

**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
“Confirmation Commotion” 7 th - 9 th grade	Chris Rehling, Kevin Guy, Betsy Merritt, Pastor Katie Cashwell
“High School Rocks!” Sr. High School	Phil Hanna

Adult Sunday School	Sundays, October 7, 14, 21 and 28 10 a.m., Room 520
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“Criminal Justice?” If a gold medal were awarded to world's biggest jailer, the United States would be the winner. Come learn from premier criminal justice and legal experts about “*the national disgrace that comprises our criminal justice system*” (Sen. Jim Webb).

October 7: “Prosecutorial Power and Racism in the Criminal Justice System,” Angela J. Davis, Professor of Law, Washington College of Law, American University
Also featured in October: Tracy Velazquez, Executive Director, Justice Policy Institute; Tim Lynch, Director, Criminal Project, The Cato Institute; and Margaret Love, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers’ Task Force on Restoration of Rights.

Adult Sunday School	Sundays, October and November 10 a.m., Room 511
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“Playing the Minor Prophets in a Major Key” *Let justice roll down like waters.... Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey....*

These famous passages all come from the Minor Prophets, but do you know which books they come from? Come learn about these prophets and their times that produced these remarkable scrolls. Engage the texts in new ways and share your perspectives with others.

Please join us in this bible survey class to be taught by Samario Anthony of Howard University’s Divinity School.

Adult Sunday School	Sunday, October 7 10 a.m., Room 317
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“Covenant Network of Presbyterians” These are exciting and uncertain days in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and much of the churn in the church's collective consciousness is around issues of welcoming, affirming, ordaining and marrying lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. And national stories--from the Chick-Fil-A controversy to the many states voting this fall on same-sex marriage laws--highlight the pivotal role these questions have not just in our denomination, but in society as a whole.

Brian Ellison, the new executive director of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, will talk about the work of his organization, which NYAPC has long supported. He will talk about the recent General Assembly and where key questions relating to LGBT inclusion stand, along with broader issues facing the denomination and challenging its unity. He'll share some of his own story as a gay pastor and answer questions to how the church can be faithful in its ministry to all God's children.

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 - 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 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 - 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 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, robinseleanor@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

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 Beth DuMez, bethdumez@erols.com or Barry Tindall, barrytindall@verizon.net

Annual Stewardship - Each of the ministries described on this page -- as well as everything else that happens at this church -- is supported in a significant way by Annual Stewardship giving. Annual Stewardship is the act of making a financial pledge to the church operating budget for a year and completing that pledge. It is a deep personal and congregational theological act, and it is essential to the worship, community and mission of this church! Members, affiliates and friends are all invited to participate in Annual Stewardship. Please contact Carol Shannon, the chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Roger Gench, our senior pastor, for more information, questions, or to make your pledge.

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:	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.

**October 7, 2012
8:45 and 11 a.m.
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Communion Sunday**

Prelude	"Come Sunday," from Sacred Service Duke Ellington Victor Provost, steelpan
Introit	“Come Christians, Join to Sing” Madrid
*Lincoln Chimes	
I. The Community Gathers for Worship	
* Call to Worship	One: Today we gather with Christians near and far to sit together at God's table. All: Together we will eat the bread of life and drink the cup of salvation. One: God prepares the table with room enough for everyone. All: We give praise to God, who invites us all to feast.
*Opening Hymn	#439 (verses 1-3) “In Christ There is No East or West” St. Peter
Prayer of Confession	Lord, You are our rock and our redeemer. We deny our need of You. You make us stewards of a wonderful world. We call it our own and misuse it. You give laws to enhance our life. We see them as burdens tying us down. You bid us to take confidence in Your love. We put stock in our accomplishments. Have mercy on us, Lord. Have mercy. Open our minds to know Your truth, our hearts to rejoice in Your commands, and our eyes to see the goal You set before us.
Silent Confession	
*Assurance of Pardon	
*Response	#439 (verse 4), “In Christ There is No East or West” St. Peter In Christ now meet both east and west, in Him meet south and north; All Christly souls are one in Him, Throughout the whole wide earth.
*A Brief Statement of Faith	<i>(May be found in the back cover of pew Hymnal)</i>

**Please stand, if able*

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson Joel 2:21-27, page 799, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Jabula Jesu”
Stephen Hatfield

Time for Children

Second Lesson Matthew 6:25-33, page 6, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “God’s Rightness ”
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

Sermon Hymn #367, “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”
Chereponi

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Un Son”
Traditional Cuban Song
Meg House, Martha Davis, soloists
Victor Provost, steelpan

***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

One: Let the women bring the flour and the salt, and the men bring the yeast. Many guests will come, those who live on the margins, those who live with infirmities, those of differing abilities, rich and poor alike.

All: Come quickly; let us follow the recipe of the Lord. Let all of us knead the dough together with our hands. Let us watch with joy as the bread rises and expands.

Thanksgiving

One: We give You thanks O God, for You have made us in Your image female and male, and of varied colors. You created us and continue to shape us and teach us to love You, to love our neighbors, and to love ourselves.

All: Bread of life, cup of peace, we give You thanks, O God.

One: You set us in this world to love and to serve You, and to live in peace with Your whole creation. Although we have failed to do so, You have not rejected us but continue to call us back to Your way.

All: Bread of life, cup of peace, we give You thanks, O God.

One: In Jesus Christ You showed us Your love for all, especially those among us often rejected by others. Those of us who are poor, immigrants, suffering from illness, those whom society has deemed unclear or impure. You showed us the way to a new community, one in which the last would be first, justice would be realized, resources would be shared in common.

All: Bread of life, cup of peace, we give You thanks, O God.

One: Jesus proclaimed the good news of the reign of God, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, calling for economic justice from tax collectors and religious leaders, preaching about faith guided by the heart, not law.

All: Bread of life, cup of peace, we give You thanks, O God.

One: Yet we rebelled against His message of compassion and justice, and He was crucified because we feared such love. But death cannot ultimately defeat life; many waters cannot quench love. Jesus rose from the grave, and in the resurrection we place our hope and assurance. We joyfully celebrate Christ’s life and resurrection as we wait for the day that Christ is fully present with us and in us and the world is at peace.

All: Bread of life, cup of peace, we give You thanks, O God.

One: One: Gracious God, we give You thanks for pouring out Your Holy Spirit upon us. Fill us with compassion that we might be moved to action that Your reign might be on earth as it is in heaven.

All: 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

***Sending Hymn** #514, “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”
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**1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
Reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

***Refrain* Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**2 Christ is able to make us one,
at his table he set the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. *Refrain***

**3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere! Refrain**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

***Congregational Response** Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude "David Danced before the Lord," from **Sacred Service**
Duke Ellington
Victor Provost, steelpan

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of **Nancy Doan** by **Robert and Kathy Doan, Don Kelly and Elizabeth Kelly-Doan.**

We wish to thank **Meg House, Martha Davis, and Victor Provost** for the special music today.

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Greeters	Robbie and Jack Lentz	Jim Martin and Whitney Washington
Liturgists	Kristin Ford	Robert Doan
Tour Guides	Wilson Golden	Bob Osborn

Preaching Schedule

October 14	Rev. Roger J. Gench
October 21	Rev. Roger J. Gench

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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 for Sunday Morning Worship: 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.

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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