

Elisabeth (Elsa) Merrill Berry and Genevieve Marie Berry

Concerns 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. “A Gaelic Blessing”
John Rutter

**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.

**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**

#175, “Seek Ye First”
Lafferty

1 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu Alleluia

2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu Alleluia

3 You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu Alleluia

**Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

**Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

**Postlude**

“Postlude in Classic Style”
Gordon Young

**The flowers in the chancel today** are given to the glory of God by the Dewhurst family in loving memory of Miriam’s mother, Mary Mitchell.

**The Peace Candle in the chancel** reminds us to pray for the children and families suffering from gun violence, victims of gun tragedies whose lives are cut short, and the politicians and governing officers who have the power to protect them and change this country’s gun culture.

**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 earphone. You may also use your own choice of ear phones or ear-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.

If you have been worshipping regularly at NYAPC and do not yet have a permanent nametag or have mislaid yours, please fill out a blank form with your name in the envelopes on either nametag kiosk in the narthex and the church entryway on the first floor. You will find your nametag on either kiosk on a following Sunday. Nametags are one more way NYAPC strives to be a welcoming presence in Washington.