

Opportunities for Service

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
<p>“God’s Word Saves” Jesus declared that God’s love was so great it encompassed all: those who turned to Jesus and those who rejected him. God intended life for all and gave the world Jesus so that all might receive eternal and abundant life. Today’s lesson: John 3:11-21. Teacher/Prayer Leader: Yomi Faniyi.</p>	
Adult Sunday School	Sundays, Today and April 1 10 a.m., Room 520
<p>“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 An Unnamed Woman: The Extravagance of Violence (Judges 19) Frances Gench</p>	
Lenten Study Class	Tuesdays in Lent 10:30 a.m., Docherty Center
<p>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.</p>	

REPENTING OF THE ILLUSION OF AUTONOMY

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

- March 25– Deuteronomy 8:11-20
- March 26– Psalm 34
- March 27– 1 Peter 5:1-11
- March 28– Proverbs 9:10-11
- March 29– Jeremiah 7:16-26
- March 30– Genesis 3:1-21
- March 31– Psalm 139

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, robinscleanor@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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Celebration of Worship

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

**March 25, 2012
8:45 and 11 a.m.
Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Prelude

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”
arr. Wyrzten

Introit

“Introit and Kyrie” from **Requiem**
Gabriel Fauré

Translation: Grant them eternal rest, o Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. Thou, o God, art praised in Sion, and unto Thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem. Hear my prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

***Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*** Call to Worship**

One: The Lord is making a new covenant with the people of God.

All: Here in this place, Christ writes the law of love on our hearts.

One: We are children of the living God.

All: Together, let us worship the Lord of Love!

***Opening Hymn**

#76 (verses 1-3), “My Song is Love Unknown”
Love Unknown

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we confess that we love our lives as they are. We struggle with even the idea of change. We wrestle with the thought of doing things differently. But we know that the life we cling to is only a half-life. Only You, O Lord, can give us true life in full. Forgive us for holding onto the wrong things. Teach us by Your Spirit to let go of our agendas and assumptions. Help us to let go of our self-righteousness and false notions of power. Give us the strength and courage to try new things. Encourage us – and even push us – to let go of ourselves so we can fully embrace You, Holy God. We pray these things in the name of Christ Jesus.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Response**

#76 (verse 5), “My Song is Love Unknown”
Love Unknown

**Please stand if able*

**Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine:
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like
Thine. This is my Friend, In whose sweet praise I
all my days Could gladly spend.**

***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 Jeremiah 31:31-34, Page 691, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Pie Jesu” from **Requiem**
Gabriel Fauré
Whitney McColley, soprano
Translation: Merciful Jesus, Lord, grant them rest grant them rest, eternal rest.

Time for Children

Second Lesson John 12:20-33, page 100, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “**The Seed**”
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

Sermon Hymn #266 (verses 1-4),
“Thank You, God, for Water, Soil, and Air”
Amstein

Reception of New Members *(see insert)*

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 “Offertory” from **Requiem**
Gabriel Fauré
Nathan Moon, baritone
Translation: We offer unto Thee this sacrifice of prayer
and praise. Receive it for those souls whom today we
commemorate. Allow them, o Lord, to cross from death
into the life which once Thou didst promise to Abraham
and his seed.

***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** *11:00 a.m.*

***Sending Hymn** #367 (verses 1-3),
“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”
Chereponi

Refrain **Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with Your love,
Show us how to serve the neighbors
we have from You.**
1 **Kneels at the feet of his friends,
Silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)**
2 **Neighbors are rich and poor,
Varied in color and race,
Neighbors are near and far away. (Refrain)**
3 **These are the ones we should serve,
These are the ones we should love;
All are neighbors to us and You. (Refrain)**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

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

Postlude “In Paradisum” from **Requiem**
Gabriel Fauré
Translation: May the angels receive them in Paradise,
at thy coming may the martyrs receive thee and bring thee into
the holy city Jerusalem. There may the chorus of angels receive
thee, and with Lazarus, once a beggar may thou have eternal
rest.

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in
memory of *Lucyle and Turley Mace* by *Mary, Jerry, Jason, and
Kate Spatz.*

We wish to thank *Whitney McColley, Nathan Moon and the
NYAPC Sanctuary Choir* for the special music this morning.

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Greeters	Courtney Spearman Jim Spearman	Joan Ensor Wilma Bailey
Liturgists	Jerry Joseph	Bernice McIntyre
Tour Guides	Barry Tindall	Chuck West

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Preaching Schedule

April 1 -Palm Sunday	Rev. Roger J. Gench
April 8 -Easter	Rev. Roger J. Gench
April 15	Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe
April 22	Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader
April 29	Rev. Roger J. Gench

Counters

March 20	Jim Martin and Barbara Dornan
March 25	John Schultheis and Martha Davis

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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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.