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### Opportunities for Service

**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 Shamina Bradley at directors@communityclub.org or go to www.communityclub.org for more information.

**New York Avenue Educational Foundation** - The NYAEF mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need in the Washington, D.C. community. Annually, it is soliciting proposals and awards grants to classrooms, non-profits, and including Community Club to further impact DC students. Visit https://nyae.org or email more info to Brian Schuminne at nyae@nymfa.org. Shopping at Amazon? Select the NYAEF as your charity-of-choice through this link https://smile.amazon.com. Federal employees/retirees please consider giving through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC #25839) at https://cfce.org.

**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. Donation baskets are at the rear of the sanctuary and front desk.

**Canter 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, robinselmar@aol.com.

**The Peace Candle** – Visitors are invited to take a Peace Candle home to their congregation. Candles are at the back, right side, of the sanctuary. Please sign the name collection there, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Marilyn Seiber, mjl1yan@verizon.net.

**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, mjl1yan@verizon.net or Barry Tissidil, barrytissidil@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, shanbam@nycu.edu or Taylor Allison (taylorallison@nycu.edu).

**NYAPC Parent’s Newsletter** – For more information about ministry for infants to high schoolers to be added to the e-mail list, contact Associate Pastor Alice Twell (alice.twell@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 Jamieson, the church Senior Accountant, Helen Anthony, the chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Roger Gench, the Senior Pastor, for more information, questions, or to make your pledge.

**Volunteers are needed to staff 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 http://bit.ly/1P0FPP or contact Helen Anthony, shanbam@nycu.edu or Paul Dorman, pauldorm@nyapc.org.

**Worship Service** – Are you interested in ushering or serving as a liturgist during Sunday service? Please contact John Yoder at vodiert@gmail.com (usher) or Mark Zaineddin at zaineddin@gmail.com (liturgist) for more information.

### Congregational Sunday, March 31 – No Adult Sunday School Class

### The Injustices of American Criminal Justice

April 7, 14, 28 and May 5

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### Scapegoats & Social Media

April 28 and May 5

Our age of social media and outrage has produced more sophisticated consequences that we can keep up with. How do we act as peacemakers and prophets in this environment? In this class, we'll discuss some recent current events and put them in perspective using Rene Girard’s mimetic framework, short stories, and scripture. Rebecca Davis will lead.

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**Adult Sunday School**

Gathered for Prayer: Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel

Adventures in Prayer has become a group of people who gather each Sunday to 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.

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**Celebration of Worship**

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

March 31, 2019

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

**Prelude**

“Air in F Major”

G. F. Handel

**Introit**

“Behold the Lamb of God”

G. F. Handel

J. David Brown, SHEYNA BURT, Violin; Caroline Brethauer, Viola; Joanna Taylor, Cello; Peter Ostle, Contrabass

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**Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gatherings for Worship

**Call to Worship**

Leader: O Christ who sees the little and the lost:

All: the child,

Leader: the lamb,

All: the last, the least.

Leader: Widen my eyes with your compassion;

All: clear my vision with your justice;

Leader: soften my gaze with your tears

All: for all who need our prayers today. Amen.

**Opening Hymn**

#757 (verses 1-3) Today We All Called to Be Disciples*

Kingstown

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**Prayer of Confession**

On the palm of your hand you write my name, O God. Through the pages of creation, my life unfolds. In the chambers of your heart, I have a home, O God, where every cry is heard, every tear seen, every thanks whispered in the dark or sung to the morning is known to you. And still, I am slow to thank, to ask, to trust. O God, who is great and good, help me to pray. Amen.

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**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Passing of the Peace**

**A Brief Statement of Faith**

(Pages 37-38, "Glory to God" hymnal)

**Response**

#757, (verse 4) “Today We All Called to Be Disciples”

Kingstown

4 May we in service our God act out the living word, and walk the road the saints have trod

till all have seen and heard.

As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

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

First Lesson
2 Corinthians 5:16-21, page 170-171, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
“Since by Man Came Death”
G. F. Handel

Time for Children and Their Friends
Lake 15: 1-3, 11b-32, pages 73-74, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon
“Becoming Just” Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn
#752, “Dona nobis pacem”
Traditional
(Sing two times)

Sacrament of Child Baptism
Quinn Elizabeth Catherine Davis
(11:00 a.m. see insert)

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission
“Ushering” Deacons

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings
Offertry
8:45 a.m. Please gather around the table for giving and prayer.
“Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs”
“All We Like Sheep Have Gone Astray”
G. F. Handel

*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
We pray that these gifts
would draw us closer to you, O God.
We pray believing that there
is no curve of this day,
there is no contour of this night,
where you are not with us.
We are so gratefully yours. 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
#765, “May the God of Hope Go with Us”
Argentina
1 May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that’s new,
faithful when we hear Christ’s call. (Sing two times)

*Commissions to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response
Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude
8:45 a.m. “The Rejoicing”
11:00 a.m. “The Lord Gave the Word”
G. F. Handel

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.

LARGE PRINT bulletins are now available for our worship services, including enlarged copies of the hymns. Please pick one up if it’s helpful to you, or ask a Deacon usher.

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. Contact Joe Thierry at josephbillieri@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.

Nursery and Quiet Spaces for Families with small children: We are so happy to have infants and children in worship with us. Our nursery, located in Room 317 (3rd Floor), is an option for babies and children 4 and under. Licensed, paid professionals provide care. The nursery is open from 8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Parents are invited to feed their children in the sanctuary or if you prefer some privacy and a quiet place, we have some additional seating in the balcony area (3rd floor). You are also invited to use the meditation room located inside of the library on the 1st floor, as well as Alice and Stan’s outer office on the 2nd floor (sanctuary level). There is a single stall restroom with a changing table in that space.

Worship and Worship Play: We want children to feel included in worship and believe that they are a vital part of our community of faith. Being in worship together can help children understand God’s love and their identity as children of God. During our worship 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 name-tag or have missed yours, please fill out a blank form with your name in the envelopes on either name-tag kiosk in the narthex and the church entryway on the first floor. You will find your nametag on either kiosk on a following Sunday. Name-tags are one way NYAPC strives to be a welcoming presence in Washington.

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