

Opportunities for Service

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Class	Teachers
Nursery <i>(8:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.)</i>	Certified and professional staff members, Supervised by Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe
“Where the Wild Things Are” ages 3-5	Sally Davis, Karl Hoffman and Doug House
“Sunday Extravaganza” ages 5-11	Kathy Doan, Marsha Renwanz, David Gillies and Mike Smith
“Confirmation Commotion” 7 th - 9 th grade	Christopher Rehling, Kevin Guy and Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe
“High School Rocks!” Sr. High School	Phil Hanna, Betsy Merritt and Mary Spatz

Goodpasture Class	Sundays 10 a.m., Lincoln Chapel
Adult Sunday School	Sundays, February 26-April 1 (No Class March 11) 10 a.m., Room 520
<p>“Texts of Terror” As we journey through Lent to a cross, we will do so in the company of four women in ancient Israel who, like Jesus, were not strangers to sorrow: Hagar, Tamar, an unnamed concubine and Jephthah's daughter. Using Phyllis Trible's extraordinary book, entitled <i>Texts of Terror: Literary-Feminist Readings of Biblical Narratives</i>, as our guide, we will explore these neglected, tragic stories <i>in memoriam</i> and consider their connections with our lives and ministries. TODAY -- Hagar: The Desolation of Rejection (Genesis 16 and 22) Rev. Frances Taylor Gench</p>	

PEACE IN THE MIDST OF TRIBULATIONS

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

- February 26– John 14:25-31
- February 27– Psalm 27
- February 28– Matthew 4:1-11
- February 29– Psalm 121
- March 1– John 16:16-33
- March 2– Matthew 11:28-30
- March 3– Luke 12:4-7

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 - 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 at directors@communityclub.org, or go to www.communityclub.org for more information.

Food for the Hungry - Every 4th 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 - Its mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout Washington, DC. Annually it awards over \$30,000 to grassroots non-profits which further that mission. An all-volunteer board conducts the work of the Foundation and selects grantee organizations. Contact Jennifer McIver, jenzan@msn.com or 703-785-4762.

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, robinsleanor@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

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 Beth DuMez, bethdumez@erols.com or Barry Tindall, barrytindall@verizon.net

Ministers:	The Entire Congregation
Pastor:	Roger Joseph Gench, Ph.D.
Associate Pastor for Congregational Life:	Tara Spuhler McCabe, 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 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.

February 26, 2012
8:45 and 11 a.m.
First Sunday in Lent

Prelude

“Lamb of God”
Arr. Larson

Introit

“O Lamb of God, Most Holy”
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***Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*** Call to Worship**

One: Come, lift up Your hearts to the Lord!

All: **To You, O Lord, we lift up our hearts! In You we trust! Do not let us be put to shame.**

One: Our God is full of compassionate love. He brings sinners back to His way, and teaches the humble the way they should go.

All: **Show us the right path, O Lord; point out the way for us to follow. Lead us by Your truth, and teach us, for You are the God who saves. We put our hope in You!**

***Opening Hymn**

#452 (verses 1-3), “O Day of God, Draw Nigh”
St. Michael

Prayer of Confession

We admit that we are hesitate to walk to Jerusalem and beyond with You, God of Glory, In a world where we worry about tomorrow before enjoying today, we race by Your moments of silence, of learning. In the flood of worries that may overwhelm us, we may miss that assurance that You have not cut us off from Your grace. In the deserts of our desires, we may ignore that feast of hope, of joy, of life You offer to us.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Response** #452 (verse 4), “O Day of God, Draw Nigh”
St. Michael

Bring to our world of strife Your sovereign word of peace, That war may haunt the earth no more, And desolation cease.

***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 Genesis 9:8-17, page 7, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Anthem **People: Thanks be to God.**
“The King of Love, My Shepherd Is”
St. Columba, arr. Wilberg
Meg House, Beth Law, Flutes

Time for Children

Second Lesson Mark 1:9-15, page 33, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Sermon **“Tension”**
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

Sermon Hymn #450, “O Day of Peace”
Jerusalem

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Simple Gifts”
Traditional Shaker Song, arr. Wilberg
Meg House, Beth Law, Flutes

***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 (page 16-Traditional)

***Passing of the Peace**

***Sending Hymn** #81 (verses 1-3),
“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”
St. Flavian

- 1 **Lord, who throughout these forty days For us didst fast and pray, Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, And close by Thee to stay.**
- 2 **As Thou with Satan didst contend, And didst the victory win, O give us strength in Thee to fight, In Thee to conquer sin.**
- 3 **And through these days of penitence, And through Thy Passiontide, Yea, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude “Toccata Brevis”
Daniel Gawthrop

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of *Aleita and Palmer Hogenson* on the occasion of their wedding anniversary, by *Jill and Peter Hogenson*.

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

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Greeters	The Hiemstra Family	John and Cathy Schultheis
Liturgists	Peggy Evans	Matthew Asada
Tour Guides	Wilson Golden	Len Shabman

Counters:

February 26	John Schultheis and Martha Davis
March 4	Janet Wessling and Amy Gillespie
March 13	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
March 20	Jim Martin and Barbara Dornan
March 25	John Schultheis and Martha Davis

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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: Facilities are available on the second floor (in the hallway behind the sanctuary), on the fifth floor and on the first floor.

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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