

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

Class	Teachers
Nursery <i>(8:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.)</i>	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**

“Cleansing the Temple” The cleansing of the temple demonstrates the truth of Jesus’ identity and authority. He dared to upset the traditional religious structures to introduce himself as the dynamic word of God, speaking God’s truth to a corrupt religious system and establishing a completely new relationship between God and humanity. Today’s Lesson: John 2:13-22. Teacher/Prayer leader: Yomi Faniyi.

Adult Sunday School **TODAY, April 15
10 a.m., Room 520**

“Jesus and the Third Way: A Spirit of Co-existence and the Refusal to be Enemies in Modern Israel and in the West Bank of Palestine.” Bill Plitt, a recent traveler to areas of Israel and Palestine, will share his experiences in two distinct settings. The first setting is a more detailed look within the life of the community of international volunteers and the Nassar family described in a earlier series offered at NYAPC. The second setting includes experiences visiting an Israeli Kibbutz where Argentinean émigrés established a co-existent relationship with a nearby Arab village in 1953. Participants will also become aware of theologian Walt Wing’s view of Jesus and a non-violent approach to injustices of his day and how it might apply within the nonviolent movement today.

Adult Sunday School **Sundays, April 15-May 13
10 a.m., Room 511**

“One DC?” This four-week series will inquire into the state of our city, especially as it relates to whether we are becoming more one community or more divided by race, class and income. Our four distinguished speakers will analyze aspects of disparity and community in four areas: April 15: Demographics, Martha Davis; April 22: Housing, Dominic Moulden (One DC); May 6: Education, Mark Hecker (Reach, Inc.); and May 13: Politics, Mark Plotkin.

Adult Sunday School **Sunday, April 22
10 a.m., Lincoln Parlor**

“Endowment and Benevolence Funds: Ministries that Make a Difference.” How do we live today to prepare NYAPC for tomorrow? What is the human, transformative side of the church’s endowment and benevolence funds? Join Phil Hanna and Leigh Hildebrand as they share stories of the church’s endowment and benevolence funds, their role in growing the church’s mission and meeting immediate needs of individuals and our dreams for the future. Gifts to the new NYAPC Birthday Fund will grow ministries through these funds, so come learn more about how they can change lives.

Adult Sunday School **Sundays, April 22
10 a.m., Room 520**

“The Costs of the Occupation by Israel on the Souls of Israeli Jews and Palestinians” Bill Plitt will give an introduction to life in Israel/Palestine from the point of view of a recent traveler there who witnessed the pain and suffering of both Israelis and Palestinians as a result of the occupation. Fakhira Halloun, a Palestinian woman and citizen of Israel, will share her experiences growing up in Israel in a small Druz village where her family was among a minority of Christians living there. Later, her experiences as a social worker in an Israeli prison in Jerusalem brought her face to face with Palestinians of the occupied territories, and the experience was transforming for her.

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, jcnzan@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, robinsleanor@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.
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	Parish Associate for Visitation:	Ann Rose Davie, M. Div.
	Director of Planned Giving:	Evelyn S. Ying, J.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.

**April 15, 2012
8:45 and 11 a.m.
First Sunday of Easter**

Prelude

Introit “The Day of Resurrection”
Lancashire

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

One: How very good and pleasant it is,

All: when kindred live together in unity!

One: It is like precious oil on the head.

All: For the Lord ordained the blessing, life forevermore!

One: How very good and pleasant it is,

All: He is risen, Alleluia!

*Opening Hymn #108, “Christ is Alive” (*verses 1-4*)

Truro

Prayer of Confession

God of all, we are still not sure what do and how to be Your Easter people. We seek answers in ancient notions of a blessed community. We live as if we can never be a people of resurrection today. Oh Lord, may we come only to You with honest faith in our struggle. The struggle to practice and participate in Your kingdom for all. Shape us to work from the old and into the new so that Your resources are seen in plenty instead of want.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response #108, “Christ is Alive” (*verse 5*)
Truro

Christ is alive, and comes to bring Good news to this and every age, Till earth and sky and ocean ring With joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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

**Please stand, if able*

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson Psalm 133, page 543, NRSV
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Love is Come Again”
 French Tune
 arr. Erickson

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson Acts 4:32-35, page 114 , NRSV
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Nostalgia”
 Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe

III. The Community Responds to the Word

Sermon Hymn #333, “Seek Ye First”
 Lafferty
(Please repeat as lead by the choir and remain seated)
Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and God's righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

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 “O, Love, How Deep”
 Tune of Prospect
 Southern Harmony 1835

***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

***Passing of the Peace**

***Sending Hymn** #118, “The Day of Resurrection!”
 Lancashire
1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God. From death to life eternal, From this world unto the sky, Our Christ hath brought us over With hymns of victory.

2 Our hearts be pure from evil, That we may see aright The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light; And listening to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain, His own “All hail!” and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heavens be joyful, Let earth the song begin, Let the round world keep triumph, And all that is therein; Let all things seen and unseen Their notes of gladness blend, For Christ the Lord his risen, Our joy that hath no end.

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**
***Congregational Response**
 Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of the volunteers who serve on the *Nurture Committee* by members and friends of the Congregation through their contributions to the Flower Fund.

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Liturgists	Tamara Saltman	Aryn Myers
Greeters		
Tour Guides	Meg Neill	John O'Brien

Counters’ Schedule:
 April 17 John Schultheis and Martha Davis
 April 24 Nancy Dickinson and Phil Hanna
 May 1 Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
 May 6 Janet Wessling and Amy Gillespie
 May 13 John Schultheis and Martha Davis

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 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.

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 entrance 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.

Non-perishable food donations are being requested to share with the Capital Area Food Bank, the large nonprofit hunger and nutrition education resource in the Washington metropolitan area. Your donations are welcome in the baskets located at the back of the Sanctuary.