Opportunities for Service

7-29 Club – Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), September through June, with other recovering from mental illness. There are games, entertainment, refreshments and time for making friends. For more information, Contact Phil Telfeyan, ptelfeyan@jost.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 Shamiika Bradley at directordirectors@communityclub.org or go to www.communityclub.org for more information.

New York Avenue Educational Foundation - NYAEP's 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 grassroot nonprofits, including Community Club, to further impact DC students. Visit https://nyap.org to learn more or contact Brian Schimming at brian@nyap.org. Shopping at Amazon? Select the NYAEP 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 Capitol 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.

Radclyffe 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, robins.eleanor@hotmail.com.

The Peace Candle – Visitors are invited to take a Peace Candle home to remember a friend or to pray for a special need. 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, mj1twn2@gmail.com.

Triangule 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, mj1twn2@gmail.com or Barry Tindall, bartindall2@verizon.net

NYAEP'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 (sharon@nycsu.org) or Taylor Allison, taylorallison05@gmail.com.

NYAEP's 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@nyap.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 gathering and then 15-20 minutes after, to chat with visitors and members during coffee time. For more details, visit http://bitly/10FPBoG or contact Helen Anthony shanityou@nycsu.org or Paul Dornan pdornanp@aol.com

Worship Service – Are you interested in ushering or serving as a liturgist during Sunday service? Please contact John Yoder at yoderji@gmail.com (ushering) or Mark Zaineddin at mjs1wan2@gmail.com (liturgy) for more information.

Adult Sunday School

Gathered for Prayer Today, 9:00 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.

February 9, 16 and 23, Biblical Hospitality: A Bible Study

The Reverend Paula Hall, who is a pastor at Beloved Community Church, UCC, and recently was awarded her Doctor of Ministry at Howard Divinity School, will lead a three-week series on the hospitality as practiced in the Bible. Rev. Hall has been a frequent and much-admired teacher in our adult church school in recent years.

NYAEP's Young Adults

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Welcome and Announcements

Introit

“Ye Servants of God, You Master Proclaim”

Jane of Hanover

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gather for Worship

*Kall to Worship

Leader: Beckoning God, you have called us to be a community of faith:

All: Grant us to trust in the good news of your abundant grace.

All: You have called us to be a community of love.

All: Grant us the openness to both celebrate and be honest with one another.

All: You have called us to be a community of hope:

All: Grant us the experiences to know you are alive and visible throughout the world.

*Opening Hymn

#246 (verses 1-3), “Christ is Alive”

Traditional

Prayer of Confession

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer. We would like to be saintlike – holy, good, patient, loving. But we end up feeling more like sinners – full of failures of morality, selfish, mean. Perhaps you see us simply as human – as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding. In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done, and bless the good we have accomplished. We give thanks that you keep on loving us, and helping us, and molding us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Grace

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

*Response of Praise

#246, (verse 5) “Christ is Alive”

Traditional

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

*Please rise in body or in spirit

Celebration of Worship

Following Christ into places of brokenness and joy, NYAEP will encounter, treat all with kindness and mercy, and walk humbly with God.

February 9, 2020

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

and in Ordinary Time

Prelude

“Brother James’ Air”

Searle Wright
II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-12, pages 647, NRSV

Leader: Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

All: "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humbly ourselves, but you do not notice?"

NYA side: Look, you see your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.

H Street: Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

Leader: Is it not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bands of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

H Street: Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Leader: Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

All: Then you shall call, and God will answer; you shall cry for help, and God will say, Here I am.

Leader: If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil:

NYA side: If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

H Street: The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

All: Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Anthem

"He's Blessing Me"
Norris O. Garner

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Matthew 5:13-20, page 4, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Alice R. Tweddell

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#288, "Spirit of the Living God"

Traditional

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe that God has revealed Godself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right.

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:45 a.m. Please bring your offering forward and then remain around the communion table for the rest of the service.

"Dee River"

Spiritual, arr. Larry Farrow

*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

Accept these gifts we bring, O God, as a sign that all that we have, and all that we are, and all that you call us to become, is yours.

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.

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Sending Hymn

#749, (verses 1-3) "Come! Live in the Light!"
We are called

1 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.

2 Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless;

3 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 siblings in Christ, united in love. [Refrain]

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Almighty Amen!

Postlude

"La Marche"

G. F. Handel

The Call to Worship is adapted from Worship for All Seasons edited by Thomas Harding. The Prayer of Confession comes from Rev. Beth Noel at http://www.terashillgood.com

The Affirmation of Faith is from the Confession of Belief, section 4, 1986, South Africa, with inclusive language revision from the PCUSA Office of Theology and Worship

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in memory of Lucille Savage, by her son Robert Savage.

The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds us to pray for hope in this city and around the world as we seek to understand the justice-seeking challenge of God's Epiphany light.

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 josephnthierry@gmail.com or 703-568-5158 for more information.

Tours: Come to Abraham Lincoln’s family pew immediately after the service for a 30-minute presentation to learn about our congregation's history, heritage and current ministry.

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 on 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 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.

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.