

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:00 a.m.

Class	Teachers
Nursery (8:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.)	Certified and professional
Pre-K (3-5)	Michelle Mullineaux, Doug House, Karen Dunlap
Multi-age Extravaganza (6-11)	Kathy Doan, Mike Smith, Alex Mullineaux, David Gillies, Marsha Renwanz
Junior High (12-14)	Paul Dorman, Jeff West, Tara Spuhler McCabe,
Confirmation	Susan Hesser, Chris Reihling, Tara Spuhler McCabe
Senior High	Phil Hanna, Betsy Merritt, Mary Spatz
Substitutes	Rob Neill, Sarah Holland, Sarah Whitlow

**PLEASE NOTE:
DECEMBER 27 AND JANUARY 3:
NO CHILDREN OR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Spiritual Autobiography	Sunday, January 10 9:45 and 12:15, Lincoln Parlor
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Have you ever considered exploring your own faith journey? Have you ever sat down and pondered the events and people who nurtured and/or challenged your faith, those who have contributed in some way to who you are, how you think, feel and live whatever your faith is now? Those who are interested in exploring what this experience might entail will gather to form small groups which will meet under the direction of Peter Boevé. **Please see the insert in today's bulletin for important details.**

Bible Study Groups

Alexandria Parish Study Group (Every fourth Tuesday) Please call Paul Dorman 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 Dorman 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.

Biblical Witness to Peacemaking Lectionary – THE CHRISTMAS PEACE

December 27, 2009 –	Isaiah 11:1-9
December 28, 2009 –	Jeremiah 33:14-18
December 29, 2009 –	Hosea 14:4-9
December 30, 2009 –	Psalms 84
December 31, 2009 –	Hebrews 1:1-4
January 1, 2010 –	Romans 5:1-5
January 2, 2010 –	2 Corinthians 4:1-6

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: Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Seeking tutors and other volunteers, including a webmaster: Community Club offers a unique opportunity to share your gifts, talents and love with the children of Washington, DC. **Did you know that Community Club relies on volunteers not only to tutor, but to do a variety of other tasks throughout the year?** Tutoring requires your presence at NYAPC on Thursday evenings, but other volunteer opportunities may not. Weekly orientations for new tutors occur each week at 6:30. Information about Community Club can be found (and new tutors can register) at the web site www.communityclub.org. Questions about orientation can be directed via e-mail to Susannah Harris Susannah@communityclub.org. Our Director, Tom Karr, can be reached with general questions by e-mail at directors@communityclub.org.

7-2-9 Club: Wednesdays at 7 p.m. 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 struggle with mental illness. Contact the church, 202-393-3700. The 7-2-9 ministry 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 socks (women and men). All of these supplies are very helpful to our many friends at St. Elizabeth's who come for the social party. Please leave your donations at the front desk.

Radcliffe Room Ministry:

Clothing Closet Volunteers Needed: Have you ever wanted to run your own clothing store? Now is your chance. Volunteers are needed at the Radcliffe Room clothing closet. The clothing closet is open 9-10 a.m. on Sundays. Patrons of the Radcliffe Room greatly benefit from the clothing available to them. In order to keep it open every Sunday, we would like to have two additional volunteers to help out one or two Sundays a month. We think you will find it a fun and rewarding experience. If you are interested, please contact Suzie Waltzer at suzie424@yahoo.com

Clothing Needed: We greatly appreciate all of the generous donations from members and we are always in need of additional clothing items. We welcome a variety of items and those of particular need include: men's and women's jeans, casual pants, t-shirts and cotton collar shirts, as well as shoes (such as tennis shoes and boots). In addition, we appreciate donations of toiletries such as soap, shampoo, lotion and razors.

Transportation Funds Needed: The money and Metro cards put in the “Piggy Bank” on the receptionist desk in the entryway is used to help Radcliffe Room guests who are going to work, looking for a job or going to a medical appointment. Bus tokens are purchased and money can be added to the Metro cards. Imagine you had no way to get to work, look for work or no way to see a doctor when you were sick or injured, and you will have some idea how much your help needed and appreciated.

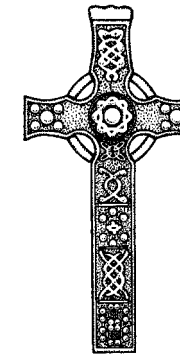
Peace and Justice

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 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

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.
Director of Planned Giving:	Evelyn S. Ying
Parish Associates:	Peter Boevé, M. Div. J. Gary Campbell, M. Div., M.A. Ann Rose Davie, M. Div. Frances Taylor Gench, M. Div., Ph.D. John T. Mathison, M. Div. J. Riley McDonald, M.Div Judith E. Michaels, D. Min., Ph.D. Glenn Myers, M. Div., M.A. Jack E. McClendon, Ph.D.
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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.

December 27, 2009

10:00 a.m.

First Sunday after Christmas

Prelude

“Prelude”

Fourth English Suite in F Major

J. S. Bach

David H. Williams Piano

Introit

“Ding, Dong Merrily on High”

Traditional English Carol

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

One As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience.

All We will forgive each other, just as God has forgiven us.

One Now clothe yourselves with love, which bonds everything together in perfect harmony.

All May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

One Let the word of Christ dwell in your hearts and sing to God with thanksgiving.

All We will do everything in the name of Jesus our Lord.

*Opening Hymn

#28, “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

In Dulci Jubilo

Prayer of Confession

We want to be loving, and kind, and patient with others, but we are not. Instead of being grateful, we grumble and complain. We close our hearts to others, thinking most of ourselves. Forgive us, O God. Give us eyes to see the gifts of each day and the needs of others. Fill us with joy and hope and the desire to invite others into conversation and into our hearts.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response

“Gloria, Gloria”

Taize

***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 Colossians 3:12-17, pages 190, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Make We Joy Now in This Fest”
William Walton

Time for Children and Their Friends

(8:45a.m.: Children may join Pastor Tara for worship play.

After the sermon, children will return to their parents. Children under age 4 are welcome in the Nursery.)

Second Lesson Luke 2:41-52, page 55-56, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn** #36, “In The Bleak Midwinter”
Cranham

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission Red Cross Blood Drive

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offering
Offertory “See Amid the Winter Snow”
Traditional English
arr. Willocks

***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** **O God, we have experienced Your blessing when we give, so our most generous efforts do not seem a sacrifice. We give that Your will might be done, knowing that when it is, all of us benefit. Multiply, we pray, the power of these gifts to do the good You intend. May we, by Your grace, grow as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Adopted From “Taught by Love” by Lavon Bayler)

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

***Passing of the Peace**

***Sending Hymn** # 57 (verses 1-3) “The Snow Lay on the Ground”
Venite Adoremus

1 The snow lay on the ground, The stars shone bright, When Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night. Venite adoremus Dominum; Venite adoremus Dominum. (Refrain)

**Refrain: Venite adoremus Dominum.
Venite adoremus Dominum**

2 ’Twas gentle Mary maid so young and strong, Who welcomed here the Christ-child with a song. She laid Him in a stall at Bethlehem; The ass and oxen shared the roof with them. (Refrain)

3 Saint Joseph, too, was by to tend the Child, To guard Him, and protect His mother mild. The angels hovered round, and sang this song: Venite adoremus Dominum. (Refrain)

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

***Congregational Response** Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude “Gigue”
First Partita in Bb Major
J. S. Bach
David H. Williams, Piano

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When bulletins are waved during worship at New York Avenue, it is a sign of appreciation for the music or other contribution to the service. It is an action which we learned from our sister church, the First Presbyterian 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.

We wish to thank *David Williams* for his participation in worship today.

The Poinsettias in the Chancel today herald the Christmas season and have been given through the generosity of members and friends of the congregation

Liturgist Jay Davenport
Greeter Richard Snyder
Tour Guide John Schultheis

Preaching Schedule

December 27 Rev. Roger J. Gench
(one service at 10 a.m.)

January 3 Christmas Pageant
(one service at 10 a.m.)
followed by Epiphany Festival

January 10 Linda LeSourd Lader

January 17 Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe

January 24 Rev. Roger J. Gench

Information for Visitors

We extend a warm welcome to visitors!
We invite you to sign the guest book at 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.

Infants and children: Babies and toddlers are welcome in the park level nursery. **Care is provided by licensed, paid professionals.** Children’s worship aids are available in 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.

Large Print Bibles and Large Print Bulletins: Available at the entrance of the Sanctuary. Persons with impaired hearing may ask an usher for a special receiver.