

Opportunities for Service

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL always beginning in the Park Level at 10 a.m.	
Class	Teachers
Nursery <i>(8:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.)</i>	Certified and professional staff members, Supervised by Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe
“Where the Wild Things Are” ages 3-5	Sally Davis, Karl Hoffman and Doug House
“Sunday Extravaganza” ages 5-11	Kathy Doan, Marsha Renwanz, David Gillies and Mike Smith
“Confirmation Commotion” 7 th - 9 th grade	Christopher Rehling, Kevin Guy and Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe
“High School Rocks!” Sr. High School	Phil Hanna, Betsy Merritt and Mary Spatz

Goodpasture Class	Sundays 10 a.m., Lincoln Chapel
Adult Sunday School	January 8 and 15 10 a.m., Room 511
<p>“Steadfast Hope” This study challenges common myths and misperceptions about the origins of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, presents a compelling snapshot of the present situation on the ground and offers a guide to the challenges that lie ahead in the quest for peace. The materials offer an inspiring view of the activities currently being undertaken by Muslim, Jewish and Christian peacemakers working for justice and reconciliation. It also gives helpful guidance on how our congregation can contribute to the cause of just peace for the people who share the Holy Land.</p>	
Adult Sunday School	January 15, 22, February 5, 12, 19 10 a.m., Room 520
<p>Dante's "Divine Comedy" is recognized as the greatest Christian epic poem of the medieval era and perhaps of all time. Many know its first part, "Inferno", but fewer are familiar with its final part, "Paradiso," a magnificent mystical vision of heaven, and the subject of this class. Dante's paradise is also a virtual hall of fame of great Christians. Inexpensive paperback copies of the Dorothy Sayers translation will be available from Paul Dornan for \$11. The class will be most rewarding for those who have this translation, as it will be easier to find and follow passages discussed. This version also has rich theological annotation. This class will be led by Dewey Wallace.</p>	

7-2-9 Club - Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), September until June, with guests recovering from mental illness. There are games, entertainment, refreshments and time for making friends. Contact Spence Gibbins, spencergib@aol.com

Community Club - is a one-with-one tutoring and mentoring program for DC public high school students meeting at the church on Thursday nights during the school year. Adult volunteers are needed! Contact Tom Karr at directors@communityclub.org, or go to www.communityclub.org for more information.

Food for the Hungry - Every 4th Sunday bring non-perishable food for the Capital Area Food Bank, a large nonprofit hunger and nutrition resource in the DC metropolitan area. Place donations in baskets at the back of the sanctuary.

New York Avenue Foundation - Its mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout Washington, DC. Annually it awards over \$30,000 to grassroots non-profits which further that mission. An all-volunteer board conducts the work of the Foundation and selects grantee organizations. Contact Jennifer McIver, jenzan@msn.com or 703-785-4762.

Radcliffe Room Ministry - Sunday fellowship with our homeless guests, 8:30-10-45 a.m. Activities include hymn singing, refreshments and socializing. Donations of clothing, toiletries, as well as money for transportation are needed. Contact Eleanor Robins, robinseleanor@hotmail.com

The Peace Candle - An opportunity for visitors to take a prayer candle home to their congregations. Candles are at the rear, right side, of the sanctuary. Please sign the note pad there, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Fritz von Fleckenstein, fritz@alumni.reed.edu

Triangle Park Committee - works 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@bellatlantic.net Beth DuMez, bethdumez@erols.com or Barry Tindall, barrytindall@verizon.net

Ministers:	The Entire Congregation
Pastor:	Roger Joseph Gench, Ph.D.
Associate Pastor for Congregational Life:	Tara Spuhler McCabe, M. Div.
Pastoral Associate:	Linda LeSourd Lader, M. Div.
Director of Music:	Stanley P. Engebretson, D.M.A.
Parish Associate for Visitation:	Ann Rose Davie, M. Div.
Director of Planned Giving:	Evelyn S. Ying, J.D.
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Celebration of Worship

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

**December 25, 2011
10 a.m.
Christmas Day**



Prelude

Introit

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*The Lighting of Advent Candles and Call to Worship

Leader: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of one who brings good tidings.

All: We receive good tidings of joy, words of peace, a message of salvation.

Leader: Break forth into singing, for God has comforted the people, brought bloom to the wasteland, shown strength in all the nations.

All: Word of the infant born in Bethlehem is our good news.

Leader: Christ is born. The prophet's hopes are made flesh and our longings are made human in joy.

All: Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is born today!

*The Carol #40, "Joy To The World"
Antioch

**Please stand, if able*

The Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have sought You in high and holy places; we are ill-prepared to acknowledge Your presence among the lowly and poor. We believe You are profound but we overlook Your obvious truths. We are anxious about the unknown but we hardly consider the realities immediately in front of us. Turn us, incarnate God, by the simple wonders of Your love, to a rebirth of faith and hope and joy. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

***Response** # 48 (*verse 2*), "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"
Est ist ein' Ro

**Isaiah 'twas foretold it, The rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it, The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright She bore for us a Savior,
When half spent was the night.**

Time for Children and Their Friends

First Lesson Isaiah 52:7-10, page 642, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

Anthem

Second Lesson John 1:1-14, page 86, NRSV,
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Meditation Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***The Carol** # 34, "In Bethlehem a Babe Was Born"
Discovery

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Response** # 53 (*verse 3*), "What Child Is This"
Greensleeves
**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come,
one and all, to own Him. The King of kings
salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds
guard and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring Him
laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

*Prayer of Dedication

**Awesome God, when we recount Your gracious
deeds and praiseworthy acts, we want to imitate
them. Thank You for the gift of life, for all You
have entrusted to us, for Your watchful care over
us, for surrounding us with love when loss and
suffering overwhelm us. Because of Your mercy
and favor and the abundance of Your steadfast
love, we are moved to respond. Thank You,
God. Amen.**

Communion (*by intinction*)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (*page 16-Traditional*)

*Passing of the Peace

***Sending Hymn** # 29, "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"
Go Tell It

**1 While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent
flocks by night, Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. Refrain**

Refrain Go, tell it on the mountain Over the hills and
everywhere; Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus
Christ is born!

**2 The shepherds feared and trembled When lo!
above the earth, Rang out the angel chorus That
hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain**

**3 Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was
born, And God sent us salvation That blessed
Christmas morn. Refrain**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

Leader Engage your world as sisters and brothers of Jesus.
Treat all God's children as next of kin.

People God has called us into community.

Leader Praise God for all creation, including yourself. Praise
God for the variety of people who surround us.

People Surely we are loved, welcomed, and blessed.
God's presence goes with us in all we do.
Alleluia! Amen!

***Congregational** Alleluia! Amen!

Response

Postlude

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The poinsettias in the chancel today are given to the glory of God
and in memory and honor of friends and family of the congregation
as listed in today's bulletin insert.

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Greeters

Dan Stokes
Janet Shabman

Liturgist

Dan Stokes

Tour Guide

Wilson Golden

Counters

Barbara Dornan and Phil Hanna

Preaching Schedule

January 1	Rev. Roger J. Gench
January 8	Rev. Roger J. Gench
January 15	Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe
January 22	Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader
January 29	Rev. Roger J. Gench

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.

Garage Parking: Free self-parking is available in the garage next to the church at 1399 New York Avenue until 1 p.m. Please park in any non-reserved space.

Radcliffe Room Ministry: Everyone is invited and encouraged to come to the Radcliffe Room on Sunday mornings. This is a vibrant NYAPC ministry and we would love to have you join us: meet our friends for coffee, conversation, bagels and hymn singing.

Restrooms: The Deacons remind members and friends that the restrooms on the fifth floor are available on Sundays mornings.

Infants and children: Babies and toddlers under 4 are welcome in the park level nursery. **Care is provided by licensed, paid professionals.** During the services, children's worship aids are available in the rear of the Sanctuary.

Building Tours: To take a tour of our building and learn about this congregation's heritage and current ministry and outreach, meet the tour guide at the front of the Sanctuary immediately following the service.

Large Print Bibles and Large Print Bulletins: Available at the front of the Sanctuary.

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 wavers, it is an expression of joy in the moment and our connections with sisters and brothers in faith.

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