Adult Sunday School

Gathered for Prayer
Today, 9:20 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.

First Havana Update
August 18, 9:00 a.m. Lincoln Parlor

Elder Carmina Blasco from our partner church, First Presbyterian-Reformed Church of Havana, will lead a discussion on recent changes in Cuba, the church, and the new constitution. She will also give highlights of new programs and activities at First Havana. Join her for up-to-date news of our partner church and life in Cuba!

August 4 – 11 & August 25 - September 1: No adult church school

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 Phil Telleyan, phfilm@vt.edu.

Community Club – Washington DC’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 directclub@communityclub.com or go to www.communityclub.com 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 non-profits, including our Community Club, to further impact DC students. Visit https://nyaeф.org to learn more or contact Brian Schimmin at nayaf.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 of the Fellowship Hall.

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, robinselanaedith@gmail.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, m.michele2@gmail.com.

Triangle Park Committee – Working with the National Park Service to ensure maintenance and oversee the flower and plant beds along the church walk, we meet 4-6 times a year, conduct business via email, and schedule work days as needed. Contact Marilyn Seiber, m.michele2@gmail.com or Barry Tindall, bartindall2@verizon.net

NYACP’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 anthonyhelen@verizon.net or Taylor Allison (taylorallo697@gmail.com).

NYACP Parent’s Listserve – For more information about group ministry to infants for high schoolers, or to be added to the email list, contact Associate Pastor Alice Tellwell (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 Jowers, the church Senior Accountant, 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, the 20-30 minute window before a Sunday service greeting and then 15-20 minutes after, to chat with visitors and members during coffee time. For more details, visit https://kitch.io/PfFb or contact Helen Anthony anthonyhelen@veronusa.com or Paul Dornan pdornanp@aol.com.

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

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

August 4, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Eightheenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude
“Prelude in D Major”
Felix Mendelssohn

Introit
“Consider the Lilies”
Roger Hofmann

Invitation
“Let Everything Sing”
Jenete St. Clair

I. The Community Gatherings for Worship

Call to Worship
Leader: We are children of God, learning to walk.
People: Day by day, we are learning to be the church.

Call to Prayer
Leader: We live in the presence of God.
People: God is a living parent, teaching us to walk.

People: God loves us, leads us, and feeds us.

Opening Hymn
#339, “Lift Every Voice and Sing”
Traditional

Prayer of Confession
Rev. Beth Braxton

Almighty and merciful God, We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace
Leader: As a sign of neighborly love, let us greet one another with the sign of peace. May the Peace of God be with you.
People: And also with you.

*Response

#300, ( vers 1) “We are One in the Spirit”
They’ll Know We Are Christians

1 We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored; And they’ll know we are Christians by our love; yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

*Please stand, if able

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New York Avenue Presbyterian Church
**Affirmation of Faith**
(St. Hildegard of Bingen)

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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**Second Lesson**
(Hosea 11:1-11, page 794, NSRV)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Eternal Day”
David Fisher
Jenete St. Clair, Soloist

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**The Community Hears the Word of God**

**First Lesson**
(Hosea 11:1-11, page 794, NSRV)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“He Asked Jesus for Help”
Rev. Matthew Schlager, Parish Associate

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**The Community Responds to the Word**

**Sermon Hymn**

#44, “Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us”
Austin

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithe and Offerings

Offertory

“Meditation from Thais”
Masters

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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**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.

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**Prayer of Dedication**

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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**Service of Communion**

Invitation to the Table

Litany of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

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**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our creator and redeemer. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Response

#595, “Holy, Holy, Holy”
Antigone Santor

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you! My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord! You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He unmask the idolatries of our faces and our world. He shares his life in every way, and lives in solidarity in and with the wounded of the earth. Baptized as your own, he was crushed by imperial authorities, yet by your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made us as a new covenant by water and the Spirit. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Empowered by the Spirit, let us now offer the prayer our Lord taught us, saying:

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.

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

We give you thanks that on the night of his arrest Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

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**Postlude**

“Prelude and Fugue in G Major”
J.S. Bach

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**Participants in Worship**

Liturgist: Gwenith Gibbard
Tour Guide: John O’Brien
Worship Play: Karen Dunlap
Liturgist: Karen Dunlap

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**Worship Play**

The flowers in the chancel today are of the aristocratic variety. The Gluten Free offering is in the middle upfront pew via the side aisles. Those unable to come forward will be offered the bread and the cup at their seats.

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**Prayer After Communion**

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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**Sending Hymn**

#727, “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?”
The Servant Song

1 Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant too.

2 We are pilgrims on the journey; we are travelers on the road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

3 I will hold the Christ light for you in the night time of your fear. I will hold my hand out to you and speak the peace you long to hear.

4 I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I’ll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we’ve seen this journey through.

5 When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, Born of all we’ve known Togetherness of Christ’s love and agony

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**Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

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Postlude

“Prelude and Fugue in G Major”
J.S. Bach

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We wish to thank Alan Naylor (Pianist), Jenete St. Clair, Rev. Beth Braxton and Rev. Matthew Schlager for their participation and leadership during worship this morning.

The Flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in appreciation for the volunteers who serve as ushers and greeters.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for peace—in our hearts toward others, across borders between peoples, against violence that harms body and spirit.

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