Adult Sunday School

Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel

Gathered for Prayer

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.

October 6 and 13, 10:00 a.m., Lincoln Pastor

Dr. Bruce Douglass, former Director of the Reform Institute and Associate Professor of Government at Georgetown University, will lead a two-week series on “Religion and Nationalism Since the Protestant Reformation”.

September 29: Congressional Sunday. No separate adult ed class

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*Response

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.

September 22, 2019
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

“Adagio Cantabile in C Major”
J. S. Bach

Introit

“Hear the Good News of Salvation”
Tune of Nettleton

*Opening Hymn

#19, “God of Great and God of Small”

Traditional

Prayer of Confession

God of surprising grace, we bring to You the broken parts of our lives, moments of which we are not proud, relationships about which we have been too casual, faith which we have taken for granted. We bring You the truth of who we are, and walk humbly with God.

All:

when we are filled with joy
when we are anxious about the future
when we need a friend
when we need direction
when we need to hear good news.

All:

and God will always find us here.

NYAPC Parent’s Listserve

For more information about ministry for infants to high school children, to be added to the e-mail list, contact Helen Anthony shanthao@ncsu.edu or Taylor Allison taylorallison97@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 Marilyn Seiber miliyao7@gmail.com or Barry Tindall tindallbt@gmail.com.

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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’s 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, 20-30 minutes before a Sunday service beginning and then 15-20 minutes after, to chat with visitors and members during coffee time. For more information, visit http://bit.ly/1OP9p3e or contact Helen Anthony shanthao@ncsu.edu or Paul Dorman ptdorman3@gmail.com.

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

*Please rise in body or in spirit
**Affirmation of Faith**
*(from A Declaration of Faith, PCUSA, 1985)*

We believe in one true and living God.
God is greater than our understanding.
We do not fully comprehend who God is or how God works.
The Lord’s requirements are not always what we think.
The Lord’s care for us is not always what we want.
Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
We can have confidence in God’s coming kingdom even in the darkest of times.

Jesus is the long-awaited Savior.
He was born of woman as is every child, yet born of God’s power as was no other child.
Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, Jesus brings about the relationship between
God and humanity
that God always intended.

The Holy Spirit is God active in the world.
The Spirit makes real in us what God has done for us.
As long as we live, we will struggle with sin, but the Spirit’s presence assures us
God will complete what has been begun in us.

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

*First Lesson*
Psalm 113, page 352, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
“Be Thou My Vision”
Tune of Slane, arr. Rutter

*Time for Children and Their Friends*

*Second Lesson*
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Sermon*
Rev. Dr. Heather Shortlidge

**III. The Community Responds to the Word**

*Sermon Hymn*
#749, “Come! Live in the Light!”
We Are Called

*Concerns of the Church*

*Moment for Mission*
“Sharing Strength-Building Faith”
Helen Anthony
Gifts United in Christ*

*Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings*

*Offertory*
8:45 a.m.
Please gather around the table for giving and prayer.
11:00 a.m.
“Gloria in Excelsis Deo,” from Heiligmesse
F. J. Haydn
Translation: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all those of good will.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee.

*Response*
#607, “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise Hearings*
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* *(Matthew 16)*

Dear God, we offer you now these gifts. Take our money and use it to bring comfort to those in need. Take our service and use it to bring justice to those who are oppressed. Take our witness and use it to bring good news to those who hunger for hope.
Take our lives and use them for our very salvation. We pray through Jesus Christ, the one whom we follow even to the cross. 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* #607, (vers 1-4), “Take My Life”
Hendon

1 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction*

*Congregational Response*
Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude
“Trumpet Allemande”
Anthony Holborne

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in celebration of
Rev. Dr. Heather Shortlidge’s first Sunday as our Transitional Pastor.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for peace, to be inspired by
the Prince of Peace to make peace a reality, to make peace at all times in all ways,
to be Christ’s Disciples for Peace in all we do.

**Participants in Worship**

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**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 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 jorephbthierry@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 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 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 bulletin, 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 worshippers, it is an expression of joy in the moment and our connections with sisters and brothers in faith.