

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:00 A.M.

Children And Youth Sunday School

Class	Teachers	Room
3-5 years	Melanie Dann, Michelle Mullineux, Doug House	12
6-8 years	Sarah Whitlow, Kathy Doan, Mike Smith	22
9-12 years	Rob Neill, Jeff West, Sarah Holland	24
Jr. High	Susan Hesser, Tom Faith, Tara Spuhler McCabe (Confirmation)	Park Level
Sr. High	Betsy Merritt, Mary Spatz, Phil Hanna	23

The Goodpasture Class Lincoln Chapel

New Leadership – Several significant things happened in Ezekiel’s world since the time of last week’s lesson. For one, the prophet had suffered the personal tragedy of the death of his wife. Ezekiel undoubtedly was viewed as odd because of his curious behavior. His wife may have been the only one who understood him. A second major turning point was the news that the City of Jerusalem had fallen. Their beautiful temple, a centuries-old focus of national identity and pride, lay in ruins. The marvelous vision of the future emphasizing the justice and mercy of God is the basis of our lesson. Today's lesson is from Ezekiel 34:23-31; Teacher: Gilbert Anderson; Prayer Leader: Yomi Faniyi.

The Pilgrim’s Progress March 8, Room 520

Dr. Dewey Wallace will lead this class to read and discuss “The Pilgrim's Progress,” John Bunyan's seventeenth-century classic allegory of the Christian life. During the 1800s it was the most read book in the United States after the Bible. The book is on sale during the week in the 3rd floor office or on Sundays during the Adult Education class for \$12.00. However, it is not mandatory to purchase the book to attend the class and participate.

Lenten Book Study March 1-29, Room 511

A five-week Lenten book study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Life Together* will be led by the NYA pastors. The book will be available for purchase on Sundays in Room 511 and in the church office during the week. Even those unable to attend the class are encouraged to read *Life Together* during Lent – or anytime!

Wednesday Lenten Devotions March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, Noon, Docherty Center

Come at noon on Wednesday for meditation, prayer and refreshment for your soul. Using the *Lectio Divina* way of reading and praying through Scripture, the pastors will lead reflections on the Psalms. March 11 will focus on Psalm 32.

Soldiers of Conscience March 15, 22, 29, Room 520

As part of the continuing Christian Life in Literature theme, “Soldiers of Conscience” movie excerpts will provide a riveting story of war and justice and the values a Christian life brings to them.

Bible Study Groups

Alexandria Parish Study Group (Every fourth Tuesday)

Please call Paul Dornan at 703-971-9047 for group information.

Circle II Presbyterian Women’s Bible Study (Every first Tuesday)

Please call Lenora Thierry at 703-920-7283 or Barbara Dornan at 703-971-9047 for group information.

Cuba Partners Shared Bible Study (Twice Yearly)

Please call Marilyn Seiber at 703-893-1559 for group information.

Small Group Bible Studies

Please call Miriam Dewhurst at 703-560-0871 for information.

Opportunities for Service

“...we are called as individuals to join our separate gifts together as a community of faith...to undertake the tasks which Jesus Christ has set before us...” (From the NYAPC Mission Statement) For more opportunities for service, please visit our website: www.nyapc.org/ministries

Community Club: This 45-year ministry of NYAPC brings together public high school students in Washington, DC, with adult volunteers for one-on-one tutoring, Thursdays 7:00-8:00 p.m. For additional information, contact Susie Campbell at directors@communityclub.org.

7-2-9 Club: Be part of one of the most unique and gratifying experiences we have at NYAPC by interacting with visitors from St. Elizabeth’s Hospital who are struggling with mental illness, Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Contact the church, 202-393-3700. **The 7-2-9 ministry on Wednesday nights plays BINGO and they are in need of prizes: Body lotion, shampoo, Irish Spring bars of soap (these do not melt as quickly in water as others), toothpaste, toothbrushes, travel holders for toothbrushes and soap, Vaseline, and sox (women and men). All of these supplies are very helpful to our many friends at St. Elizabeth’s who come for the social party. A box will be at the back on the Sanctuary marked for 7-2-9.**

Radcliffe Room: MORE PEOPLE NEED BUS TOKENS - METRO BUS TOKENS COST MORE. Every Sunday a few guests of the Radcliffe Room, people living in a shelter or on the street, are given bus tokens to look for a job, go to work or to medical appointments. **METRO HAS DISCONTINUED BUS TRANSFERS so more tokens may be needed for each trip. The loss of transfers is a real hardship for homeless people!** Until the use of Smart Cards became popular, the used Metro cards put in the PIGGY BANK on the receptionist desk in the entryway were exchanged for bus tokens. Your COINS/DOLLAR BILLS are needed to offset the extra needs, the decrease in donated Metro cards and the increased price of tokens. If you want to make a larger donation to the Radcliffe Room Ministry, you may make a check payable to The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church with Radcliffe Room Ministry on the memo line.

Peace and Justice

The Peace Candle burns to remind all of us to pray for peace and find ways to bring it about with God’s help. Please help visitors find a prayer candle outside the Peter Marshall Hall to take home to their congregations and share with others, and have them sign our Guest Register so we know where the *Peace Candle* has been taken. For further information, or to be added to the Peace and Justice Committee list server, contact David Inoue at 202-582-7273 or email: david_inoue@yahoo.com.

Biblical Witness to Peacemaking Lectionary – Repenting of Greed

March 8, 2009 – Luke 12:13-21	March 12, 2009 – Amos 5:10-13
March 9, 2009 – Jeremiah 8:8-13	March 13, 2009 – Ezekiel 22:23-31
March 10, 2009 – Habakkuk 2:1-7	March 14, 2009 – Jeremiah 5:21-29
March 11, 2009 – Matthew 20:20-28	

Ministers:	The Entire Congregation
Pastor:	Roger Joseph Gench, Ph.D.
Associate Pastor for Congregational Life:	Tara Spuhler McCabe, M. Div.
Pastoral Assistant:	Linda LeSourd Lader, M. Div.
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Director of Planned Giving/Parish Associate:	J. Riley McDonald, M. Div.
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Celebration of Worship

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

**March 8, 2009
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Lent**

Prelude	“Prelude” G. B. Pergolesi
Introit	“The God Of Abraham Praise” Hebrew Melody of Leoni
*Lincoln Chimes	
I. The Community Gathers for Worship	
*Call to Worship	One: The Journey of Lent – All: – is a journey inward, to examine our hearts. One: The journey of faith – All: – is a journey of trust, following God’s promises. One: The journey of life – All: – is a journey outward, spending our lives for the sake of love.

(From “Call to Worship” Year B Lectionary Aids 2008-2009)

*Opening Hymn	# 84 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” Rathbun
Prayer of Confession	Faithful God, You call us to trust in Your promises. In Jesus Christ, You call us to take up our cross and follow, as He invited His disciples. We are quick to make excuses, afraid of the unknown, afraid of the hard work of discipleship. We are cautious; embarrassed to share the good news. Forgive us, we pray. Give us the courage that comes from knowing that You walk with us.

(From “Prayer of Confession” Year B Lectionary Aids 2008-2009)

Silent Confession	
Assurance of Pardon	
*Response	# 316 (verse 1) “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” Trentham
	Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

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

**If able, please stand*

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson Psalm 22:23-31, pages 473-474, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Time For Children and Their Friends

Anthem “Ave Verum” (Hail, True Body of Christ)
W. A. Mozart

Translation: Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who has truly suffered, and was sacrificed on the cross for all, whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood, Be for us a foretaste of heaven, during our final trial, O Jesu sweet, O Jesu merciful, O Jesu Son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen

Second Lesson Mark 8:31-38, page 41, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “The Messiah We Get”
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn** # 85 “What Wondrous Love Is This”
Wondrous Love

Installation and Ordination of Church Officers

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Hostias et preces”
W. A. Mozart

Translation: Sacrifices and prayers of praise, Lord, we offer to You. Receive them in behalf of those souls we commemorate today. And let them, Lord, pass from death to life, which was promised to Abraham and his descendants. #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** Holy God, the earth is Yours and the nations are Your people. We make these offerings acknowledging that all we have comes from You. Use these gifts, and us, to provide for those in need. In all we do, let Your love shine through us. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

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

***Passing of the Peace**

***Sending Hymn** #76 (verses 1, 2, 5) “My Song is Love Unknown”

Love Unknown

- 1 My song is love unknown, My Savior’s love to me, Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be. O who am I That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?**
- 2 Christ came from heaven’s throne Salvation to bestow, But people scorned and none The longed-for Christ would know. But O my Friend, My Friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend!**
- 5 Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine: Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine. This is my Friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

***Congregational Response** Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude “Fuga”
Nicola Porpora

The Flowers in the Chancel today are given in loving memory of *Mildred Mogul*, a great piano player, Sunday School teacher and traveler, by her grandchildren, Glenn and Rebecca Davis.

We wish to thank *Amanda Grizzle* and *Alice Mikolajewski* for their help with the music program today while Dr. Engebretson is recovering from surgery.

Liturgists:	<u>8:45 a.m.</u> Dr. Dewey Wallace	<u>11:00 a.m.</u> Rev. Peter Boevé
Tour Guides:	Deborah Dimon	John Gagosian

We extend a warm welcome to visitors. We invite you to sign the guest book outside of the Peter Marshall Hall.

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 entrance to the Peter Marshall Hall.

Infants and children: Babies and toddlers are welcome in the park level nursery. Children’s worship aids are in the side alcove of the Peter Marshall Hall.

Garage Parking: Free self-parking is available in the garage next to the church at 1399 New York Avenue until 1:00 p.m. Please park in any non-reserved space.

Large Print Bibles and Large Print Bulletins are available at the entrance of the Peter Marshall Hall. Persons with impaired hearing may ask an usher for a special receiver.

Why we’re here: Welcome to the Peter Marshall Hall! Our sanctuary is currently undergoing renovation. The renovation will, we pray, make our worship more welcoming and accessible to all who enter our doors. It will involve installation of a new organ, acoustical improvements, reconfiguration of seating and general painting and refurbishing. We expect to return to our beloved sanctuary in May 2009.

Preaching Schedule

March 15-29

Rev. Roger J. Gench

Counter’s Schedule

March 10
March 17
March 21
March 31

Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
Barbara Dornan and Nancy Dickinson
Janet Wessling and Amy Gillespie
Ginge Peddle and Daniel Stokes

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Information for Visitors