

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL –
Classes meet in the Park Level at 10 a.m.**

Class	Teachers
Nursery (8:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.)	Certified and professional staff members, supervised by Katie Cashwell
“Where the Wild Things Are” ages 3-5	Doug House, Brian Dewhurst, Sally Davis, Karen Cook, Kay Meek
Lower Elementary ages 5 to 8 years	Marsha Renwanz, Molly Lauer, Mark Sproles, Bridget Sproles
Upper Extravaganza ages 9 to 12 years	Mike Smith, Kathy Doan, David Gillies
“Confirmation Commotion” 7 th - 9 th grade	Chris Rehling, Kevin Guy, Betsy Merritt, Pastor Katie Cashwell
“High School Rocks!” Sr. High School	Phil Hanna

**Join Bishop Elias Taban and Rev. Lader for a light lunch
at 12:15 p.m. in Lincoln Parlor
to learn more about Bishop Taban’s important work in South Sudan.**

Adult Sunday School	Sundays, December 2 and 9 10 a.m., Peter Marshall Hall
“Introduction to New Presbyterian Hymnal” Come sing some new hymns! The PC(USA) is publishing a new hymnal in 2013 and NYAPC is starting to evaluate whether to adopt it. Come sing selections from the new hymnal, enjoy, and give us your feedback. Sponsored by the Worship and Music Committee. As a bonus for the first week, NYAPC Choir Director Stan Engebretson will lead the December 2 class.	
Adult Sunday School	Sundays, December 2 and 9 10 a.m., Room 511
“What’s in a Web Site?” More specifically, “What is in our new NYAPC web site?” Come learn how to use and access this wonderful new resource which plays a critical role in reaching out to current and future members. Join us for two weeks of conversation with those who know our site best – those who helped to build it!	

Stewardship Celebration Sunday

Today we dedicate our annual pledges and our stewardship intentions for the coming year. Each of The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church’s ministries, and everything else that happens at this church, is supported in a significant way by Annual Stewardship giving. Making a financial pledge to the church operating budget for a year and completing that pledge is a deep personal and congregational theological act essential to the worship, community and mission of this church. Members, affiliates and friends are all invited to participate in Annual Stewardship! Please contact 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.

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

Community Club - 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, 8:30-10:45 a.m. Activities include hymn singing, refreshments and socializing. Donations of 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.
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:	Elizabeth P. Braxton, M. Div., MRE, D. Min 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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Celebration of Worship

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

**December 2, 2012
8:45 and 11 a.m.
First Sunday of Advent
Communion and Celebration Sunday**

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

Prelude “Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”
Picardy, arr. Paul Manz
Introit “He Came Down”
Cameroon Advent Carol

***Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

***The Lighting of Advent Candles and Call to Worship**

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord. We light this first candle of the Advent wreath in hope, the hope of our coming Savior, Jesus.

All: Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.

Leader: God of hope, come to us again this Advent.

All: May Your hope live within us, burning as a light in our lives.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: A candle burns, the first marker of our Advent journey. As we set out, may we travel hopefully. As we set out, God of journeys, be with us. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** #1 (*verses 1-3*), “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
Stuttgart

Prayer of Confession **O promised Christ, we are a world at war. Our peace depends on Your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on Your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing God’s will is that You should come and help us do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for Your peace, for Your pardon, and for Your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

**All liturgy adapted from Candles & Conifers and The Worship Sourcebook*

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response** #1 (*verse 4*), “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
Stuttgart

**By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

***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 Psalm 25:1-10, page 475, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Show Me Thy Ways”
arr. Pelz

Time for Children

Second Lesson Jeremiah 33:14-16, page 694, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Take Me to the River”
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn** #375, “Lord of All Good”
Toulon

Concerns of the Church

**Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings and
Dedication of Annual Pledges and Stewardship Intentions**

At this time, kindly use the Dedication Card in the pew to indicate your intention, and bring it forward.

Offertory “And the Glory of the Lord,” from **Messiah**
G. F. Handel

***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** **O Mighty One, You have done and are doing great
things for us, and holy is Your name. Bless all we offer
You — ourselves, our time, our possessions — that
through us Your grace and favor may be made known
to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our
Redeemer. Amen.**

Greetings from Bishop Elias Taban of South Sudan, Africa

Service of Communion

Invitation

Litany of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with You.

All: And also with You

One: Lift up Your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our
greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, and to worship
You in every place where Your glory abides.

**You commanded light to shine out of darkness, divided
the sea and dry land, created the vast universe and
called it good. You made us in your image to live with**

one another in love. You gave us the breath of life and
freedom to choose Your way. You promised Yourself in
covenant with Abraham and Sarah, told us Your
purpose in commandments through Moses, and called
for justice in the cry of prophets. Through long
generations You have been faithful and kind to all Your
children. Great and wonderful are Your works, Lord
God Almighty. Your ways are just and true. Therefore
we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices
with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every
time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your
name.

Response #140 “Holy, Holy”

Holy, Holy (Irregular)

**Holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty;
And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love,
Holy, holy, holy, holy.**

We praise You, most holy God, for sending Your only Son
to live among us, sharing our joy and sorrow. He told Your
story, healed the sick, and was a friend of sinners. Obeying
You, He took up His cross and died that we might live. We
praise You that He overcame death and is risen to rule the
world. He is still the friend of sinners. We trust Him to
overcome every power that can hurt or divide us, and
believe that when He comes in glory, we will celebrate
victory with Him.

**Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and
upon these Your gifts of bread and wine. Make them
be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be
for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His
blood. Send us out in the power of the Spirit to live for
others, as Christ lived for us, announcing His death
for the sins of the world, and telling His resurrection
to all people and nations. By Your Spirit draw us
together into one body and join us to Christ the Lord,
that we may remain His glad and faithful people until
we feast with Him in glory. Through Christ, with
Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all
glory and honor are Yours, almighty God, forever and
ever. Amen.**

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

*(8:45 a.m.) Participants in the communion proceed down the aisles to the servers, take a
piece of bread, dip it into the cup, partake, and remain at the front of the
Sanctuary for Passing of the Peace and conclusion of the service. Those
unable to come forward will be offered the bread and the cup at their seats.*

*(11:00 a.m.) Please partake of bread when received; hold the cup until all have been served
so that we may commune together.*

(There is a Gluten Free communion set available; raise your hand for a pastor to respond.)

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

***Passing of the Peace** 11:00

***Sending
Hymn** #9 (*verses 1 and 3*), “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Veni Emmanuel

**1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**3 O come, Desire of nations,
bind All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Alleluia! Amen!**

Response

Postlude “Wake, Awake! For Night is Flying!”
Wachet auf, arr. Eliot

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in honor
of **Ronald Bluestone** by **Judith Roach**.

**Many thanks to the children and teachers of our Preschool Sunday School
Class** for their creativity and hard work in creating our Advent wreath.

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Greeters	Janet and Leonard Shabman	Matthew Asada and Adam McColley
Advent Wreath Lighting	The Dewhurst Family	The Gagosian Family
Liturgists	Phil Hanna	Marcia Kozub
Tour Guides	Len Shabman	John Davies

Counters

December 4	Fritz and Ruth von Fleckenstein
December 9	Amy Gillespie and Janet Wessling
December 16	Karen Cook and ShuXian McKenna
December 26	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

Preaching Schedule

December 9	Rev. Roger J. Gench
December 16	Rev. Roger J. Gench
December 23	Rev. Roger J. Gench
December 30	Katie Cashwell

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