

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:00 a.m.

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., Room 127	
Adult Sunday School TODAY 10 a.m., Room 520	
“One DC?” This series will inquire into the state of our city, especially as it relates to whether we are becoming more one community or more divided by race, class and income. Our distinguished speakers will analyze aspects of disparity and community in four areas: TODAY: Politics, Mark Plotkin.	
Adult Sunday School TODAY 10 a.m., Lincoln Parlor	
“Bible Study with Cuba Partners” Everyone is welcome to participate in the spring "Bible Study with Cuba Partners." Rev. Frances Taylor Gench has developed this Bible study from selections from the Gospel of John, and our partner church, First Presbyterian-Reformed Church of Havana, and other U.S. Cuba partners will do the same Bible study at the same time. May 6 led by Rev. Frances Taylor Gench, "The Wedding at Cana" from John 2: 1-12 and May 13 led by Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe "At the Foot of the Cross" from John 19:16-30.	
Adult Sunday School Sundays, May 20 and 27 10 a.m., Room 520	
“Talkin’ ‘bout My Denomination” Join Roger Gench and Tara Spuhler McCabe for a two-week discussion of some of the major issues facing our denomination, and a preview of the upcoming 220 th General Assemble of the PCUSA, which will begin June 30 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the many issues (challenges, opportunities and blessings) that connect us all as a denomination.	

STEADFAST LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS

May 13- John 14:15-24
 May 14- Psalm 85
 May 15- Luke 16:10-13
 May 16- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
 May 17- 1 John 4:13-21
 May 18- Psalm 103:1-5
 May 19- 1 Timothy 6:11-16

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

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 John Courson, ja.courson@yahoo.com or (202) 725-5005

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, robinsleanor@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, mj1wan2@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. Judith E. Michaels, D. Min., Ph.D. 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.

May 13, 2012
8:45 and 11 a.m.
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prelude “Schmücke dich, o Liebe Seele”
 (Deck Thyself, O My Soul)
 Johannes Brahms

Introit “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”
 Franz Joseph Haydn

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

One: We come singing a new song.
All: For God does marvelous things.

One: We come offering a joyful noise,
All: With our songs and our praise.

One: God loves us with righteousness and equity.
All: Let us sing our new song!

*Opening Hymn #339, “Be Thou My Vision”
 Slane

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, Your Son Jesus calls us friends, and commands us to love one another. So often we fail. We confuse loving one another with liking one another. When we cannot like one another, we give up on loving. We smile falsely and speak ill of others. We grieve You with our weak love. O God, have mercy on us. Choose us yet again. Secure in Your love, help us to love one another.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response #339, “Be Thou My Vision”
 Slane

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me, save that Thou are – Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

*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 98 (Read Responsively), page ____, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Mit Staunen sieht das Wunderwerk”

From **Die Schöpfung** (Creation)

Franz Joseph Haydn

Whitney McColley, soprano

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson John 15:9-17, page ____, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Friends”

Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

Sermon Hymn #335, “Though I May Speak”

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Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission

The Birthday Fund

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around

the Table for Giving and Prayer

“Der Sterne hellster”

From **Die Schöpfung** (Creation)

Franz Joseph Haydn

Whitney McColley and Nathan Moon, soloists

***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

***Passing of the Peace** *11:00 a.m.*

***Sending Hymn**

#367, “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
Hyfrydol

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.**
- 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit,
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.**
- 3 Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.**
- 4 Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen”
Johannes Brahms

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in honor of **all mothers**, by the **choir**.

We wish to thank *Whitney McColley and Nathan Moon* for their participation in worship this morning.

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Liturgists	Warren Krug	Jackie Parker
Greeters	Eleanor Pratt Robert Osborne	Douglas Porter Lyn van der Linden
Tour Guides	Wilson Golden	Leonard Shabman

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 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.

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.

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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