

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

Prophecy New Life: The opening scene of the Book of Ezekiel is the incredible vision of the fiery four living creatures accompanied by the famous "wheel in the middle of a wheel." Ezekiel is also known for his experiences with the Spirit of God. At times, the Spirit seemed to possess him, causing him to stand and speak. At other times, the Spirit seems to transport him to new locations. These profound visions and deep experiences of the Spirit intersect dramatically in Chapter 37. Today's lesson is from Ezekiel 37:1-14. Teacher: Yomi Faniyi.

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 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 25 will focus on Psalm 84.

Soldiers of Conscience March 22 and 29 Room 520

Join in on a unique discussion about a soldier's journey to Conscientious Objection through our current war. An important interpretation is offered on The Good Samaritan passage. This class is facilitated by the Sr. High Youth and Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe.

National Continuing Care Residents Association ("NaCCRA")

will hold its Annual Meeting at Westminster at Lake Ridge, VA on April 3 and April 4. Speakers will include Selig Harrison and Larry Minnix. Registration contact: George B. High at 703-491-1557 or gbhigh@aol.com

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 the Illusion of Autonomy

March 22 – Deuteronomy 8:11-20 March 26 – Jeremiah 7:16-26
 March 23 – Psalm 34 March 27 – Genesis 3:1-21
 March 24 – 1 Peter 5:1-11 March 28 – Psalm 139
 March 25 – Proverbs 9:10-11

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.
Director of Music:	Stanley P. Engebretson, D.M.A.
Director of Planned Giving/Parish Associate:	J. Riley McDonald, M. Div.
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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.

**March 22, 2009
 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
 Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Prelude 8:45 a.m. Hymn Sing
 11:00 a.m. "Et incarnates est," from **Mass in D minor**
 Franz Joseph Haydn

Introit "Kyrie," from **Missa Sancti Nicolai**
 Franz Joseph Haydn
 Translation: Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
 Cathy Carlin, Chantel Pomerville, Manuel Melendez,
 Nathan Moon, soloists

***Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

***Call to Worship** One: Let us worship and give thanks to God
All: We give thanks to God who is good.
 One: Let us give thanks to God who lifts up the needy.
All: We give thanks to God who delivers us from distress.
 One: Let us give thanks for God's wonderful works.
All: We give thanks to God whose love endures forever.

***Opening Hymn** # 11 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"
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Prayer of Confession God of our journey, as Your people complained in the wilderness, we too are full of complaints. We resist reflection and repentance. In our impatience we have been unkind to others, and we have failed to follow You. Forgive and restore us that we might seek You to be our Guide in the wilderness. Change us, so that by Your grace, we would forsake darkness, come into Your light and do the good works You have prepared for us.
 (Adapted 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.
 (The congregation is invited to join in the liturgical movements with the pastors.)

***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	Numbers 21:4-9, page 134, NRSV Leader: This is the word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.
Anthem	“Gloria in excelsis Deo,” from Missa Sancti Nicolai Franz Joseph Haydn Translation: Glory be to God on high. And on earth peace towards all of good will. We praise thee. We bless thee. We worship thee. We glorify thee. We give thanks to thee for thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right of the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art Holy. Thou only art the Lord. Thou only art the Most High.

Time for Children and Their Friends *(8:45 a.m.)*

Second Lesson	John 3:14-21, page 88, NRSV Leader: This is the word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.
Sermon	“Christ the Snake” Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn	# 394 “There Is A Balm in Gilead” (verses 1 and 2) Balm in Gilead
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Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory <i>(11:00 a.m.)</i>	“Sanctus,” from Missa Sancti Nicolai Franz Joseph Haydn Translation: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.
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*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.
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*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.
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Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer *(page 16–Traditional)*

*Passing of the Peace

*Sending Hymn	#181 “Come Sing to God” (verses 1, 3 and 4) Ellacombe 1 Come sing to God, O living saints, Sing praises to God’s name. God’s anger is not permanent, God’s love will never wane. Though tears may tarry for the night With signs of deepest pain, Yet joy comes with the morning sun, A peace that is not vain. 3 What good is gained by my disgrace, What profit in defeat? My grave cannot confess Your name, Nor praise for You repeat. Now hear, O Lord, my plaintive cry; Be merciful to me. Accept my longing heart’s request, And from death set me free 4 You change my grief to joy-filled dance, My sorrows You destroy. In faithfulness You hear my cry And fill my life with joy. And so to You my heart shall sing, My voice Your goodness raise. You are my God, forevermore, My life shall sing Your praise.
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*Congregational Response	Alleluia! Amen!
Postlude	“Dona nobis pacem,” from Missa Sancti Nicolai Franz Joseph Haydn Translation: Grant us Peace.

The Flowers in the Chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones and friends by members and friends of the Congregation through their contributions to the Flower Fund.

We wish to thank *our solo quartet* and *the Sanctuary Choir* for their participation in special music for this morning’s worship.

***The Carl Dees Family* thank the ministers, Deaconesses, choir and members of The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church for all the prayers, cards and concerns during the illness of Billie E. Dees, and also for the expressions of sympathy as part of the celebration of her life at the Memorial Service held on March 15, 2009.**

Liturgists:	<u>8:45 a.m.</u> Doug House	<u>11:00 a.m.</u> James D. Rhodes
Tour Guides:	Richard Snyder	John Davies

Information for Visitors

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 22	Rev. Roger J. Gench
March 29	Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe

Counter’s Schedule

March 21	Janet Wessling and Amy Gillespie
March 31	Ginge Peddle and Daniel Stokes

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