

**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 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 |
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| "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. | |

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 (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)

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|  | 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. |
| | Parish Associates: | Beth Braxton, M. Div., MRE, D. Min. J. Gary Campbell, M. Div., M.A. Frances Taylor Gench, M. Div., Ph.D. |

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Celebration of Worship

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

January 4, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Second Sunday after Christmas
Communion Sunday

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

Prelude "Pastorale in F Major"
J. S. Bach

Introit "Ding Dong, Merrily on High"
French Carol, 16th Century

*** Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*** Call to Worship** (*"Before We Speak," by Brian Wren 2008*)

Leader: Before we speak, God is here, within us and among us,
knocking at our door.

All: Living God, open what is closed that the Spirit may come in.

Leader: Open our hands, to give, and to greet. Open our minds to
new truth and old wisdom. Open our hearts to new hope
and old assurance.

**All: Open what is closed that the Spirit may come in.
Amen.**

***Hymn**

#307, "God of Grace and God of Glory"
Cwm Rhondda

Prayer of Confession

(based on Ephesians 1)

**Incarnate God, You chose us in Christ before space
and time were conceived; You destined us for
adoption as beloved children; You gave of Yourself
and redeemed our lives on the cross and through Your
resurrection. And - yet - in spite of Your gifts to us, we
have harmed Your world entrusted to our care, sinning
against You and our neighbors. Forgive us, and in
your plans for the fullness of time show us how to
follow you into this new year. In Jesus Christ we pray,
Amen.**

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

**Please stand, if able*

***Response**

#307 (*verse 4*), "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Cwm Rhondda

**Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.**

Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee who we adore.**

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-14, pages 180-181, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Coventry Carol"

Traditional

Arr. Dale Warland

Time for Children

Second Lesson

John 1:1-14, page 86, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Foundations"

Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn**

#489, "Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed"

Pentecost

Minute for Mission 2015 Kenya Mission Trip

Offertory

"Say Where Is He Born"

"There Shall a Star Come Forth from Jacob"

Felix Mendelssohn

Purev Arslanbaatar, Nathan Moon, David Williams, trio

***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, alive among us, we give You thanks for Your bountiful grace in our lives. Accept these gifts of our offerings of praise. Inspire us to use these gifts to serve You seeking after your ways of peace, truth, and love. Amen.

Service of Communion with Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Table

Litany of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving with Prayers of the People

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, O Lord our God, Creator and Redeemer of the universe...Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

Response "Holy, Holy"

Holy, Holy (Irregular)

Holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty;

And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love,

Holy, holy, holy, holy.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Let us pray for God's rule on earth, as Jesus taught us:

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.

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

Participants in the communion proceed down the aisles to the servers, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and partake.

Please return to your pew via the side aisles.

Those unable to come forward will be offered the bread and the cup at their seats (There is a Gluten Free communion set available; raise your hand for a pastor to respond.)

Prayer After Communion

Great God of Jesus Christ, we thank You for the hope of the prophets, the song of the angels, and the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. We thank You that in Jesus You became flesh and dwelt among us, sharing human hurts and pleasures. We thank You that You have fed us in the Sacrament of Communion, uniting us with Your grace-filled love. Glory to You, eternal God; through Jesus Christ, Lord of lords, and King of Kings, now and forever. Amen.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

***Sending Hymn**

#666 (*verses 1-3*), "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

Puer Nobis Nascitur

**1 O splendor of God's glory bright,
from light eternal bringing light;
O Light of Light, light's living spring,
true Day, all days illumining:**

**2 Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love,
rain down your radiance from above,
and to our inward hearts convey
the Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.**

**3 O joyful be the passing day
with thoughts as clear as morning's ray,
with faith like noontide shining bright,
our souls unshadowed by the night.**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude "Noel"

Louis-Claude Daquin

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We wish to thank *Purev Arslanbaatar, Nathan Moon, and David Williams* for their participation in worship this morning.

Liturgist Marilyn Seiber

Tour Guide 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.

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.

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.