

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, spencegib@aol.com

Community Club (Resumes in September) - 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 (directors@communityclub.org) or Shamika Bradley (shamika.bradley@va.gov). Also try 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 - 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 - 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

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

Annual Stewardship - Each of the ministries described on this page, as well as everything else that happens at this church, is supported in a significant way by Annual Stewardship giving. Annual Stewardship is the act of making a financial pledge to the church operating budget for a year and completing that pledge. It is a deep personal and congregational theological act, and it is essential to the worship, community and mission of this church! Members, affiliates and friends are all invited to participate in Annual Stewardship. Please contact Kitty Smith, the church financial officer, Carol Shannon, the chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Roger Gench, our senior pastor, for more information, questions, or to make your pledge.



Celebration of Worship

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

August 12, 2012

10:00 a.m.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

“Chaconne”

Louis Couperin

Daniel Stokes, organ

Introit

“All Glory Be to God on High”

Nathan Moon, soloist

***Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*** Call to Worship**

One: Wait for the Lord, let your spirits wait for God.

All: We wait for the God who is our hope.

One: Wait for God, let your hearts wait for God’s truth.

All: We wait for the God who brings the words of life.

One: Wait for the living God, let your spirits wait for God.

All: We wait for the God whose gift is forgiveness.

One: Wait for the Lord, let your hearts wait for God

All: With open minds and ready hearts, let us worship God!

#473 (verses 1-3), “For the Beauty of the Earth”

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***Opening Hymn**

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, You call us to imitate Christ. You call us to speak truth to one another, but we are afraid and silent. You call us to be angry when we see injustice, but we are angry with those we love. You call us to encourage one another with our words, but we speak ill of our brothers and sisters. You call us to forgive one another as Christ has forgiven us, but we are bitter and resentful, not wanting to forgive. How we must grieve Your Holy Spirit, O God. Forgive us, yet again. Point us toward Christ. Empower us through Your Spirit to follow Him more nearly.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response**

#473 (verse 4), “For the Beauty of the Earth”

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**Please stand if able*

For the joy of human love. Brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild. Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

Summer Schedule Adult Education Classes at 9 a.m. Worship at 10 a.m.

Adult Sunday School

**Sundays
9 a.m., Room 520**

“The Old Testament: A Survey” Our regular summer adult church school offering will be a DVD lecture series on the themes and threads of the Old Testament taught by Professor Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt Divinity School. Professor Levine is a very prominent New Testament scholar who is also a wonderful lecturer. She will lead us through the Old Testament literature in 30 minute segments with time for questions and answers led by various members of the New York Avenue congregation.

PEACEMAKING IN ONE’S OWN LIFE

August 12– Psalm 37:1-7

August 13– John 14:1-3

August 14– Proverbs 3:1-8

August 15– Psalm 42

August 16– Joshua 22:1-6

August 17– 1 Kings 8:56-61

August 18– Psalm 4

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

Ministers:	The Entire Congregation
Pastor:	Roger Joseph Gench, Ph.D.
Interim Pastoral Associate:	Katie Cashwell, 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:	J. Gary Campbell, M. Div., M.A. Frances Taylor Gench, M. Div., Ph.D. J. Riley McDonald, M.Div. Judith E. Michaels, D. Min., Ph.D. Glenn Myers, M. Div., M.A.



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"An inclusive and justice seeking church"

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.

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.

2 Sweet the rain's new fall Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness,
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where God’s feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's re-creation
Of the new day!

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude Postlude on "Forest Green"
arr. David Lowe

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The flowers in the chancel today were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Saleen H. Cowden by Jean Cowden.*

We wish to thank *Daniel Stokes and Nathan Moon* for their participation in worship this morning

Liturgist Karen Cook
Greeters Ken Garnes and Bonita Pennino
Tour Guide Paul Dornan

Counters
August 14 Jim Martin and Phil Hanna
August 21 Dan Stokes and Barb Dornan
August 26 John Schultheis and Martha Davis

Preaching Schedule

August 12 Rev. Roger J. Gench
August 19 Rev. Roger J. Gench
August 26 Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader
September 2 Rev. Roger J. Gench

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***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 Psalm 130, page 542 , NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “The Raising of Lazarus”
Katherine K. Davis
Nathan Moon, soloist

Time for Children

Second Lesson John 6:35,41-51, pages 92-93 , NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “The School of Desire”
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

Sermon Hymn #464, “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
Hymn to Joy

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”
J.S. Bach

***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** #469, “Morning Has Broken”
Bunessan

1 Morning has broken Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing
Fresh from the Word!