

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.	
Pastoral Care 101	Today and May 19, Lincoln Parlor, 10 a.m.
This two-week series will set forth the principles of pastoral care, ways that all of us might be alert to the suffering of others and ways to respond to someone's suffering once you have identified it. Chaplains Eric Slaughter and Tamara Saltman will lead.	



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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. For more information, Contact Spence Gibbins, spencergib@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 Shamika 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, DC community. Annually, it solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots nonprofits, including Community Club, to further impact DC students. Visit <https://nyaef.org> to learn more or contact Brian Schimming at nyaef.dc@gmail.com. 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://cfcgiving.opm.gov>.

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.

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, robinsleanor@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 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 (shanthon@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 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 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/1OFPh6r> or contact Helen Anthony shanthon@ncsu.edu or Paul Dornan pbdornan@aol.com.

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



Celebration of Worship

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

May 12, 2019
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

Prelude "Pavane"
Gabriel Fauré
Introit "Here in This Place"
"Gather Us In," by Marty Haugen, 1979

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: A time set apart,
All: A time to come together,
Leader: A space filled with silence,
All: A space filled with song;
Leader: Hearts seeking solace,
All: Hearts overflowing with joy:
Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.
All: Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn

#409, (verses 1-3) "God Is Here"
Abbot's Leigh

Prayer of Confession

Holy and gracious God,
At times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world. We pray in his name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Response

#409, (verse 4) "God Is Here"
Abbot's Leigh

4 **Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!**

*Please stand, if you are able

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Psalm 23, pages 474-475, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Day by Day”

Traditional Scandinavian Tune

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Revelation 7: 9-17, pages 235, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “The Great Ordeal” **Rev. Roger J. Gench**

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#802, “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

St. Columba

Sacrament of Child Baptism **Maxwell Kirkpatrick Parsons**

(11:00 a.m. see insert)

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. “In Memoriam”

Ulfar Ingi Haraldsson

*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

With thanksgiving, God, we offer these gifts. Please receive them and help us translate this offering back into ways of building up this congregation and the ministries to which you call us. Use us, our talents and our treasure, to proclaim the Good News of your love, which we know best in Jesus the Living Christ. AMEN.

Prayers of the People

Litany for Mother’s Day

Leader: To those who gave birth this year to their first child—we celebrate with you.

All: To those who lost a child this year – we mourn with you.

Leader: To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains – we appreciate you.

All: To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away—we mourn with you.

Leader: To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment – we walk with you. Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don’t mean to make this harder than it is.

All: To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms – we need you.

Leader: To those who have warm and close relationships with your children – we celebrate with you.

All: To those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance with your children – we sit with you.

Leader: To those who lost their mothers this year – we grieve with you.

All: To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother – we acknowledge your experience.

Leader: To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood – we are better for having you in our midst.

All: To those who have aborted children – we remember them and you on this day.

Leader: To those who are single and long to be married and mothering your own children – we mourn that life has not turned out the way you longed for it to be.

All: To those who step-parent – we walk with you on these complex paths.

Leader: To those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren -yet that dream is not to be, we grieve with you.

All: To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year – we grieve and rejoice with you.

Leader: To those who placed children up for adoption — we commend you for your selflessness and remember how you hold that child in your heart.

All: And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising –we anticipate with you.

Leader: This Mother’s Day, we walk with you. Mothering is not for the faint of heart and we have real warriors in our midst. We remember you.

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

#748, “Go with Us, Lord”

Tallis’ Canon

- 1 Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.**

(Sing two times)

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Allegretto”

George F. Handel

**The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession are from holdfastonwhatisgood.com by Rev. Beth Merrill Neel. The Prayer of Dedication is from centerforfaithandgiving.org. The Litany for Mothers Day is from Rev. Amy Young at the <https://www.messymiddle.com>.*

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by John and Marilyn O’Brien in memory their sister-in-law, **Coletta Flynn O’Brien**.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for all mothers on this Mother’s Day, for their unfailing devotion, gentleness, guidance, loving care, and constant support, and for our mothers who have passed on and are forever in our memories.

Participants in Worship		
	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Kristin Ford	Stacey Gagosian
Tour Guide	ShuXian McKenna	Melissa Jane Taylor
Worship Play	Karen Dunlap	Rev. Alice Tewell
Counters		
May 12	ShuXian McKenna and Adam Bain	
May 19	Barbara Dornan and Adam Bain	
May 26	Fritz and Ruth von Fleckenstein	

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 josephnthierry@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 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.