

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Class	Teachers
Nursery (8:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.)	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
“The Words Became Flesh” Teacher/Prayer Leader: Yomi Faniyi.	Today’s lesson is from John 1:1-14.
Adult Sunday School	TODAY 10 a.m., Peter Marshall Hall
“Introducing the Book of Revelation” This class will be lead by Rev. Dr. Brian K. Blount, our Scholar in Residence. Rev. Dr. Blount is president and professor of New Testament at Union Presbyterian Seminary. Dr. Blount’s academic work has focused on the Gospel of Mark, the Book of Revelation and in the area of cultural studies and hermeneutics.	
Adult Sunday School	Sundays, March 18-April 1 10 a.m., Room 520
“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 -- Tamar: The Royal Rape of Wisdom (2 Samuel 13), Rev. Frances Taylor Gench	
Lenten Study Class	Tuesdays in Lent 10:30 a.m., Docherty Center
You are cordially invited to join this search for new understanding of the Lenten season. We will discuss the significance for our lives of Jesus' journey toward the Cross and resurrection. Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader will help us consider aspects of the spiritual pilgrimage using "Walking the Way of the Cross," a study series.	

REPENTING OF GREED

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

- March 11- Luke 12:13-21
- March 12- Jeremiah 8:8-13
- March 13- Habakkuk 2:1-17
- March 14- Matthew 20:20-28
- March 15- Amos 5:10-13
- March 16- Ezekiel 22:23-31
- March 17- Jeremiah 5:21-29

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 - 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, robinseleanor@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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"An inclusive and justice seeking church"



Celebration of Worship

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

**March 11, 2012
8:45 and 11 a.m.
Third Sunday in Lent**

Prelude 8:45

11:00 "I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus"
J.S. Bach
Douglas Porter, organist

Introit

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

* Call to Worship

- One: The heavens are telling the glory of God.
- All: May our worship reflect God’s glory.**
- One: The firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.
- All: May we see each other as the handiwork of God.**
- One: With Christians across geography and across time,
- All: Let us worship!**

*Opening Hymn

#477 (verses 1-3),
“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”
Hanover

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, all creation points to Your glory, honor and loving-kindness. Though You continuously reveal Your perfect ways throughout the world in which we live, we confess that we have marred Your creation and not lived up to our responsibilities to You and others. We have failed You, but You have demonstrated Your faithfulness to us by sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, to live and die for us.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response

#477 (verse 4),
“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”
Hanover

Then let us adore, and give Him His right, All glory and power, all wisdom and might, All honor and blessing, with angels above, And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

*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 Psalm 19, Page 472, NRSV
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “David’s Lamentation”
 William Billings

Time for Children

Second Lesson Revelation 7:9-14, Page 235, NRSV
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “The Bystander Effect”
 Rev. Dr. Brian K. Blount

III. The Community Responds to the Word

Sermon Hymn #143 (*verses 1-3*)
 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”
 Coronation

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission *One Great Hour of Sharing*

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory 8:45 *The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around
 the Table for Giving and Prayer
 11:00 “Wondrous Love”
 Traditional
 Arr. Christianson

***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** #341, “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!”
 Assurance
**1 Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine!
 O what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
 Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood. (Refrain)**
**Refrain This is my story, this is my song,
 Praising my Savior all the day long;
 This is my story, this is my song,
 Praising my Savior all the day long.**
**2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
 Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
 Angels, descending, bring from above
 Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)**
**3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,
 I in my Savior am happy and blest,
 Watching and waiting, looking above,
 filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (Refrain)**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** Alleluia! Amen!
Postlude

11:00 “Prelude in F Major”
 J.S. Bach

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of *Frank M. van der Linden* (1919-2011) and *Margaret B. McKay* (1958-2005) by their family.

We wish to thank Douglas Porter for his participation in worship this morning.

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Greeters	Elizabeth Winn Bowman Jay Davenport	Whitney Washington Dan Stokes
Liturgists	Leigh Hildebrand	Kim Webster
Tour Guides	Gerald Moody	John Schultheis

Counters:

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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