

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**

“The Bread of Life” Today’s passage begins after the crowd had crossed the sea and arrived in Capernaum. They search for Him and demanded clarification. Jesus saw through their questions. He challenged their motivation. He accused the crowd of seeking Him because of the food he’d provide. Today’s lesson is from John 6:22-35. Teacher/Prayer Leader: Yomi Faniyi

Adult Sunday School **Sundays, May 6 and 13
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: May 6: Education, Mark Hecker (Reach, Inc.); and May 13: Politics, Mark Plotkin.

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“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 220th 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.

PEACEMAKING AND EVANGELIZING

- May 6– Isaiah 52:7-12
- May 7– Psalm 40:1-10
- May 8– 2 Timothy 4:1-5
- May 9– Luke 9:59-62
- May 10– 2 Corinthians 4:1-6
- May 11– Acts 2:40-42
- May 12– Isaiah 6:1-8

<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

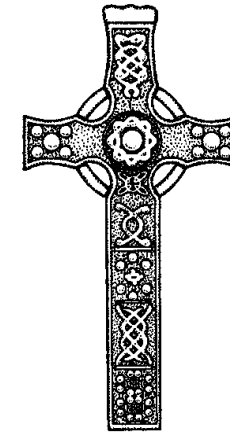
The Peace Candle - An opportunity for visitors to take a prayer candle home to their congregations. Candles are at the rear, right side, of the sanctuary. Please sign the note pad there, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Fritz von 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, 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. Engbretson, 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.

**May 6, 2012
8:45 and 11 a.m.
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Communion**

- Prelude** 8:45 Hymn Sing
11:00 “A Joyous Prelude”
Bob Burroughs
“Lift Up Your Heads”
Jody Lindh
“The Lord is My Shepherd”
Allen Pote
- Introit** “O For a World”
Tune of Azmon

***Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

***Call to Worship**

- One: Speak to the present, tell future generations:
All: We know how to love because God first loved us.
- One: As we love each other, God is here among us.
All: Anywhere we see love, we see God, for God is love.
- One: We need not fear, for God’s love triumphs over fear.
All: Let us worship the God Who is love. Let us love one another.

***Opening Hymn** #469 (verses 1-3), “Morning Has Broken”
Bunessan

Prayer of Confession

Risen Christ, You are the vine; apart from You we can do nothing. We live as if this were not true: we entwine ourselves in our own business rather than branching out toward others; because we do not ground ourselves in You, we wither. Lord Jesus, forgive us. Restore us to Your abiding love, that we may bear fruit worthy of our calling.

**Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon
*Response**

***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 22:25-31, page 474, NRSV
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem 8:45 “I Got a Robe”
 Spiritual, arr. Hogan
 Jacqueline Salvador, soloist
 11:00 “How Firm a Foundation”
 Bob Burroughs

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson John 15:1-8, page 103, NRSV
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “The Vine”
 Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

Sermon Hymn #513, “Let Us Break Bread Together”
 Let Us Break Bread

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission *The Birthday Fund*

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 “No Hands But Yours”
 J. Jerome Williams

***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.**

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. 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 a.m.

***Sending Hymn** #505, “Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”
 St. Flavian

- 1 Be known to us in breaking bread, But do not then depart; Savior, abide with us, and spread Thy table in our heart.**
- 2 There sup with us in love divine; Thy body and Thy blood, That living bread, that heavenly wine, Be our immortal food**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**
 Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude 8:45 “The Heavens Declare”
 Psalm 19
 Benedetto Marcello
 11:00 “Cry Out and Shout!”
 Douglas Wagner

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The Worship and Music Committee suggests strengthening the theological meaning of Communion pew service by asking individual congregants, as they pass the elements, to say aloud to their neighbor "This is the Bread of Life" and "This is the Cup of Salvation." Rev. Gench will explain the purpose of this request prior to Communion in the 11 a.m. service.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones and friends by members and friends of the Congregation through their contributions to the Flower Fund.

We wish to thank *Jacqueline Salvador* and *The Chapel Choir and Festive Ringers, of Abington Presbyterian Church*, for their participating in worship this morning.

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Liturgists	Hal Hiemstra	Whitney Washington
Greeters	Jack and Roberta Lentz	Stacey, John and Jacob Gagosian
Tour Guides	Barry Tindall	Paul Dornan

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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