

**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, 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 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> grade	Christopher Rehling, Kevin Guy and Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe
“High School Rocks!” Sr. High School	Phil Hanna, Betsy Merritt and Mary Spatz
<b>Goodpasture Class</b> <span style="float:right"><b>Sundays, 10 a.m., Room 127</b></span>	
<b>“Healing the Blind Man”</b> As we approach this text, we see Jesus accepting his disciples’ question with grace and energy. He challenged the assumption and redefined the circumstances of the blind man. He used the healing to reveal his identity. He opens the eyes of his disciples to the fact that all people need the healing grace that brings communion with God. Today’s lesson is from John 9:1-17. Teacher and Prayer Leader: Yomi Faniyi.	
<b>Adult Sunday School</b>	<b>Sundays, May 6 and 13 10 a.m., Room 511</b>
<b>“One DC?”</b> This 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 distinguished speakers will analyze aspects of disparity and community in four areas: May 6: Education, Mark Hecker (Reach, Inc.); and May 13: Politics, Mark Plotkin.	

**GOD GIVES THE GIFT OF PEACE**

April 29– Romans 8:31-39  
 April 30– Psalm 90  
 May 1– John 15:12-17  
 May 2– Ephesians 1:15-23  
 May 3– Isaiah 40:9-11  
 May 4– 1 John 3:1-3  
 May 5– Jeremiah 33:1-9

<http://www.pcusa.org/media/uploads/peacemaking/pdf/1112biblicalwitness.pdf>

**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](mailto: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](mailto:directors@communityclub.org), or go to [www.communityclub.org](http://www.communityclub.org) for more information.

**Food for the Hungry** - Every 4<sup>th</sup> 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 John Courson, [ja.courson@yahoo.com](mailto:ja.courson@yahoo.com) or (202) 725-5005

**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, [robinseleanor@hotmail.com](mailto:robinseleanor@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](mailto:fritz@alumni.reed.edu)

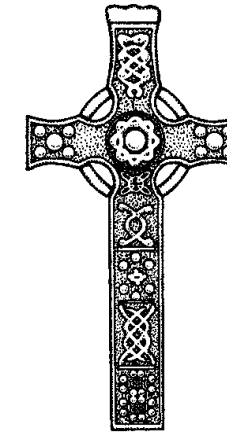
**Triangle Park Committee** - works with the National Park Service to ensure maintenance and oversee the flower and plant beds along the church wall. We meet 4-6 times a year, conduct business via email, and schedule work days as needed. Contact Marilyn Seiber, [mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net](mailto:mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net) Beth DuMez, [bethdumez@erols.com](mailto:bethdumez@erols.com) or Barry Tindall, [barrytindall@verizon.net](mailto:barrytindall@verizon.net)

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Parish Associate for Visitation:	Ann Rose Davie, M. Div.
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**Celebration of Worship**

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

**April 29, 2012  
 8:45 and 11 a.m.  
 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

- Prelude** “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”  
 Bradbury, arr. Carter
- Introit** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”  
 St. Columba
- \*Lincoln Chimes**
- I. The Community Gathers for Worship**
- \*Call to Worship**
- One: Speak to the present, tell future generations:  
**All: We know how to love because God first loved us.**
- One: As we love each other, God is here among us.  
**All: Anywhere we see love, we see God, for God is love.**
- One: We need not fear, for God’s love triumphs over fear.  
**All: Let us worship the God Who is love. Let us love one another**  
*(Adapted from “Call to Worship,” Year B, Lectionary Aids 2008-2009)*
- \*Opening Hymn** #461 (*verses 1-3*), “God Is Here!”  
 Abbot’s Leigh
- Prayer of Confession**
- Risen Christ, You are the vine; apart from You we can do nothing. We live as if this were not true: we entwine ourselves in our own business rather than branching out toward others; because we do not ground ourselves in You, we wither. Lord Jesus, forgive us. Restore us to Your abiding love, that we may bear fruit worthy of our calling.**  
*From “Prayer of Confession” Year B Lectionary Aids 2008-2009)*
- Silent Confession**
- Assurance of Pardon**
- \*Response** #461 (*verse 4*), “God Is Here!”  
 Abbot’s Leigh
- Lord of all, of church and kingdom, In an age of change and doubt Keep us faithful to the gospel, Help us work Your purpose out. Here, in this day’s dedication, All we have to give, receive: We, who cannot live without You, We adore You! We Believe!**
- \*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** Deuteronomy 6:1-9, page 157, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**  
**Anthem** “The Lord is My Shepherd”  
John Rutter  
**Time for Children and Their Friends**

**Second Lesson** Mark 12:28-34, page 46, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**  
**Sermon** “The Three-Legged Stool”  
Rev. Roger J. Gench

**III. The Community Responds to the Word**

**Sermon Hymn** #422, “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”  
Beach Spring  
**Concerns of the Church**  
**Minute for Mission** *The Birthday Fund*

**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 “He’s Blessing Me”  
Norris O. Garner  
Jacqueline Salvador, soloist

**\*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** 11:00 a.m.  
**\*Sending Hymn** #398, “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”  
Sweet, Sweet Spirit

**1** There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord; There are sweet expressions on each face, And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.  
**Refrain** Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us, Filling us with Your love; And for these blessings We lift our hearts in praise. Without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived When we shall leave this place.

**2** There are blessings you cannot receive Till you know Him in His fullness and believe; You’re the one to profit when you say, “I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.” **Refrain**

**\*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**  
**\*Congregational Response**  
**Alleluia! Amen!**  
**Postlude** “Fairest Lord Jesus”  
Crusader’s Hymn, arr. Mayo

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**The flowers in the chancel today** were given to the glory of God and in memory of *Isabella Lerner and Charles Albert Stott by their daughters, Polly Rice and Lucy Ann Niven.*

**We wish to thank *Jacqueline Salvador*** for her participating in worship this morning.

	<b>8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
<b>Liturgists</b>	Tony Wagner	Edith Holmes Snyder
<b>Greeters</b>	Jean Bordewich Rev. Ann Davie	Ken Carpenter Helen Williams
<b>Tour Guides</b>	Paul Dornan	John Schultheis

**Counters’ Schedule:**  
May 1 Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein  
May 6 Janet Wessling and Amy Gillespie  
May 13 John Schultheis and Martha Davis

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**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.

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