

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:directors@communityclub.org)) or Shamika Bradley ([shamika.bradley@va.gov](mailto:shamika.bradley@va.gov)). Also try [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** - 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](mailto: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](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)

**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.

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"*



## Celebration of Worship

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

**August 19, 2012**

**10:00 a.m.**

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Prelude

"Solemn Procession"

Thomas Pavlechko

Introit

"Give Me Jesus"

Traditional

\*Lincoln Chimes

**I. The Community Gathers for Worship**

\* Call to Worship

One: The Spirit invites us to worship.

**All: In the Spirit of God, we give thanks.**

One: The love of God invites us to service.

**All: In God's love, we are filled with strength and peace.**

One: The wisdom of God summons us to live with truth and thanksgiving.

**All: In God's wisdom, we find grace for living our lives.**

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

**All: With open minds and ready hearts let us turn our hearts and minds to worship, and to living always as God's beloved ones.**

\*Opening Hymn

#267 (verses 1-3), "All Things Bright and Beautiful"  
Royal Oak

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. Forgive us, yet again. Empower us through Your Spirit to follow Him more nearly.**

Silent Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

*\*Please stand, if able*

## 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.

### CONFLICT RESOLUTION

August 19– Acts 15:1-35

August 20– Matthew 5:21-24

August 21– Proverbs 24:28-29

August 22– Luke 6:29-30

August 23– Proverbs 19:11

August 24– Galatians 6:1-5

August 25– Luke 6:27-28

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



**\*Response** #267 (verse 4), “All Things Bright and Beautiful”  
 Royal Oak  
**All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful: The Lord God made them all. God gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well. All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful: The Lord God made them all.**

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

**First Lesson** Proverbs 9:1-6, page 558, NRSV  
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** "Be Thou My Vision"  
 arr. R. Walters

### Time for Children

**Second Lesson** John 6:51-58, page 93, NRSV  
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** “Flesh and Spirit”  
 Rev. Roger J. Gench

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

**Sermon Hymn** #285, “God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”  
 Austrian Hymn

**Sacrament of Child Baptism** *(see insert)*

### Concerns of the Church

### Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** “Adagio Cantabile”  
 Giuseppe Tartini

**\*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** #272, God of the Sparrow”  
 Roeder

**1 God of the sparrow God of the whale  
 God of the swirling stars  
 How does the creature say Awe  
 How does the creature say Praise**

**2 God of the earthquake God of the storm  
 God of the trumpet blast  
 How does the creature cry Woe  
 How does the creature cry Save**

**3 God of the rainbow God of the cross  
 God of the empty grave  
 How does the creature say Grace  
 How does the creature say Thanks**

**4 God of the hungry God of the sick  
 God of the prodigal  
 How does the creature say Care  
 How does the creature say Life**

**5 God of the neighbor God of the foe  
 God of the pruning hook  
 How does the creature say Love  
 How does the creature say Peace**

**6 God of the ages God near at hand  
 God of the loving heart  
 How do your children say Joy  
 How do your children say Home**

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

**\*Congregational Response** Alleluia! Amen!

**Postlude** “Allegro Maestoso”  
 Johann Walther

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**The flowers in the chancel today** were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Billie Dees** by **Carl Dees and Valerie Dees**.

**We wish to thank Whitney McColley and Daniel Stokes** for their participation in worship this morning.

**Over the next few weeks**, there are several opportunities to place flowers in the Chancel on Sunday. Anyone wishing to dedicate flowers to a family member or to recognize a special anniversary or birthday are invited to contact **Kris Golden** at kngolden@aol.com or 703-531-0144.

**Liturgist** Dan Elliott  
**Greeters** Melissa Jane Taylor and Aaron Marrs  
**Tour Guide** John Davies

**Counters**  
 August 21 Dan Stokes and Barb Dornan  
 August 26 John Schultheis and Martha Davis  
 September 4 Dan Stokes and Barb Dornan  
 September 9 Janet Wessling and Amy Gillespie  
 September 16 John Schultheis and Martha Davis  
 September 25 Nancy Dickenson and Dan Stokes  
 September 30 Janet Wessling and Amy Gillespie

**Preaching Schedule**  
 August 26 Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader  
 September 2 Rev. Roger J. Gench

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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.

**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.

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