

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL –
Starting TODAY at 10 a.m.
Classes meet in the Park Level

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, September 9, 16, 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).
 September 9: “The Sentencing Project,” Marc Mauer, Executive Director.
 September 16: “Solitary Confinement,” Rev. Richard Killmer, Executive Director, National Religious Campaign to End Torture.
 Featured in October: Angela J Davis, Washington School of Law American University; 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 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.

BUILDING ON A SOLID FOUNDATION

- September 9– Matthew 7:24-27
- September 10– Acts 10:34-43
- September 11– Deuteronomy 6:1-9
- September 12– Isaiah 55:1-5
- September 13– Deuteronomy 10:12-22
- September 14– Joshua 1:7-9
- September 15– Isaiah 59:20-21

<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 and charter school students, primarily in grades 7-12, which 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. You can also 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 - 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

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 Kitty Smith, the church financial officer, 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.

September 9, 2012
8:45 and 11 a.m.
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Prelude** “Be Thou My Vision”
 Slane, arr. Manz
- Introit** “God, Bless Your Church with Strength”
 J. S. Bach
- *Lincoln Chimes**
- I. The Community Gathers for Worship**
- * Call to Worship**
- One: Be rich in faith, says the God who gives us life.
All: We trust in God, who is faithful to us.
- One: Be strong in spirit, says the God who carries us through life.
All: We trust in God, who surrounds us with love.
- One: Be generous to one another, says the God of abundant grace.
All: We trust in God, who is the giver of every gift.
- One: Be steadfast in your loves, says the God of wisdom.
All: We trust in God, who endures forever.
- *Opening Hymn** #461 (*verses 1-3*), “God Is Here!”
 Abbot’s Leigh
- Prayer of Confession** **Jesus, You taught us to love our neighbor as ourselves. We admit that we often think we are better than others. We boast about our accomplishments. We even say unkind things about others so that they look worse and we look better. Jesus, forgive us and teach us again. Help us to be kind to others, as you want us to be.**
- Silent Confession**
- *Assurance of Pardon**
- *Response** #461 (*verse 4*), “God Is Here!”
 Abbot’s Leigh
Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt Keep us faithful to the gospel, Help us work Your purpose out. Here, in this day’s dedication, All we have to give, receive: We, who cannot live without You, We adore You! We believe!
- *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 Isaiah 43:14-21, page 632, NRSV
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Silver and Gold”
 Kirk Franklin

Time for Children
Second Lesson Mark 7:24-37, page 40, NRSV
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Sermon “Openings”
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

Sermon Hymn #458, “Earth and All Stars”
 Dexter

Concerns of the Church

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 “When in Our Music God is Glorified”

Charles Villiers Stanford
***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**

***Sending Hymn** #479, “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

- 1 **Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
 Glad of heart your carols raise
 Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
 Who, like me, should sing God’s praise?
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise the maker all your days!**
- 2 **Praise God for his grace and favor
 Shown our forebears in distress;
 God is still the same forever,
 Slow to chide and swift to bless:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Sing our Maker’s faithfulness.**

- 3 **Like a loving parent caring,
 God knows well our feeble frame;
 Gladly all our burdens bearing
 Still to countless years the same.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 All within me, praise God’s name!**
- 4 **Angels, teach us adoration;
 You behold God face to face;
 Sun and moon and all creation,
 Dwellers all in time and space.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise with us the God of grace!**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**
***Congregational Alleluia! Amen!**
Response
Postlude “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
 Hyfrydol, arr. Manz

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The flowers in the chancel today were given to the glory of God and in honor of ***Kitty Smith***, whose humor, generosity and friendship will be missed by the members of her book group.

Welcome back to the Sanctuary Choir, returning after the summer break. Thank you to all of the many wonderful musicians who provided special music during their holiday. You are most appreciated!

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Liturgists	David Gillies	Benno Lauer
Greeters	Brian Schilling, Karen Cook	Kris and Wilson Golden
Tour Guides	Jim Rhodes	Gerald Moody

Counters

September 9	Janet Wessling and Amy Gillespie
September 16	John Schultheis and Martha Davis
September 25	Nancy Dickenson and Dan Stokes
September 30	Janet Wessling and Amy Gillespie

Preaching Schedule

September 16	Rev. Roger J. Gench
September 23	Rev. Dr. Héctor Méndez
September 30	Katie Cashwell

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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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