

**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 Rev. Tewell
Preschool Class ages 3-5	Doug House, Elizabeth Sciupac, Kay Meek
Lower Elementary Class Kindergarten- 1st Grade	Molly Lauer, Marsha Renwanz, Mark Sproles, Bridget Sproles, Carter Coker
Upper Elementary Class 2nd Grade-5th Grade	David Gillies, Kathy Doan, Catherine Cannon
Youth Class 6th Grade-12th Grade	Kevin Guy, Jessie Cleveland, Joe Brady, Betsy Merritt

Adult Sunday School	Sundays 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel
"Adventures in Prayer" 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.	
Adult Sunday School	Sundays, January 11 – February 1 10 a.m., Peter Marshall Hall
"The Engaged Body" 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.	
Adult Sunday School	Sundays, January 18 – February 1 10 a.m., Room 511
"A Theology of Eating" We creatures can't live without eating, so food and eating meals pervade the Biblical narrative. What we eat, who has enough to eat and who does not, and with whom we eat are all matters of great theological import. Rev. Roger Gench will lead a discussion of Norman Wirzba's book on the theology of eating in preparation for Professor Wirzba's visit in February as McClendon Scholar in Residence. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and reading.	
Adult Sunday School	Sunday, February 15 and 22 10 a.m., Lincoln Chapel
"Next Steps in Retirement Living - What are some Choices?" Rev. Ann Davie will offer a time for discussion among those of us considering where or whether to move as we enter our later retirement years. If you are wrestling with this difficult topic, for yourself, a parent, or relative, you are invited to join others on for these sessions.	

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

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 or go to 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

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

The Peace Candle – Visitors are invited to take a prayer 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

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

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) or Benno Lauer (benno.lauer@gmail.com)

	Ministers:	The Entire Congregation
	Pastor:	Roger Joseph Gench, Ph.D.
	Associate Pastor:	Alice Rose Tewell, 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:	Catherine Schultheis, B.A., Chr.Ed.
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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.

**January 11, 2015
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Celebration of Epiphany**

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

Prelude Prelude on "Brother James' Air"
Searle Wright

Introit "In the Beginning," from Creation
F. J. Haydn

* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

* Call to Worship *from Isaiah 60:1-6*

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come. The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

All: Though darkness covers the earth, the Lord will arise, and God's glory will appear.

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around; rejoice as sons and daughters come from far away to pay homage to the Lord.

All: Camels come from the East, bringing gold and frankincense. All shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

*Hymn

#105 (verses 1-4), People Look East"
Besançon

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, Light of the World, we confess that we have not resisted the darkness of sin. You deliver the poor and the helpless, but we have ignored their cry. You take pity on the weak and the destitute, but we turn our faces away from their need. You heal the wounded and the oppressed, but we are reluctant to inconvenience ourselves for those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Awaken in us sincere repentance that we might seek You first, shine with the light of Your saving grace, and show Your unfailing love in all we do.

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

**Please stand, if able*

***Response**

#105 (verse 5), People Look East"

Besaçon

Angels announce with shouts of mirth

Christ who brings new life to earth.

Set every peak and valley humming

with the word, the Lord is coming.

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Genesis 32:24-30, page 29, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

"Not One Sparrow is Forgotten"

Arr. Hawley

Time for Children

Second Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12, page 1-2, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Seeking the Light"

Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#175, "Seek Ye First"

Lafferty

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission Rev. Ann Rose Davie

Offertory

"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"

"Caithness," Scottish Psalter, 1635

*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

Loving God, we give You thanks that You first seek us, that You bid us to follow You, that You never let us go. Receive the gifts we offer, and enable us to live to the honor and glory of Your name, Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Sending Hymn

#87, "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

Genevan

1 "Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!" So says our God.

"Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load.

To my people now proclaim

that my pardon waits for them!

Tell them that their sins I cover,

and their warfare now is over."

2 For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,

calling us to true repentance,

since the reign of God is here.

O, that warning cry obey!

Now prepare for God a way.

Let the valleys rise in meeting

and the hills bow down in greeting.

3 Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain.

Let your hearts be true and humble,

as befits God's holy reign.

For the glory of the Lord

now on earth is shed abroad,

and all flesh shall see the token

that God's word is never broken.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude "Trumpet Tune in D Major"

Henry Purcell

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Liturgy adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, (c) 2014.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of *Janice Mills Calvert*, with love from her family.

8:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Liturgist

Stacey Gagosian

Michael Pete

Tour Guide

Barry Tindall

Wilson Golden

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 8:45 a.m. service and in the Narthex after the 11 a.m. 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 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.

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.

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.