

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

Class	Teachers
Nursery (8:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.)	Certified and professional staff members
Pre-K (3-5)	Michelle Mullineaux, Doug House, Sally Davis
Multi-age Extravaganza (6-11)	Kathy Doan, Mike Smith, Alex Mullineaux, David Gillies, Marsha Renwanz
Junior High (12-14)	Paul Dornan, 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
The Goodpasture Class	Sundays 10 a.m., The Lincoln Chapel

Prayer – An Adventure with God	Sundays 10 a.m., Room 127
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Please join us again after Easter. We encourage you to participate in the Lenten book study, "Why the Cross" being held in Room 520.

Historical Perspectives: A four-part series	TODAY, February 21 10 a.m., Room 511
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Dr. Dewey Wallace will begin a four-part series on the historical perspective of the impact of immigration on religion in America.

Cuba Working Group & Trip Report!!	TODAY, February 21 10 a.m., J. Q. Adams Room
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All are invited to TODAY's Cuba Working Group meeting, to see a slide show and photos and hear about the recent trip to La Habana to visit partner church, First Presbyterian-Reformed Church of Havana. Susan Tilt, professional photographer and artist who was part of the mission trip, will give the presentation. Others from our group will also be available to share photos and stories of our week's visit with First Havana friends and distribution of new t-shirts to the church-sponsored neighborhood baseball teams. **All are welcome!** Questions? Contact Marilyn Seiber, 703-893-1559, mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net.

Lenten Book Study: Why the Cross?	TODAY, February 21 10 a.m., Room 520
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Does it trouble you that God allowed -- seemingly *required* -- Jesus to die on the cross? Does the whole idea of the cross leave you feeling uncomfortable or angry or confused? Come explore these and other questions about the cross with the pastors in the Lenten book study based on Charles Cousar's *The Theology of the Cross*. Linda Lader will lead today's introductory session and will provide readings for next week.

New Member Classes	Sunday, March 7, 14, 21 12:15 p.m., Room 511
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Thinking about joining the New York Avenue Church? The next series of classes for new members begins **Sunday, March 7** in Room 511. Call Tiffany Dougall at 202-393-3702, x215 or Paul Dornan at 703-971-9047 if you have any questions. **Come and See!**

Overnight Retreat for Lent at Meadowkirk	Start: March 24 at 1 p.m. End: March 25 at 1 p.m.
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Rev. Roger Gench will be leading a silent retreat. It will be held at beautiful Meadowkirk and will include 4 meals and an overnight stay; cost will be about \$135. Everyone is invited; reservations are necessary. If you wish to attend, please contact Tom Dunlap at shakescene@aol.com by Sunday, February 28.

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)
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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

The New York Avenue Foundation seeks members for its Board of Directors. The mission of the NYA Foundation is to assist young people to complete schooling in the District of Columbia public schools and to go on to higher education. Through its grants program, the Foundation distributes more than \$30,000 each year (of which at least \$18,000 goes to Community Club) to local non-profit organizations which further this mission. Serving on the NYA Foundation Board is a wonderful way to learn about the small non-profits in DC that support inner city children and youth. The board meets nine or ten times a year and each board member has the opportunity to visit one or more of the non-profit organizations that apply for a grant. Please consider joining us! For more information, contact Jennifer McIver at jenzan@msn.com or 703-785-4762.

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-- interact 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 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 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

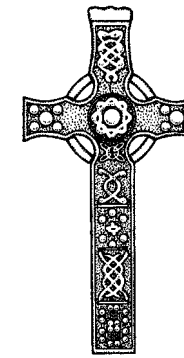
Clothing Needed: We appreciate all the generous donations from members; we are always in need of additional clothing items. We welcome a variety of items and those of particular need include: WARM COATS, men's and women's jeans, casual pants, t-shirts and cotton collar shirts, as well as shoes (such 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 at the entry 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. Please imagine how much your help needed and appreciated.

Peace and Justice

The Peace Candle reminds 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.
Parish Associate for Visitation:	Ann Rose Davie, M. Div.
Director of Planned Giving:	Evelyn S. Ying, J.D.
Parish Associates:	Peter Boevé, M. Div. J. Gary Campbell, M. Div., M.A. 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.



Celebration of Worship

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

February 21, 2010

8:45 and 11 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

Prelude	8:45	Hymn Sing
	11:00	Prelude on "It is Well with my Soul" Philip Bliss
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*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

One: We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith.

All: We come seeking the awareness of God's presence as we travel on.

One: We come seeking light for our darkness, strength in our weakness.

All: Shine in our hearts, O God, with the light of Your love. Make Your presence known through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

(From "Flames of the Spirit," 1985)

*Opening Hymn #84 (verses 1-3), "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" Rathbun

Prayer of Confession

As Lent unfolds before us, great God, we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem. The road is long, our sins are heavy, and our burdens hold us down. We can't imagine new life, Easter life, because our current lives are filled with bad choices and failed efforts. Our transgressions are ever before us. Meet us in our weakness. Take up our sins. Ease our burdens. Carry us on the way. Bring us to Jerusalem, at last. Show us a love that is stronger than death, a love no tomb can hold. Amen.

(From "Prayer of Confession" – *Lectionary Aids 2009-2010*)

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response #84 (verse 4), "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" Rathbun

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the cross are sanctified; Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.

*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 91:1-2, 9-16, page 518, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Hear My Prayer”
Moses Hogan

Time for Children and Their Friends

(8:45 a.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 4:1-13, page 57, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “The Fast”
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

Sermon Hymn #81, “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”
St. Flavian

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 “Sanctus,” from **Missa Kenya**
Paul Basler

*Translation: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabbath. The heavens
and earth are full of thy glory.*

***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** Holy and Giving God, we are Yours, and all we have
comes from You. Use these gifts and each of our lives to
bring hope where there is despair, love where there is
fear, and light where there is darkness. For the sake of
Your Kingdom we pray, Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

***Passing of the Peace** (11:00 a.m.)

***Sending Hymn** #85, “What Wondrous Love is This”
Wondrous Love

- 1 **What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What
wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss To
bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul, To bear
the heavy cross for my soul.**
- 2 **To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, To God
and to the Lamb, I will sing; To God and to the Lamb
who is the great I Am; While millions join the theme, I
will sing, I will sing; While millions join the theme, I
will sing.**

3 **And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on; And when
from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be, And through
eternity, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on; And through eternity
I’ll sing on!**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude “Festival Toccata”
John Leavitt

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IMPORTANT NOTE for Sunday, February 28:

10 a.m. – Sunday School

11 a.m. – Worship Service

Rev. Frances Taylor Gench, preaching

**12:30 p.m. – Congregational Lunch at 12:30 p.m.
in Peter Marshall Hall**

2 p.m. – Worship Service of Consecration and Rededication
Rev. Roger J. Gench, preaching

The Flowers in the Chancel today are given by *Marjorie K. Foster* in loving
memory of her dear husband, *Ed Foster*.

Liturgists	8:45	Mary Lee Spatz
	11:00	John H Quinn, Jr.
Greeters	8:45	Lauren and Sam McFerran and Rosalyn Ridgway
	11:00	Mary and Warren Krug
Tour Guides	8:45	James Rhodes
	11:00	Gerald Moody

Counters:

February 16 – Nancy Dickinson and Phil Hanna

February 21 – John Schultheis and Janet Wessling

March 2 – Nancy Dickinson and Dan Stokes

March 9 – Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

March 24 – Martha Davis and Amy Gillespie

March 23 – Nancy Dickinson and Barbara Dornan

March 28 – Janet Wessling and Amy Gillespie

THE REV. DR. DAVID RAMAGE, JR., died on February 14, 2010 at Arden Courts in Fairfax, Virginia. He was born March 7, 1930 in Cincinnati, Ohio, and earned a divinity degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in 1955. In 1985, Rev. Ramage became the eighth president of McCormick Theological Seminary. He is survived by his wife, Betty, their four children and their spouses, David and Corinne, Jonathan and Debbie, Elizabeth and Adam, and Daniel and Lynne, ten grandchildren, one great grandchild, his sister, June, his brother, Dan, and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, relatives and loving friends. A memorial service for Rev. Ramage will be held in the Sanctuary on March 14, 2010 at 1 p.m. with a reception to follow.

Information for Visitors

We extend a warm welcome to visitors!

We invite you to sign the guest book at the rear of the Sanctuary.

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.

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.

Radcliffe Room Ministry: Everyone is invited and encouraged to come to the Radcliffe Room between Sunday worship services. 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.

Coffee Hour: Between services, all are invited to meet and greet friends and visitors in the back of the Sanctuary.

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.