Adult Sunday School

Opportunities for Service

2-2-9 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 Spencer Gibbons, spencerreel@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 Shamiya Bradley at directors@communityclub.org or go to www.communityclub.org for more information.

New York Avenue Education 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 Schimiggin, graaceokarawin@gmail.com to learn more. Shopping at Amazon? Be sure to select the NYAF at your charity of choice at www.smile.amazon.com.

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. Donations 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 Robbins, robinselena09@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, mriwan2@gmail.com.

Triangular 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 as needed. Contact Marilyn Seiber, mriwan2@gmail.com or Barry Tindall, bartindall61@verizon.net.

NYAPC’s Young Adults – For more information about Youth on Tap, Bible Study, other fellowship and service activities, or to be added to the e-mail list, contact Barry Tindall (bartindall61@verizon.net).

NYAPC Parent’s Listserve – For more information about ministry for infants to high school students, 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! Affiliates in life, family, and friends are all invited to participate in Annual Stewardship. Please contact Lance Jameson, the church book keeper, Rachel Browning (usherin@nyapc.org) or Paul Dornan, pbdornanp@aol.com.

Volunteers are needed to staff the welcome table in the narthex, 20-30 minutes before a Sunday service and extending until 15-20 minutes after, to chat with visitors and members during coffee time. For more details, visit http://bit.ly/1OFPjft or contact Helen Anthony shannon@ncsu.edu or Paul Dornan pdornanp@aol.com.

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

Celebration of Worship

Following Christ into places of brokenness and joy, NYAPC will do justice, treat all with kindness and mercy, and walk humbly with God.

May 19, 2019
11:00 a.m.
Youth Sunday

Prelude

“Violin Sonata #4 in D major,” second movement, G.F. Handel

Introit

#250, (verse 1) “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

Promise

Children and Youth Choir

1 In the bulb there is a flower;

In the cold and snow of winter

there’s a spring that waits to be

unrevealed until its season,

something God alone can see.

Lincoln Chimes

Welcome

Rev. Alice T. Tewell

I. The Community Gatherings for Worship

Call to Worship

Evelyn McCabe

Evelyn: We praise God our creator!

We give thanks for our dogs, cats, birds, and guinea pigs.

Evelyn: We give thanks for outside places to play; for softball and soccer fields; for oceans and rivers; for long stretches of clouds and sky.

We give thanks for the air that we breathe, the soil that supports our crops, the sunshine that keeps us warm, and the rain and snow that leads us through the change of seasons.

Evelyn: We pray that we may notice and give thanks for all things that give us joy.

People: We pray so that we may learn how to better take care of the earth. Let us praise God. Amen.

#Opening Hymn

#769, “For Everyone Born”

Traditional

Stewardship of the Earth

All Young and Older Children

Youth Reflections

*Please stand, if able
Prayer of Confession

Enola Yoder Danewitz

Enola: People of the Church, Children of God, join me in the Prayer of Confession.

All: God, hear our prayers as we repent the sins that we have made. As we neglect and destroy the home you have made for us, Lord, listen and forgive us.

God, hear our prayers. In these trying, modern times, we destroy so much of the beauty that you have created for us in the world. Heedlessly crushing the rays of hope that you send to us, burning the house you lovingly built for us. Destroying the life meant for us to share with all of creation. We confess that we believe that, because we will not be here to feel the suffering we have caused, we think we can turn our backs away from the things we are doing. We think you will not notice what we destroy. We destroy the future of the children that we say we love so much. Oh God, sinning may be bad, but thoughtlessly sinning is worse. The rays of hope you send to us are trampled under our careless feet. Help us, oh Lord, to listen to you when you give us ways out of our chosen ignorance. Forgive us, Lord.

*Assurance of Pardon

Enola: Children of God, the Lord sends hope. Let us grasp on to it tightly as if our life depends on it, for it does. God sends us solutions and answers. Even if we turn them away, God continues to send us more. Children of the Lord, the Lord has not given up on you. Your heart has started something that will continue on and on. God tells you that you are God’s children as you will forever be. Never forget that God will guide you. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Enola: Friends, let us pass the peace to one another.

*Response

#450, (verse 4) “Be Thou My Vision”

Sand: High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Affirmation of Faith

Astrid Brigham (and Sam Neill)

Astrid: Together let us affirm our faith.

People: We believe in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Holy Trinity that created the universe who created the oceans, the forests, the deserts as well as humans and animals. Jesus taught us to love God and one another. The Holy Spirit guides us through our lives calling us to care for the earth.

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Alex Moore

Genesis 2:1-3, page 2, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“All Night, All Day with My Lord, What a Morning”

Traditional African-American Spirituals

Arranged by Russell Robinson

Conducted by Taisha Estrada

Time for Children and Their Friends

Penny Wagner and Elliot McCabe

Second Lesson

Exodus 20:1-11, pages 63-64, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Open Your Eyes” – Alex Moore

“Rest” – Lauren Gillies

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#20, “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Royal Oak

Sacrament of Child Baptism

Riley Victoria Mitchell ([11:00 a.m. ex insert])

Concerns of the Church

Maya Smith

Moment for Mission

Honoring Sunday School Teachers

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

#291, “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

Spirit Children and Youth Choir

*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

Malcolm Laskowski

Malcolm: Together let us give thanks for the offering of our time, our money, and ourselves.

All: Dear God, we thank you for the gifts we have and help us use them for good, and we thank you for giving us gifts to explore nature, to eat foods like grains or fruits, and to enjoy nature by playing games like soccer or tennis. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Jacob Gogosian, Linda Kelly, Corinne White, and Annabelle Rochford

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

#475, “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Neridiah

1 Come, Thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love!

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3 O grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here’s my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

Lauren Gillies and Alex Moore

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Toy Soldiers March”

Arr. Fritz Kreisler

Mika Inoue, cello and Aliya Inoue, violin

*All the liturgy for this service was written by the youth leading that portion. The Affirmation of Faith was written jointly by Sam Neill and Astrid Brigham.

We wish to thank our entire youth program for today’s service under the direction of Rev. Alice Tewell, Sarah McGinnis, Helen Anthony, David Gilles, Mary Nell Clark, Molly Johnson and Emily Sabo and the musical leadership of Taisha Estrada, Luke Ratcliffe, and Karen Dunlap.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in appreciation of the youth of the NYAPC.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for summer’s quiet reflections and renewal in God’s peace, that the glories of His creation may touch us all to be reverent, thankful, and gently with ours and others’ lives in God’s good grace.

Participants in Worship

8:45 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

Tour Guide

Spencer Gibbins

Leonard Shulman

Counters

May 21

Fritz and Ruth von Fleckenstein

May 26

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June 4

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June 9

John Schultheis and Barbara Dorman

June 18

Fritz and Ruth von Fleckenstein

Mission Statement

The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith in the heart of Washington DC, furthering God’s transforming work, challenging the powerful, standing with the oppressed, lifting up the broken-hearted, and making God’s love and justice visible by welcoming and loving all.

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