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Adult Sunday School
Gathered for Prayer Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel
Adults: Pray for one another, for the people on the prayer/care list, for the church and the world. All questions, joys and concerns are welcome. Come anytime.

Cross Examinations, with Rev. Roger Gench
Today through March 25, 10:00 a.m., Room 311

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Opportunities 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 Gibbons, spencergh@aol.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 Karr or Shantika Braxton at directories@communityclub.org or go to www.communityclub.org for more information.

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*Passing of the Peace

*Please stand, if able

Celebration of Worship
The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church welcomes all people into community, worship, service and leadership.
March 11, 2018
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Prelude
“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”
J. S. Bach

Introit
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
Rockingham

* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship
Call to Worship
written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer’s Homepage: http://www.bruceprewer.com/

Leader: The grace of Christ Jesus be with you all.
People: And also with you.
Leader: We each have a right to be here, a right not based on our righteousness but on God’s free grace.
People: O give thanks to our God who is good, whose saving love endures forever.
Leader: Let those who are redeemed by God declare it, rescued from trouble and gathered from many lands;
People: From the east and from the north, and from the south, give thanks to God who is always good!

*Opening Hymn
H#25, “What Wondrous Love Is This”
Wondrous Love

Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

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III. The Community Responds to the Word

**Sermon Hymn**

#213, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Rathbun

**Reception of New Members**

11:00 a.m. See insert.

**Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

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

11:00 a.m. “Verleiht uns Frieden”

Felix Mendelssohn

Translation: Grant us peace graciously, Lord God, in our time; there is indeed no other who could fight for us than You, our God, alone.

**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 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**

#227, “Jesus, Remember Me”

Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. [Repeat four times]

**Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

**Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

**Postlude**

“Forty Days and Forty Nights”

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