The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church
"An inclusive, justice-seeking church"
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Opportunities for Service
7-2-9 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, spencegibbs@ymail.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 Kurt or Shamina Bradley at directions@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 Schilling, 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, 8:15-9:45 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.

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 times a year, conduct business via email, and schedule work days. Contact Audrey Gifford, agifford@verizon.net.

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, mjklwan2@gmail.com.

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NYAF’s Young Adults – For more information about a Faith on Tap, Bible Study, other fellowship and service activities, or to be added to the e-mail list, contact Helen Anthony (hshanthon@nscu.edu) or Taylor Allison (taylorallison95@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 Twelle (alice.twelle@nyapc.org).

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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 Brownrigg 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 greeting and then 15-20 minutes after, to chat with visitors and members during coffee time. For more details, visit https://bit.ly/10IFPfr. If you are interested in signing up for one (or more) services, please contact Helen Anthony at shanthon@nscu.edu or Paul Doman at pdoman@ymail.com.

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

March 4, 2018
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Third Sunday of Lent

Prelude
Meditation on “Wondrous Love”
David Paxton

Introit
“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”
Repton

* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gatherers for Worship

Call to Worship
Leader: The heavens are telling of the glory of God;
All: and the firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.
Leader: Your word, O God, is perfect, reviving our souls;
All: and Your commandments are sure, rejoicing our hearts.
Leader: Let our words and worship, the meditation of our hearts,
be acceptable to You;
All: O God, our rock and our redeemer!

Opening Hymn
#4, (verses 1-3) “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”
Groser Gott, Wir Loben Dich

Prayer of Confession
O Holy One, we call to You and name You as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize You in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clutches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Response
All are invited to join in simple movement by following the leader up front.

#286, (verses 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 wouldest do.

*Please stand, if able
II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson  
Exodus 2:13-22, pages 48, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.  

Anthem  
“Turn Thy Face From My Sins”  
Thomas Artwood

Time for Children and Their Friends  
Second Lesson  
John 2:13-22, pages 87-88, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.  

Sermon  
“Marketing God”  
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn  
#394, “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”  
Westminster Abbey

Concerns of the Church

Offertory  
11:00 a.m.  “O Lamb of God Most Holy,”  
Nikolaus Decius arr. David C. Huff

*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 Trinity God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication  
Compassionate God, we offer You these gifts as signs of our time and labor. Receive the offering of our lives so that the ministry of Christ might continue and all Creation might find unending life in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Service of Communion  
Invitation to the Table

Liturgy of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.  
All: And also with you.  

One: Lift up your hearts.  
All: We lift them to the Lord.  
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, eternal God our creator and redeemer. In Your wisdom, You made all things and sustain them by Your power. Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name.

Response

#595, “Holy, Holy, Holy”  
Argentine Santo

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!  
You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. He shares our life in every way, and though tempted, was sinless to the end. Baptized at Your own, he went willingly to his death and by Your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, You gave birth to Your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit ... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. EmPOWERed by the Spirit, let us now offer the prayer our Lord taught us, saying...

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.

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

Participants in the communion proceed down the aisle to the servers, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and partake. Please return to your pew via the side aisles. Those unable to come forward will be offered the bread and the cup at their seats. (There is a Gluten Free communion set available; raise your hand for a pastor to respond.)

Prayer After Communion

God of grace, You have called us to the holy table of the Lord, to proclaim his death and receive his gift of life. Help us to remember Christ’s self-offering with thanksgiving and praise. Open our hearts and minds to a vision of his love, and pour into our souls the fullness of his grace. As we offer ourselves to You, let us go forth to live and serve as those whose lives are not our own but belong to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

*Sending Hymn  
#157, “I Danced in the Morning”  
Lord Of The Dance

1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.  

Refrain

Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I’ll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I’ll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2 I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.  
They came with me and the dance went on. [Refrain]

Embodied Prayer in Today’s Worship: Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Offering ourselves to God in worship, as a community, can take on an additional layer of meaning when we involve our entire body in our prayer and praise. This Sunday, and for several more upcoming Sundays, we will practice “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” following the exchange of peace as a way to deepen our connection with God – through our physicality.

We wish to thank Samantha Scheff for her participation in worship this morning.  
The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in appreciation of the volunteers who serve on the Evangelism Committee.

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.

Liturgy Leader: Miriam Dewhurst  
James Turner

Tour Guide: Meg Neill  
Len Shaban

Worship Play: Courtney Spearman  
Caroline White

Music:  
8:45 a.m.  11:00 a.m.

Liturgist:  
Rev. Roger J. Gench

Choir:  
Volunteers from the Choir

Counters:  
March 6  March 13  March 18  March 25  April 1

Martha Davis and John Schultheis  
Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein  
John Schultheis and Shuxian McKenna  
Barbara Dornan and Adam Bain  
Martha Davis and Dan Stokes

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response  
Acolyte: Amen!

Postlude  
“Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless”  
O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig arr. Richard Hillert