August 4 - September 1: No adult church school

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 Phil Telfeyan, ptelfeyan@post.harvard.edu.

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 Kara or Shamina Bradley at director@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 classroom nonprofits, including Community Club, to further impact DC students. Visit https://nyaef.org to learn more or contact Brian Schimming at brian.schimming@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://cegive.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.

Redcliffe 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, robineleanor@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, 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 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.

NYAFC’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 shanbowf@ncsu.edu or Taylor Allison taylorallison93@gmail.com.

NYAFC Parent’s Listserve – For more information about ministry for infants to high school age, to be added to the e-mail list, contact Associate Pastor Alice Tewell (alice.tewell@nyafc.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 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 Associate, Helen Anthony, the chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, 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 shanbowf@ncsu.edu or Paul Dornan pbdornap@aol.com.

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

August 18, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

“Wacht auf!” (Sleepers Awake)

J. S. Bach

Introit

“Amazing Grace”

Tune of Columbian Harmony

Lyrics by John Newton

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gatherings for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: In the presence of a God whose word has called the earth and the stars into being,

All: We stand in awe.

Leader: In the presence of a God whose arms have held children,

All: We stand in trust.

Leader: In the presence of a God whose breath has stirred within us and caused our hearts to thirst for justice,

All: We stand in need.

Leader: Before you, Giver of Life, we come in faith, in search of love and justice and wholeness.

All: Be with us; hear us, we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

Shepherd Number 351, “(turn 1-3)” “All Who Love and Serve Your City”

Charlestown

Prayer of Confession

God of all of creation, we bring you our prayers of confession with hearts made heavy by the suffering we see around us. We grieve the suffering of our siblings in Christ who live in this city of great heights without adequate housing and opportunity. We confess where we have looked away.

We grieve the suffering of immigrants and refugees at our borders and within our country. We grieve particularly for those families who have been separated. We grieve where we have not been as vocal as we should.

We grieve the gun violence in this country that affects so many on a daily basis and creates great fear within many of us. We confess that our attention has followed the news cycle and that we have lost our focus in caring for your children.

We grieve the climate crisis and our daily part in it. We confess how we have ignored this crisis leaving the problems instead to the next generations. God of the resurrection, show us how to live.

God of the resurrection, show us how to love.

God of the resurrection, show us how to be kind.

God of the resurrection, show us how to be strong.

God of the resurrection, show us how to be present

and walk humbly with God.

*Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Please stand, if you are able
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” (Canto de esperanza)  
Argentina  
{(sing first in English then in Spanish)}

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.

Refrain  
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.

Spanish  
¡Dios de la esperanza, danos gozo y paz!  
Al mundo en crisis, habla tu verdad.  
Dios de la justicia, mándanos tu luz,  
uz y esperanza en la oscuridad.

Oremos por la paz,  
caremos de tu amor.  
Luchemos por la paz,  
fienes a ti, Señor.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

Postlude  
“God of Grace”  
Tune of CWM Rhodda, arr. Manz

*Congregational Response  
Alleluia! Amen!

*Congregational Response  
Postlude  
“God of Grace”  
Tune of CWM Rhodda, arr. Manz

We wish to thank Samuel Williams for his participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Billie F. Dees by her husband, Carl F. Dees, and her daughter, Valerie Dees and Carla Dees-Driver.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray and praise God for the partnership of love and mission between The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian-Reformed Church of Havana. May they grow together in grace and service!

Participants in Worship

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Liturgist  
Lori Shabman

Tout Guide  
Lori Shabman

Worship Play  
Karen Dunsap and Down Hill

Counters

August 20  
Fritz and Ruth von Fleckenstein

August 27  
Jim Martin and Dan Stokes

Preaching Schedule

The Rev. Jess Cook, of the More Light Presbyterians, will be preaching on Sunday, August 25. The Rev. Jessica Tate, Director of NEXT Church, will be leading also.

Information for Sunday Visitors

Acting Head Pastor Alice Tewell will be on vacation August 19-28. For concerns, please email Rev. Beth Braxton (beth.braxton@nyapc.org) or Church Administrator Jasmine Knows Proust (jasmine.proust@nyapc.org).

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 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 josephthierry@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 fro 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-traducing-meditation 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 Sturt’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 waves, it is an expression of joy in the moment and our connections with sisters and brothers in faith.