

**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, <u>Food and Faith: A Theology of Eating</u> , in preparation for Professor Wirzba's visit in February as McClendon Scholar in Residence. Copies of the book are available at the front desk (\$15).	
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 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.
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	Parish Associate for Visitation:	Ann Rose Davie, M. Div.
	Director of Planned Giving:	Catherine Schultheis, B.A., Chr.Ed.
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Celebration of Worship

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

January 18, 2015
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Prelude "Adagio in Ab Major"
Felix Mendelssohn

Introit "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"
Tune of Assurance, Phoebe Palmer Knapp, 1873

* **Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

* **Call to Worship** (From the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
resources from the PCUSA)

Leader: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. We live sustained by
God's presence and love.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: As we mourn the wounds of God's children,

All: God weeps with us.

Leader: As we give thanks for brothers and sisters who have
lived in faith,

All: God gives thanks with us.

Leader: As we struggle for justice,

All: God struggles with us.

Leader: As we strive for peace,

All: God strives with us.

Leader: As we work to build the beloved community,

All: God works with us.

Leader: As we offer our gifts to all,

All: God blesses us.

Leader: Sisters and brothers, rejoice.

**All: Sustained by God's presence and love we worship
God.**

*Hymn

#700 (*verses 1-3*),
"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"
I'm Gonna Live

**Please stand, if able*

Prayer of Confession *(From the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day resources from the PCUSA)*

Most Holy and merciful God: we have condemned racial injustice in our pronouncement, yet we cling to the privileges derived from social inequities. All too often we are blind to our complicity in maintaining systems of oppression and deferring the hopes and dreams of the oppressed for freedom. Give us the courage to name our sin, give us the strength to claim responsibility for our actions. Give us the grace to pay the price for changing our behavior. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response**

#700 (verse 4),
"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"
I'm Gonna Live
I'm gonna sing so (sing so)
God can use me anywhere,
Lord, anytime! (anytime!)
I'm gonna sing so (sing so)
God can use me anywhere,
Lord, anytime! (anytime!)

***Affirmation of Faith** *Prayer by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the reflections "Walk for Freedom," first published 1956. Found in A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches of Martin Luther King Jr., 1986*

Even though convicted, we will not retaliate with hate, but will still stand with love in our hearts, and stand resisting injustice, with the same determination with which we started out. We need a great deal of encouragement in this movement. Of course one thing that we are depending on, from not only other communities but from our own community, is prayer. We ask people everywhere to pray that God will guide us, pray that justice will be done and that righteousness will stand. And I think through these prayers we will be strengthened; it will make us feel the unity of the nation and the presence of Almighty God. For as we said all along, this is a spiritual movement.

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

I Samuel 3:1-10, page 236, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Precious Lord"
Thomas A. Dorsey
Rhianna Cockrell, Soloist

Time for Children

Second Lesson

Psalm 139:1-12, page 545, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Perichoresis"
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn**

#28, "You Are Before Me, Lord"
Sursum Corda

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission

7-2-9 Club

Offertory

8:45 *The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around
the Table for Giving and Prayer
11:00 "We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace"
Arr. Moses Hogan

***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**

God of all races and nations, we praise You for Your faithful servants who have done justice, loved mercy and walked humbly with their God. We thank You for these gifts that they would be used to further Your work for peace and justice. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, 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** 11:00

***Sending Hymn**

- #339, "Lift Every Voice and Sing"
Lift Every Voice
- 1 Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies; let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us. Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on, till victory is won.
 - 2 Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died. Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our parents sighed? We have come over a way that with tears has been watered; we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered, out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 - 3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee; shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude "Psalm 19"
Benedetto Marcello

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Virginia "Ginge" Peddle from her NYAPC family.

We thank *Rhianna Cockrell* for her participation in worship this morning.

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Warren Krug	David Williams
Tour Guide	Len Shabman	John Schultheis
Worship Play	Alice Tewell	