

**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 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
High School and “Confirmation Commotion” 7 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Chris Rehling, Kevin Guy, Betsy Merritt, Pastor Katie Cashwell

Adult Sunday School	Sundays, January 6 – February 3 10 a.m., Room 511
<b>“The Universe Is Made of Stories, Not Atoms: Short Stories in the World of Faith”</b> This five-week series will consider short stories that touch in one way or other on the world of faith, stories of doubt, faith, forgiveness, grace, blessing, , sign and symbol. Participants will read each week’s stories and be prepared to discuss them and compare them. Copies of each week’s stories will be distributed in class. Stories for the first week’s class will be available at the desk in the church entryway. Led by Paul Dornan and Gwenn Gebhard. January 6: “The Shape of Faith”	
Adult Sunday School	Sundays, January, February and March 10 a.m., Room 520
<b>“A Chat with Matt: Studying St. Matthew's Gospel”</b> Have you ever wondered what mysteries lay within the Sermon on the Mount? What does it mean to live a successful and meaningful life in today’s time? Was Jesus speaking to us concerning our actions or character because He wanted us to change? Or was Jesus in a sarcastic way revealing to us the way the law shaped and structured our lives in the hopes that we would realize that, in the end, our way of living according to the law in many ways constricts and hinders us from being free and walking in our destiny? Led by Samario Anthony of Howard University’s Divinity School. Week 1: Unexpected Blessings (Matthew 5:1-12) Week 2: God’s Way to Make a Difference and The Importance of Obeying God’s Law (Matthew 5:13-16, 17-20)	

**PEACE FOR ALL PEOPLE**

January 6– Genesis 21:8-20  
January 7– Jonah 3,4  
January 8– Isaiah 52:7-12  
January 9– Psalm 46  
January 10– Matthew 2:1-12  
January 11– Romans 15:7-13  
January 12– Revelations 7:9-17

**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](mailto: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](mailto:directors@communityclub.org) or go to [www.communityclub.org](http://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](mailto: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, [robinsseleanor@hotmail.com](mailto:robinsseleanor@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](mailto: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](mailto:mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net) Beth DuMez, [bethdumez@erols.com](mailto:bethdumez@erols.com) or Barry Tindall, [barrytindall@verizon.net](mailto:barrytindall@verizon.net)

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.

**January 6, 2013  
8:45 and 11 a.m.  
Epiphany of the Lord**

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

<b>Prelude</b>	“Prelude on the Introit for the Epiphany” Maurice Durufle Dan Stokes, organ
<b>Introit</b>	“What Star is This, With Beams So Bright” Puer nobis nasatur
<b>*Lincoln Chimes</b>	
<b>I. The Community Gathers for Worship</b>	
<b>* Call to Worship</b>	
Leader:	The Lord our God is Ruler over all things, and totally worthy of our love and trust.
<b>All:</b>	<b>We gather to praise and give thanks to our Loving God.</b>
Leader:	Great is the Lord our Ruler, who has infinite compassion.
<b>All:</b>	<b>Great is the Lord, whose mercy is endless.</b>
Leader:	Great is the Lord our Ruler, whose wisdom and justice is fair to all who are poor and oppressed.
<b>All:</b>	<b>We gather with awed reverence before our Holy God, the only One totally worthy of our love and trust.</b> <i>Adapted from "The Timeless Psalms" © 2012 Joan Stott</i>
<b>*Opening Hymn</b>	#486, (verses 1-3), “When the Morning Stars Together” Weisse Flaggen
<b>Prayer of Confession</b>	<b>Gracious God, as we look back on the year past and forward to the year ahead, we are filled with gratitude — and with misgivings. Forgive us for the ways we have failed, encourage us when we are discouraged, and hold us fast when we falter. We cannot be what You would have us be without your mercy and the power of Your Spirit working in us. Enable us to keep our eyes fixed on You and our hearts tender towards those in need. Direct our paths and give us faithful companions for the journey ahead.</b>
<b>Silent Confession</b>	
<b>*Assurance of Pardon</b>	
<b>*Response</b>	##486 (verse 4) “When the Morning Stars Together” Weisse Flaggen
<i>*Please stand, if able</i>	<b>Lord, we bring our gift of music; Touch our lips and fire our hearts, Teach our minds and train our senses, Fit us for these sacred arts. Then with skill and consecration We would serve You, Lord, and give All our powers to glorify You, And in serving fully live.</b>

**\*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** Isaiah 60:1-6, page 649, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Anthem** “Coventry Carol”  
Traditional English, arr. Dale Warland

### Time for Children

**Second Lesson** Matthew 2:1-12, pages 1-2, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon** “Strange Fruit”  
Rev. Roger J. Gench

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

**\*Sermon Hymn** #2172, “We Are Called” *(see insert)*

**Minute for Mission** *Peace and Justice*

### Concerns of the Church

### Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** 11:00 “Torches”  
John Joubert

**\*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.**

*Candles & Conifers and The Worship Source Book*

### Service of Communion

#### Invitation

#### 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.**

### Eucharistic Prayer

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, and to worship You in every place where Your glory abides.

**You commanded light to shine out of darkness, divided the sea and dry land, created the vast universe and called it good. You made us in your image to live with one another in love. You gave us the breath of life and freedom to choose Your way. You promised Yourself in covenant with Abraham and Sarah, told us Your purpose in commandments through Moses, and called for justice in the cry of prophets. Through long generations You have been faithful and kind to all Your children. Great and wonderful are Your works, Lord God Almighty. Your ways are just and true. Therefore we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name.**

**Response** #140 “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.**

We praise You, most holy God, for sending Your only Son to live among us, sharing our joy and sorrow. He told Your story, healed the sick, and was a friend of sinners. Obeying You, He took up His cross and died that we might live. We praise You that He overcame death and is risen to rule the world. He is still the friend of sinners. We trust Him to overcome every power that can hurt or divide us, and believe that when He comes in glory, we will celebrate victory with Him.

**Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Your gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood. Send us out in the power of the Spirit to live for others, as Christ lived for us, announcing His death for the sins of the world, and telling His resurrection to all people and nations. By Your Spirit draw us together into one body and join us to Christ the Lord, that we may remain His glad and faithful people until we feast with Him in glory. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty God, forever and ever. Amen.**

### Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

*(8:45 a.m.) Participants in the communion proceed down the aisles to the servers, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, partake, and remain at the front of the Sanctuary for Passing of the Peace and conclusion of the service. Those unable to come forward will be offered the bread and the cup at their seats.*

*(11:00 a.m.) Please partake of bread when received; hold the cup until all have been served so that we may commune together.*

*(There is a Gluten Free communion set available; raise your hand for a pastor to respond.)*

### Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

**\*Passing of the Peace** 11:00

**\*Sending Hymn** #68, “What Star is This, With Beams So Bright”  
Puer nobis nascitur

1 **What star is this, with beams to bright, More lovely than the noonday light? ‘Tis sent to announce a newborn King, Glad tidings of our God to bring.**

2 **‘Tis now fulfilled what God decreed, “From Jacob shall a star proceed”; And lo! The Eastern sages stand To read in heaven the Lord’s command.**

3 **O Jesus, while the star of grace Impels us on to seek Your face, Let not our slothful hearts refuse The guidance of Your light to use.**

4 **To God the Father, God the Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in one, May every tongue and nation raise An endless song of thankful praise.**

**\*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

**\*Congregational** Alleluia! Amen!

**Response**

**Postlude** “Song for a New Year”  
Gilbert Martin  
Dan Stokes, organ

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

We wish to thank *John Kim and Daniel Stokes* for their participation in worship this morning while Dr. Engebretson is Lecturing in Japan and Korea.

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
<b>Greeters</b>	Karen George and Sarah Williamson	Josh Oyster and Elizabeth Sciupac
<b>Liturgists</b>	Karen George	Kevin Guy
<b>Tour Guides</b>	Wilson Golden	John Davies

### Counting Schedule

January 6	Martha Davis and Kim Johnson
January 13	Dan Stokes and Adam Bain
January 20	John Schultheis and Megan Erb
January 27	Barb Dornan and ShuXian McKenna

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