

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 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, 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.
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Parish Associate for Visitation:	Ann Rose Davie, M. Div.
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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.

December 11, 2011
8:45 and 11 a.m.
Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude "Creator of the Stars of Night"
Raymond H. Haan
Dan Stokes, organ

Introit "Magnificat anima mea," from **Magnificat**
J. S. Bach
Dominick Izzo, conductor
_____, _____, _____, trumpets
Translation - My soul doth magnify the Lord.

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*The Lighting of Advent Candles and Call to Worship

Leader: As we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, the word for today is **Worship**.

All: As Mary magnified you, let us also worship and follow you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Eternal and Gracious God, as we meet you in worship today, let us rejoice in your good news. Help us to bring our hearts to you and to trust in your justice, your peace, and your salvation. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** #12 (*verses 1-3*), "People, Look East"
Besancon

Prayer of Confession

**Please stand if able*

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response** # 12 (*verse 5*), "People, Look East"
Besancon

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth, Set every peak and valley humming With the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

***Apostles Creed** (*May be found on page 14 in front of the pew hymnal*)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL always beginning in the Park Level at 10 a.m.	
Class	Teachers
Nursery <i>(8:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.)</i>	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>"A Promise to Abraham" Because he has no children, Abram questions God's promise. The Lord reassures him that his descendants will be too many to count. Abram also sees a terrifying vision of the journey his descendants will endure, including oppression for 400 years. Today's lesson is from Genesis 15:1-6,12-18. Teacher: Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader, Prayer Leader: Yomi Faniyi.</p>	
Adult Sunday School	TODAY 10 a.m., Room 520
<p>"Taking our Faith to the Office" This series will explore how we reconcile our faith and the everyday challenges our work lives present us. Does our faith really affect our work? NYAPC members and friends will share some of their on-the-job experiences and reflect about how what they believe impinges, or does not, on the workday decisions they make. TODAY --Architecture and Engineering</p>	
Adult Sunday School	TODAY, December 11 at 10 a.m. December 18 at 9 a.m. January 8 and 15 10 a.m., Room 511
<p>"Steadfast Hope" This study challenges common myths and misperceptions about the origins of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, presents a compelling snapshot of the present situation on the ground and offers a guide to the challenges that lie ahead in the quest for peace. The materials offer an inspiring view of the activities currently being undertaken by Muslim, Jewish and Christian peacemakers working for justice and reconciliation. It also gives helpful guidance on how our congregation can contribute to the cause of just peace for the people who share the Holy Land.</p>	
NYAPC History Event (extended parking available)	TODAY 12 Noon, Lincoln Parlor, JQA Room, Radcliffe Room
<p>Join us in celebrating the publication of <i>Capital Witness: A History of The New York Avenue Church of Washington DC</i>, our first comprehensive history in 50 years, at an authors and editors signing event. Participating will be former clergy whose service spans the fifty years since the publication of our last history in 1961, led by former senior pastor Rob Craig (1990-1999), who headed the history committee that first conceived of the history in the early 1990s. Copies of <i>Capital Witness</i> may be prepaid online at www.nyapc.org or by check (sorry, no cash) when picking up at the church office (3rd floor) during business hours or today during the Christian education hour or following second service in the entryway. To volunteer to help with the sales/distribution or hospitality for next Sunday's event, please contact the church office or Wilson Golden (wilsongolden@aol.com 703-201-6025).</p>	

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11, page 650, NRSV
 Rev. Alice Anderson
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Quia fecit mihi magna," from **Magnificat**
 J. S. Bach
 Nathan Moon, Soloist
 Translation: He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek.

Time for Children
(8:45 a.m.: Children may join Pastor Tara for worship play. After the sermon, children will return to their parents. Children under age 4 are welcome in the Nursery.)

Second Lesson Luke 1:47-55, page 53-54, NRSV
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **“The Witness Confesses”**
 Rev. Rob Craig

III. The Community Responds to the Word

Sermon Hymn #364, “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”
 Grand Isle

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission *Alternative Christmas Giving*

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 "Et misericordia eius," from **Magnificat**
 J. S. Bach
 Whitney McColley, Chantel Pomerville, Soloists
 Translation: And his mercy is from generation until generations, to them that fear him.

***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

***Sending Hymn** # 11, “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”
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- O Lord, how shall I meet You, How welcome you aright? Your people long to greet You, My Hope, my heart's Delight! O kindle, Lord most holy, A lamp within my breast, To do in spirit lowly All that may please You best.**
- Love caused Your incarnation, Love brought You down to me; Your thirst for my salvation Procured my liberty. O love beyond all telling, That led you to embrace In love all loves excelling Our lost and fallen race.**
- A glorious crown You give me, A treasure safe on high, That will not fail nor leave me As earthly riches fly. My heart shall bloom forever For You with praises new, And from Your Name shall never Withhold the honor due.**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude “Sicut locutus,” from **Magnificat**
J. S. Bach

Translation: He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, to remember his promise of mercy, the promise made to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children for ever.

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Reminder for December 18, December 25, January 1
Worship will be held at 10 a.m.
(Note calendar for Adult Sunday School times)

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of the *authors and editors* of our new history, *Capital Witness: A History of The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC*, by members and friends of the Congregation through their contributions to the Flower Fund.

We wish to thank *Dan Stokes, our Sanctuary Choir, Soloists and guest instrumentalist* for their participation in worship this morning.

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Greeters	Mary and Warren Krug	Alex and Michelle Mullineaux
Liturgists	Whitney McColley Marie Meka Genna House Meg House	_____
Tour Guides	Gerald Moody	Clarke Orzalli

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.

Restrooms: The Deacons remind members and friends that the restrooms on the fifth floor are available on Sundays mornings.

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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