

**Summer Schedule
through September 1
Adult Education Classes at 9 a.m.
Worship at 10 a.m.**

Babies and toddlers under 4 are welcome in the Park Level nursery. Care is provided by licensed, paid professionals. During the service, children's worship aids are available in the rear of the Sanctuary. Youth and children classes resume September 8.

Adult Sunday School	Sundays, August 9 a.m., Room 520
“Great Figures of the New Testament: Disciples and Apostles” Professor Amy-Jill Levine offers a series of lectures on “Great Figures of the New Testament” for the Great Courses series. This class will focus its attention on her lectures on the disciples and apostles. August and September topics are as follows: <p align="center">August 11: James August 18: Stephen: August 25: Philip September 1: Paul, the Hero of Acts</p>	
Adult Sunday School	Sunday, September 8 - October 13 10 a.m., Room 520
“America and Its Guns – A Theological Exposé” There have been more than 130 separate school shootings since Columbine. How did we get here? How did we evolve under the rubrics of “gun rights” and “freedom” so that each of us knows there will be another school shooting or mass killing with assault weapons; and we know there is not yet the political or spiritual will to prevent these deaths. Jim Atwood, author of <i>America and Its Guns – A Theological Exposé</i> and chairperson of the DC “Heeding God’s Call,” contends that the gun deaths America suffers every year cannot be understood apart from our national myth that God has appointed America as “the trustee of the civilization of the world” and even “Christ’s light to the nations.” We will examine our history, our fascination with violence, and our language which is full of violent terms. We will explore how our guns have morphed into idols where millions not only respect them but revere them. Our final session will focus on the responsibility of the faith community to building Christ’s “Peaceable Kingdom.” The book will be available from the Church Office for \$10.	

PEACEMAKING WITH ONE’S SELF

- August 11– Psalm 37:1-7
- August 12– John 14:1-3
- August 13– Proverbs 3:1-8
- August 14– Psalm 42
- August 15– Joshua 22:1-6
- August 16– 1 Kings 8:56-61
- August 17– 1 John 4:7-13

Opportunities for Service

7-2-9 Club - (Resumes in September) 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 – (Resumes in September) A one-with-one tutoring and mentoring program for DC public and charter school students, primarily in grades 7-12, meets at the church on Thursday nights during the school year. Adult volunteers are needed! If interested, please contact Tom Karr and Shamika Bradley at directors@communityclub.org or go to www.communityclub.org for more information.

Food for the Hungry - 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 rear of the Sanctuary.

New York Avenue Foundation - The NYAF mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout Washington, DC. Annually it solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots non-profits which further that mission. A volunteer Board of Trustees conducts the work of NYAF. If you are interested in learning more or participating in the NYAF mission contact John Courson, ja.courson@yahoo.com or (202) 735-5005.

Radcliffe Room Ministry - Come fellowship with our homeless guests, Sundays, 8:15-10:45 a.m. Activities include hymn singing, refreshments and socializing. Donations of umbrellas, rain gear, clothing, toiletries and money for transportation are needed. Contact Eleanor Robins, robinsleanor@hotmail.com

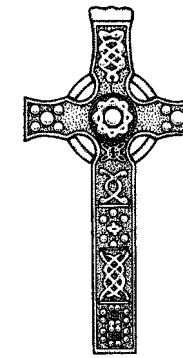
The Peace Candle - Visitors are invited to take a prayer candle home to their congregations. Candles are at the rear, right side, of the sanctuary. Please sign the note pad there, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Fritz von Fleckenstein, fritz@alumni.reed.edu

Triangle Park Committee - Working 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.
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Director of Music:	Stanley P. Engebretson, D.M.A.
Parish Associate for Visitation:	Ann Rose Davie, M. Div.
Director of Planned Giving:	Catherine Schultheis
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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.

**August 11, 2013
10:00 a.m.
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The worship service begins with a brief period for personal meditation and the Prelude.

Silent Prayer:

O God who writes on our hearts, You have never abandoned us. In amazing grace, You have kept covenant with us. We thank you for loving us even when we have not loved You.

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Prelude "I Love to Tell the Story"
Arr. Dale Wood
Daniel Stokes, organist

***Lincoln Chimes**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: How I love God's law!

All: God's commandments and teachings are always with me.

Leader: How sweet are God's words to my taste,

All: sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Leader: God's new covenant is written on our hearts,

All: So that we may all know God, young and old, powerful and powerless alike.

Leader: How sweet are God's words to my taste,

All: sweeter than honey to my mouth!

***Opening Hymn**

#482 (verses 1-2), "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"
Lobe Den Herren

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on Your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep Your word before us and in all things. Instead, we turn away from Your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than Yours. Turn our hearts to Your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember Your mercy forever. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

**Please stand, if able*

***Response**
 #482 (*verse 3*), "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"
 Lobe Den Herren
 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that Hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the amen Sound from His people; Gladly for aye we adore Him.

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson
 Jeremiah 31:31-34, page 691, NRSV
 Danced by Kathryn Sparks
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Bourrée* from Lute Suite II, BWV 996
 J.S. Bach
 Larry Snitzler, Guitar

Time for Children
Second Lesson
 1 Corinthians 1:18-30, page 156, NRSV
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Cruciform Covenant"
 Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn**
 #85, "What Wondrous Love Is This"
 Wondrous Love

Concerns of the Church
Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Sarabande* from Violin Sonata I, BWV 1002
 J.S. Bach
 Larry Snitzler, Guitar

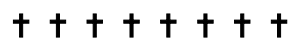
***Response**
 #591 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
 Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**
 God of generous providing, You have given us so many gifts that enrich our lives. We belong to You, and all that we have belongs to You. Use these offerings, we pray, in service of the justice You are establishing through Your kingdom in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer
***Passing of the Peace**
***Sending Hymn**
 #276, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
 Faithfulness
Refrain *Great is Thy Faithfulness! Great is Thy Faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

- 1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be. *Refrain*
- 2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above; Join with all nature in manifold witness; To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**
***Congregational Alleluia! Amen!**
Response
Postlude Psalm 19 (The Heavens Declare the Glory of God)
 Benedetto Marcello
Guitar Performance *Castles of Spain*, by Federico Moreno-Torroba
Five Préludes for guitar by Heitor Villa-Lobos
 Larry Snitzler, guitar

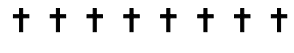


The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones and friends by members and friends of the Congregation through their contributions to the Flower Fund.

We wish to thank Daniel Stokes, and Larry Snitzler for their participation in worship this morning.

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The dance in today's service attempts to image themes of restoration and transformation of the heart, propelling us forward to the new commandment ultimately embodied in the life of Jesus. It is always a privilege and a blessing to dance for God in worship at The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church.



Greeters Eric Slaughter and Tamara Saltman
Liturgist Judy Mize
Tour Guide John Davies
Worship Play Rev. Katie Cashwell and Molly Smith

Preaching Schedule
 August 18 Rev. Jessica Tate
 August 25 Rev. Beth Braxton

Counters' Schedule
 August 11 Amy Gillespie and Adam Bain
 August 18 Barb Dornan and ShuXian McKenna
 August 25 John Schultheis and Amy Gillespie

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.

Assisted Listening: Do you have difficulty hearing the service? Our assisted listening system may help you. The system consists of a small wireless receiver and an ear phone. You may also use your own choice of ear phones or t-coil equipped hearing aids with the receiver. Please contact Joe Thierry at jthierry@erols.com or 703-568-5158 for more information.

Garage Parking: Free self-parking is available on Sundays 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.

Restrooms: The Deacons remind members and friends that the restrooms on the fifth floor are available on Sundays mornings.

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, current ministry and outreach, meet the tour guide at the front of the Sanctuary immediately following the service.

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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