

Opportunities for Service

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, robinscleanor@hotmail.com

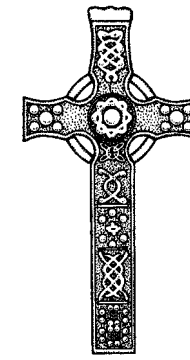
The Peace Candle - An opportunity for visitors to take a prayer candle home to their congregations. Candles are at the rear, right side, of the sanctuary. Please sign the note pad there, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Fritz von 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.
Parish Associates:	J. Gary Campbell, M. Div., M.A. Frances Taylor Gench, M. Div., Ph.D. John T. Mathison, M. Div. J. Riley McDonald, M.Div Glenn Myers, M. Div., M.A.

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"An inclusive and justice seeking church"



Celebration of Worship

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

January 15, 2012
8:45 and 11 a.m.
Second Sunday After Epiphany

Prelude 8:45 Hymn Sing
11:00 "Precious Lord"
Thomas A. Dorsey
Introit "Song of Hope"
Argentine Folk Melody, Canto de Esperanza

***Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*** Call to Worship**

One: Come worship the Lord, Who abounds in steadfast love for all.
All: **To You, O Lord, we lift up our souls, for You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and always faithful.**
One: In the day of trouble, we call upon the Lord, for we know we will be heard.
All: **Let us give thanks to the Lord, and glorify God's name forever.**

***Opening Hymn** #276, (verses 1 and 2) "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
Faithfulness

Prayer of Confession **God of mercy, we confess that we have failed to love, neglected justice, and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and return us to paths of righteousness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Silent Confession Assurance of Pardon

***Response** #276 (verse 3), "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
Faithfulness

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

**Please stand, if able*

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Classes will resume January 8	
Class	Teachers
Nursery (8:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.)	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
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"God Preserves A Remnant" Joseph reveals his identity to his brothers and welcomes them. He tells them that God sent him to Egypt to preserve their family and keep his promise to Abraham. Joseph asked them to bring their father and the rest of the family to Egypt as soon as they can. Today's lesson is from Genesis 45:3-15. Teacher/Prayer Leader: Yomi Faniyi.

Adult Sunday School	TODAY 10 a.m., Room 511
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"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.

Adult Sunday School	Sundays, January 15, 22, February 5, 12, 19 10 a.m., Room 520
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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.

Adult Sunday School	Sundays, January 22 and February 5 10 a.m., Room 511
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"Bible Study with Cuba Partners" Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe will lead a two-week class focusing on two texts from the Book of Matthew. Rev. Glenn Dickson of St. Augustine Presbytery and Westminster Presbyterian Church in Gainesville, FL has selected the Bible study and written the commentary. Join Rev. Spuhler McCabe along with other Cuba Partners at First Havana and in Chicago, Gainesville, Houston, and Long Island as we all study the Matthew stories of "Last Hired" and "The Courage to Risk."

*A Brief Statement of Faith *(May be found in the back cover of pew Hymnal)*

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson Psalm 23 *in unison*, page 474-475, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Hear My Prayer”
Moses Hogan

Time for Children

Second Lesson Mark 5:1-20, page 4, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Mercy, Yours Or Ours?”
Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe

III. The Community Responds to the Word

Sermon Hymn #408 (*verses 1,2, 6*),
“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”
Germany

1. **Where cross the crowded ways of life, Where sound the dries of race and clan, Above the noise of selfish strife, We hear Thy voice, O Son of Man.**
2. **In haunts of wretchedness and need, On shadowed thresholds fraught with fears, From paths where hide the lures of greed, We catch the vision of Thy tears.**
6. **Till all the world shall learn Thy love, And follow where Thy feet have trod; Till glorious from Thy heaven above Shall come the city of our God.**

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory 8:45 *The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around the Table for Giving and Prayer
11:00 “This Little Light of Mine”
arr. Moses Hogan

***Response** #591 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** Living God, You have blessed us beyond measure and called us to love one another. May these gifts be used to bring Your mercy and provision to those in need, and may we be instruments of Your love, justice and peace, in this city and with all we meet. In the name of our Risen Lord, Amen.

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

*Passing of the Peace

***Sending Hymn** #298, “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”
In Babilone

1. **There’s a wideness in God’s mercy, Like the wideness of the sea; There’s a kindness in God’s justice, Which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth’s sorrows Are more felt than up in heaven; There is no place where earth’s failings Have such kindly judgment given.**
2. **For the love God is broader Than the measures of the mind; And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but faithful, We would gladly trust God’s Word; And our lives reflect thanksgiving For the goodness of our Lord.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

***Congregational Response** Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”
Tune of Holy Manna
arr. Wood

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of *Jean and John Nix* by their daughter and son-in-law, *Kris and Wilson Golden*.

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Greeters	Paul and Gwenn Gebhard	Jenean McKay and Elizabeth Ako
Liturgists	Michael Smith	Clarke Orzalli
Tour Guides	Leonard Shabman	Barry Tindall

Counters:

January 17	Nancy Dickinson and Phil Hanna
January 24	Jim Martin and Barb Dornan
January 31	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

Preaching Schedule

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 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.

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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