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. 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 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, 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 mrfcl4@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://cfgeiving.com/po.

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.

Roadside Rooms 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, robinseleanor@hotmail.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 card there, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Marilyn Seiber, mjl1wan2@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 times a year, conduct business via email, and schedule work days as needed. Contact Marilyn Seiber, mjl1wan2@gmail.com or Barry Tindall, bartindall12@gmail.com.

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 shantony@ncsu.edu or Taylor Allison taylorallison59@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 all other church services and activities, is fully supported by the church’s 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 and offer refreshments. For more information, visit http://bit.ly/3OPHiP6 or contact Helen Anthony shanthon@ncsu.edu or Paul Dorman pldorman@nyapc.org.

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

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.
All: We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.
Leader: We come to you, O God, to ask for help and restoration.
All: We come to you, O God, with aching hearts and glad souls.
Leader: Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn

#401, (verse 1-3) “Here in This Place” Gather Us In

Prayer of Confession

Loving and merciful God, you know our hearts and you know our lives. We confess to you that which causes separation, that which causes pain, that which causes distress, and that which breaks down. We confess to you our part in those things. And in humility and hope, we ask for your help to do better, to reconcile, to heal, to soothe, to build up. So may we love you and neighbor, and follow our Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Response

#401, (verse 1-3) “Here in This Place” Gather Us In

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away:
but here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, now is the day.
 Gather us in, and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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

First Lesson

1 Corinthians 13, page 164, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thank you to God.

Anthem

“Recessional (Not One Sparrow is Forgotten)”

Shaker Hymn

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Revelation 12:10, 22:5, pages 238 & 245, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thank you to God.

Sermon

“Face to Face” Rev. Roger J. Gensch

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#601, “Lord When I Came into This Life”

Land of Rest

Sacrament of Child Baptism

Harry Reeves Reasonover

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

11:00 a.m. “Salmo 150 (Psalm 150)”

Emanu Agiau

Translation: Praise the Lord in the sacred places and in the firmament. Praise the Lord for mighty acts according to excellent greatness with the sound of the trumpet, psaltery, and harp. Praise the Lord with timbrel and dance, strings, pipes, and high-sounding cymbals of joy. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

*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

God of all creation, we give you thanks for these gifts of time and treasure given here today. We pray that these gifts might help each of us grow deeper in our own faith and in faith as a community so that we may have the strength and courage to seek your heart and your will for our world. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. 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

#375, “Shall We Gather at the River”

Hanson Place

1 Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain Yes, we’ll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, we will walk and worship ever, all the golden happy day. [Refrain]

3 Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. [Refrain]

4 Soon we’ll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. [Refrain]

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Marche from “Drama per Musica””

J. S. Bach

*The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession are from holdfasttowhatisgood.com by Rev. Beth Merrill

**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.

**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.

**LARGE PRINT** bulletins are now available for our worship services, including enlarged copies of the hymnals. 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 josephinthierry@gmail.com or 703-508-5188 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 a dedicated nursing-pumping-caregiving-mediation room within the library on the 1st floor. There is also space and comfortable chairs in the balcony area (3rd 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.

**Sunday school for children and youth has concluded for the season. We will resume with Sunday School for children and youth on September 8 at 10 am. Worship play for children is available during the sermon time during each worship service.**

**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 envelope on either nametag kiosk in the narthex and the church entrance 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.