

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

| Class | Teachers |
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| 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 |

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| Adult Sunday School | TODAY 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 | TODAY 10 a.m., Lincoln Parlor |
| “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! | |
| Cookies and Caroling | Sunday, December 16 11 a.m., Peter Marshall Hall |
| Join together after the Christmas Pageant for home baked treats, fruit, and coffee, along with caroling, cookie decorating, and Radcliffe Room gift wrapping. If you like, bring your favorite Christmas Cookies to share, or simply bring yourself! | |

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

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| 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 9, 2012
8:45 and 11 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent**

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

Prelude “Es' ist ein Rose entsprungen”

Johannes Brahms

Introit

“Lo, How a Rose”

Traditional

***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 lit the first candle in hope. Now we light this candle in love, the love that Jesus, our Savior, has for us.

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

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

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

Leader: Let us pray.

All: A candle burns, the second marker of our Advent journey. As we continue, may we travel with love. As we continue, God of journeys, speak to us. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** #3 (verses 1-2), “Comfort, Comfort You My People”

Psalm 42

Prayer of

Confession

While we ask, Lord, for the most meaningful Advent season ever, we sadly confess having done so little with so much. Forgive us Lord, for not bending the knee, for not reading Your Word, for not searching our hearts, for not facing our sins. Forgive us according to Your tender mercies, O God. Grant that when Christmas morning breaks for us this year, we may have a fresh sense of Your presence and a renewed resolve to live to the praise of Christ’s glory. Amen.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

**Please stand, if able*

***Response** #3 (verse 3), “Comfort, Comfort You My People”
 Psalm 42
Make you straight what long was crooked, Make the rougher places plain; Let your hearts be true and humble, As befits God’s holy reign. For the glory of the Lord Now o’er earth is shed abroad; And all flesh shall see the token That God’s word is never broken.

***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 Luke 1:68-79, page 54, NRSV
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Make We Joy Now in This Fest”
 William Walton

Time for Children

Second Lesson Luke 3:1-6, page 56, NRSV
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “All Flesh”
 Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon** #5, Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”
Hymn Picardy

Minute for Mission *Alternative Christmas Giving*

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory 8:45 *The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around the Table for Giving and Prayer
 11:00 "Kyrie," from **Mass in Eb Major Josef Rheinberger**
 Translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

***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.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

***Passing of the Peace**

***Sending Hymn** #13, “Prepare the Way”
 Bereden väg för herran
1 Prepare the way, O Zion; your Christ is drawing near! Let every hill and valley a level way appear. Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story. Oh, blest is Christ that came In God’s most holy name.
2 Christ brings God’s rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above. His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love. Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding. Oh, blest is Christ that came In God’s most holy name.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior’s rule embrace. And tidings of salvation Proclaim in every place. All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing. Oh, blest is Christ that came In God’s most holy name.

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude “In Dulci Jubilo”
 Pachelbel

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones and friends by members and friends of the Congregation through their contributions to the Flower Fund.

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

Reminder for December 16, December 23, December 30:

Worship will be held at 10 a.m.
(Note calendar for Adult Sunday School)

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| | 8:45 a.m. | 11 a.m. |
| Greeters | Shirley Yoder | Megan Erb and Stephanie Simpson |
| Advent Wreath Lighting | Amy Gillespie and Paul Dornan | Dianna English and Susan Wherley |
| Liturgists | Mike Smith | John Quinn |
| Tour Guides | James Martin | Paul Dornan |

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

Preaching Schedule

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

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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.

Large Print Bibles and Large Print Bulletins: Available at the front of the Sanctuary.

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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