


Adult Sunday School

Gathered for Prayer	Today, 10:20 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.	
Today, 10:00 a.m., PMH	
Professor Jennifer Harvey of Drake University, McClendon Scholar-in-Residence, will explore the implications of her recent book, <i>Raising White Kids: Bringing up Children in a Racially Unjust America</i> .	
September 15, 10:00 a.m., Lincoln Parlor	
The Rev. Elmarie Parker, PC(USA) Regional Liaison for Iraq, Syria and Lebanon, will offer an update on current challenges and opportunities the Church faces in the Middle East.	

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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 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 Karr or Shamika 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 nyaef.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 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 Robins, robinsseleanor@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, 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 4-6 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

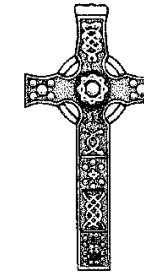
NYAPC's Young Adults – For more information about Faith on Tap, Bible Study, other fellowship and service activities, or to be added to the e-mail list, contact Helen Anthony (shanthon@ncsu.edu) or Taylor Allison (taylorallison93@gmail.com).

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 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 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 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 shanthon@ncsu.edu or Paul Dornan pbdornanp@aol.com.

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

September 8, 2019

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”
Sebastian Temple, arr. Jane Holstein

Introit “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”
Tune of Abbot's Leigh

***Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

***Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 139 and Jeremiah 18)*

Leader: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

All: Even before we speak, God knows us completely.

Leader: The Holy One knows us and sustains us, even in our moments of confusion and doubt.

All: Who can count the thoughts of God? They are more than all the sands of the desert.

Leader: Like clay in the hand of the potter, we are shaped into vessels by God's tender care.

All: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God

***Opening Hymn**
#301, (verse 1, 2, 5) “Let Us Build a House”
Two Oaks

Prayer of Confession *(All portions are excerpts from the NEXT CHURCH Sarasota Statement, Part 1)*

Leader: God of all grace and compassion, we bring our prayers of confession to you:

All: We grieve the ways in which we create division between people whom Christ has created for community. We grieve that we have segregated and broken our communities along worldly constructs of race, class, ideology, and belief.

Leader: Joined together as one body, we commit ourselves toward the work of the kingdom of God:

All: We commit to move beyond like-minded choruses that reinforce our biases, joining the community that reflects God's grace, Christ's kingdom, and the Spirit's action. We commit to reject and resist all racist practices, however explicit or subtle. We commit to dismantle white supremacy, including societal structures that maintain and protect white privilege. We defy attempts to target and ostracize fellow human beings on the basis of blood and soil.

Leader: In these ways we grieve and confess, and in these ways we commit ourselves. We pray these things in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

**Please stand, if you are able*

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Response

#70, “What Does the Lord Require of You?”

Moon

What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness,

Walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice and love kindness

And walk humbly with your God.

***A Brief Statement of Faith** *(Pages 37-38, "Glory to God" hymnal)*

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, page 545-546, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“River in Judea”

Arr. John Leavitt

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Luke 14:25-33, page 73, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “In times like these, can we possibly dance?”

Rev. Dr. Jennifer Harvey

We are living in difficult days. Division is rampant. There is so much suffering and uncertainty. But, then, here comes the gospel. What do we do with a gospel that, at once, calls us to be truth-tellers while also proclaiming radical love? Can truth and love be held together? And, if they can, what glimmer of the kingdom of God might we see?

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#752, “Dona nobis pacem”

Traditional (Latin)

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission “All Church Retreat”

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:45 a.m. Please gather around the table for giving and prayer.

11:00 a.m. “When In Our Music God Is Glorified”

Tune of Engelberg

*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 good gifts, we give you thanks for these generous gifts that will make it possible for us to serve our children through Sunday school and worship play, that we might outreach to the children of DC through Community Club, and that we might be able to worship you here in this church today. In gratitude we pray, Amen.

The Prayers of the People with Blessing of the Backpacks and Thanksgiving for Teachers

(Children, youth, and adults are invited to bring their backpack or bag by the communion table while we are gathering the prayers of the people for the day. You are invited to stay up front with your backpack or bag until the end of the prayer and then return to your seats with your backpack or bag. Thank you for your participation.)

Leader: God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the teachers and students who fill them each day. We give you thanks for the teachers who teach our kids during the week and for the faithful teachers of this church who teach our children, youth and adults.

All: We thank you for this new beginning, for new books and new ideas. We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled. We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again. Help us to remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers.

Leader: Today we give you thanks for these your children, and we ask you to bless them with curiosity, understanding and respect.

All: May their backpacks be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year in school and in Sunday School. May they be guided by your love.

Leader: We offer up the prayers of our community.... our church... and our world... All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us. Amen. Now we pray as Jesus 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.

*Sending Hymn

#749, “Come! Live in the Light!”

We Are Called

- Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!**

Refrain We are called to act with justice. We are called to love tenderly. We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

- Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless, so all hatred and violence will be no more! *Refrain***
- Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love! *Refrain***

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Tune of Linstead (Jamaican), arr. Carter

**The Call to Worship is from Ministry Matters for Sunday September 8, 2019. The Prayer of Confession is from Part 1 of the Sarasota Statement by NEXT Church. The printed litany for the blessing of the backpacks is from <https://wendyclairebarrie.com>.*

We wish to thank our sanctuary choir for their participation in worship this morning. Welcome back!

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in appreciation of the **teachers and volunteers of the NYAPC Christian education program.**

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		
	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Miriam Dewhurst	Len Shabman
Tour Guide	John O’Brien	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Courtney Spearman and Karen Dunlap	Rev. Alice Tewell
Counters		
September 8	Martha Davis and Barbara Dornan	
September 17	Fritz and Ruth von Fleckenstein	
September 22	ShuXian McKenna and Barbara Dornan	
September 29	Adam Bain and ShuXian McKenna	

Information for Sunday September 9

Backpack Blessing -- Today at Both Worship Services: Children, Youth, and Adults are invited to bring their backpacks or bags forward during the Prayers of the People time for a backpack blessing.

Sunday school -- Where Should I go? Sunday school begins today for all ages begins today at 10 am. Children's Sunday school Teachers and those in PreK through 7th grade should go to Room 511 (Lower Elementary Room) for gathering time. For this first week, parents do not need to come, but we ask that children/youth to go to the bathroom first. Those in confirmation and adults should go directly to Peter Marshall Hall for the special education class with Professor Jennifer Harvey.

A few Children's Sunday school teachers needed: Help guide the faith of our children! We are looking for 5 new Sunday school teachers: two for Lower Elementary (K, 1 and 2, we have 25 kids on the roster!), two for Upper Elementary (3,4,5), and one for Middle School (6, 7). You teach on a rotation using a provided curriculum. Please let Pastor Alice know if you have questions or interest.

Child Protection Training and Back to School Teacher Meeting: Teaching or helping out with children this year? Need to do your annual child protection training? Join us Sept 29 from 12:30-12:45 pm in JQA. Until 1:45 pm, we will also have opportunity to talk about best practices for teaching Sunday school. Please join us!