

# Sunday School Classes for all ages will resume on January 11.



## Worship Service Schedule

<b>January 4</b>	<b>Worship at 10 a.m.</b>	<b>Rev. Gench preaching</b>
<b>January 11</b>	<b>Worship at 8:45 and 11 a.m.</b>	<b>Rev. Lader preaching</b>

## Adult Christian Education 2015

<b>Adult Sunday School</b>	<b>Sundays 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel</b>
<b>"Adventures in Prayer"</b> Maybe you are new to prayer. Maybe prayer is as natural to you as breathing. This class, which will meet in the Lincoln Chapel from 10:20-10:50 on two-service Sundays, is for everyone and anyone who takes prayer seriously. We will learn together and we will pray together. All questions, joys and concerns are welcome. Come when you can. The adventure awaits. Led by Miriam Dewhurst.	
<b>Adult Sunday School</b>	<b>Sundays, January 11 – February 1 10 a.m., Room 520</b>
<b>"The Engaged Body"</b> This class offers a chance for the community to discuss and reflect upon embodied prayer and dance in worship, in light of our congregation's growing use of these art forms as ministry. Biblical, theological and historical contexts will be considered in a lecture-discussion-demonstration format. The first two classes will center around discussion with opportunities to gently engage the body in prayer. In the second two classes we will play with Psalm 19 and discover how the body and creative movement can be vehicles for deepening our experience of God's Word. The hope is that a small group from this class will want to continue practicing Psalm 19 and prepare it as an offering in worship during the season of Lent. Led by Kathryn Sparks.	

### 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, [spencerqib@aol.com](mailto:spencerqib@aol.com)

**Community Club** – A one-with-one tutoring and mentoring program, for DC public and charter school students (grades 7-12), meets at the church on Thursday nights during the school year. Adult volunteers are needed! Please contact Tom Karr and Shamika Bradley 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** – Non-perishable food donations are needed by the Capital Area Food Bank, the large nonprofit hunger and nutrition education resource in the Washington area. Please place your donations in the baskets located at the rear of the Sanctuary or at the front desk.

**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 Brian Schimming, [nyavefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:nyavefoundation@gmail.com)

**Radcliffe Room Ministry** – Come join our homeless guests, Sundays, 8:15-10:30 a.m., for hymn singing, refreshments and socializing. Donations of umbrellas, rain gear, clothing, toiletries, and transportation money are needed. Contact Eleanor Robins, [robinseleanor@hotmail.com](mailto:robinseleanor@hotmail.com)

**The Peace Candle** – Visitors are invited to take a peace candle home to their congregations. Candles are at the back, right side, of the sanctuary. Please sign the notepad there, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Marilyn Seiber, [mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net](mailto:mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net)

**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](mailto:mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net) Beth DuMez, [bethdumez@erols.com](mailto:bethdumez@erols.com) or Barry Tindall, [barrytindall@verizon.net](mailto:barrytindall@verizon.net)

**NYAPC's Young Adults** – For more information about Sunday brunches, Faith on Tap, Bible study, and other fellowship or service activities (or to be added to the e-mail list), contact Richard Snyder ([snyder.richard@gmail.com](mailto:snyder.richard@gmail.com)) or Benno Lauer ([benno.lauer@gmail.com](mailto:benno.lauer@gmail.com))

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## Celebration of Worship

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

**December 28, 2014**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**First Sunday after Christmas**

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

**Prelude** Partita on "In dulci jubilo"  
(Theme and Five Variations)  
Raymond H. Haan

**Introit** "As with Gladness Men of Old"  
Arr. William Henry Monk

\* **Lincoln Chimes**

### I. The Community Gathers for Worship

\* **Call to Worship** *(Prayer for Each Day, Taizé, 1988)*

Leader: Jesus, Son of the living God, splendor of the Father,  
eternal light.

**All: Lord, we praise you!**

Leader: Jesus, King of glory, Sun of justice, Son of the Virgin  
Mary.

**All: Lord, we praise you!**

Leader: Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, Everlasting Lord, Prince  
of Peace.

**All: Lord, we praise you!**

Leader: Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, our help and our  
refuge.

**All: Lord, we praise you!**

Leader: Jesus, God of peace, friend of all, source of life and of  
holiness.

**All: Lord, we praise you!**

Leader: Jesus, brother of the poor, goodness without measure,  
unending wisdom.

**All: Lord, we praise you!**

Leader: Jesus, good shepherd, true light, our way and our life.

**All: Lord, we praise you!**

\***Hymn**

#4 (verses 1-3), "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"  
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*\*Please stand, if able*

**Prayer of Confession**      *Liturgy as Life-Journey*, William B. Oden, 1976)

**God of Christmas, when hardness of heart keeps us from seeing and hearing and touching, let Your grace consume us, O God. When the wars around us are of no concern, forgive us, and move us to compassion for those who suffer. When our caring is not extended to action, move us to seek Your justice for our brothers and sisters. We come to confess our sinfulness before You and before each other. Remove all barriers that divide us, and let there be no obstacle to our love for You and for one another. Amen.**

**Silent Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Response**

#155, "Raise a Song of Gladness"  
Jubilate Deo

**Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.  
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.  
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!  
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!**

**\*A Brief Statement of Faith**      *(Pages 37-38, "Glory to God" hymnal)*

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

**First Lesson**

Isaiah 61:10-62:3, pages 650-651, NRSV  
Leader:      This is the word of the Lord.  
People:      **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

"He Shall Feed His Flock," from "Messiah"  
G.F.Handel

**Time for Children**

**Second Lesson**

Galatians 4:4-7, page 178, NRSV  
Leader:      This is the word of the Lord.  
People:      **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**      "Adoption"  
Rev. Roger J. Gench

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

**\*Sermon Hymn**

#108 (*verses 1-3*), "Of The Father's Love Begotten"  
Divinum Mysterium

**Concerns of the Church**

**Offertory**

"Manger Carol"  
Robert J. Powell

**\*Response**

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

**Prayer of Dedication**

**God of wonder, we offer You these humble gifts, signs of your goodness and mercy. Receive them with our gratitude, that through us, all people may know the riches of Your love in the Word-made-flesh. Amen.**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**\*Sending Hymn**

#110, "Love Has Come"  
Bring a Torch

- 1 Love has come, a light in the darkness!  
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it.  
Hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!  
Love! Love! Glory to God on high!**
- 2 Love is born! Come share in the wonder.  
Love is God now asleep in the hay.  
See the glow in the eyes of His mother.  
What is the name her heart is saying?  
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers.  
Love! Love! Jesus, Emmanuel.**
- 3 Love has come and never will leave us!  
Love is life everlasting and free.  
Love is Jesus within and among us.  
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.  
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.  
Love! Love! Praise to You, God on high!**

**\*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**Postlude**      Finale on "In dulci júbilo"  
Raymond H. Haan

**The poinsettias in the chancel today** are given to the glory of God and in memory and honor of friends and family of the congregation as listed in the bulletin insert.

**10:00 a.m.**

**Liturgists**

**Tour Guide**                      Len Shabman

**Worship Play**                    Alice Tewell

### 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.*

**Please stay for coffee and fellowship** at the side of the Sanctuary after the service.

**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](mailto:jthierry@erols.com) or 703-568-5158 for more information.

**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.

**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.

**Our Youngest Worshipers:** We love having all the babies in the church! Babies and children are always welcome in the services. If you would ever like a bit of privacy, or if your infants would like a break, parents -- and nursing mothers especially -- are very welcome to use the Worship Center space (directly across from the Sanctuary with the blue sofas). The Nursery is also open each Sunday from 8:30-12:30.

**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.

**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.