

**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
High School and “Confirmation Commotion” 7 th - 12 th grade	Chris Rehling, Kevin Guy, Betsy Merritt, Pastor Katie Cashwell

Adult Sunday School	Sundays, January 6 – February 3 10 a.m., Room 511
“The Universe Is Made of Stories, Not Atoms: Short Stories in the World of Faith” This five-week series will consider short stories that touch in one way or other on the world of faith, stories of doubt, faith, forgiveness, grace, blessing, , sign and symbol. Participants will read each week’s stories and be prepared to discuss them and compare them. Copies of each week’s stories will be distributed in class. Stories for the first week’s class will be available at the desk in the church entryway. Led by Paul Dornan and Gwenn Gebhard. January 6: “The Shape of Faith”	
Adult Sunday School	Sundays, January, February and March 10 a.m., Room 520
"A Chat with Matt: Studying St. Matthew's Gospel" Please join us in this bible survey class to be taught by Samario Anthony of Howard University’s Divinity School.	

THE CHRISTMAS PEACE

December 30– Isaiah 11:1-9
December 31– Jeremiah 33:14-18
January 1– Hosea 14:4-9
January 2– Psalm 84
January 3– Hebrews 1:1-4
January 4– Romans 5:1-5
January 5– 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

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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"An inclusive and justice seeking church"



Celebration of Worship

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

**December 30, 2012
10 a.m.
First Sunday after Christmas**

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

Silent Reflection: Christmas child, You stand at our stable door, bearing the unwrapped gift of terrible, unrelenting love. You will us to be born again, again, and again. -Ruth Burgess

Prelude “Carols of the Season”
Beth Law, Meg House, flutes
Introit “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”
Vom Himmel Hoch, harmonized J. S. Bach

***Lincoln Chimes
I. The Community Gathers for Worship**

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: We praise You, God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.
All: For it was You, O God, who formed our inward parts and shaped us in the womb.
Leader: Wonderful are Your works, Creator God, which we know very well.
All: In Your book were written all the days that were formed for us, when none of them yet existed.
Leader: Our frame was not hidden from You when we were being made.
All: Let us then worship the One who made us and knows us!
Based on Psalm 139

Silent Confession

***Opening Hymn** #28 (verses 1-2), “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”
In Dulci Jubilo
Prayer of Confession We are unique individuals created in the image and likeness of God. We confess that we do not live up to God’s dream for us: that where God says: “Let there be light,” we fear to come out of the shadows; where God says: “You are salt for the earth,” we rest content with blandness; where God says, “Before I formed You in the womb I knew You,” we live estranged from Him, afraid of the power of God’s love for us. Forgive us, O God, and renew our lives this day.
Candles & Conifers and The Worship Source Book

**Please stand, if able*

Silent Confession
*Assurance of Pardon

*Response #28 (verse 3), “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”
In Dulci Jubilo
**Good Christian friends, rejoice,
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

*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 1:4-10, page 656, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem “Carol of the Bells”
Mykola Leontovich

Time for Children

Second Lesson Luke 2:41-52, page 55-56, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “In the Temple”
Katie Cashwell

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon #391, “Take My Life”

Hymn Hendon

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Nativity Carol”
William Mathias

*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.**

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Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

*Sending #29, “Go Tell it On the Mountain”
Hymn Go Tell It

Refrain **Go, tell it on the mountain
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.**
1 **While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. *Refrain***
2 **The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain***
3 **Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain***

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Alleluia! Amen!

Response

Postlude “Noel”

Louis-Claude Daquin

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

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

Katie Cashwell will be ordained by Salem Presbytery on January 12, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, North Carolina at 1 p.m. All members of NYAPC are invited and welcome to attend! We celebrate this wonderful occasion with Katie!

We wish to thank *Beth Law and Meg House* for their participation in worship this morning.

Preaching Schedule

January 6 Rev. Roger J. Gench
January 13 Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader

Greeters Peter McIntyre and Natalie Rice

Liturgist Jenean McKay
Tour Guide John Schultheis

Counting Schedule

January 2 Nancy Dickinson and Jim Martin
January 6 Martha Davis and Kim Johnson
January 13 Dan Stokes and Adam Bain
January 20 John Schultheis and Megan Erb
January 27 Barb Dornan and ShuXian McKenna

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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 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 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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