

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, robinscleanor@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. 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. John T. Mathison, M. Div. 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.

**January 1, 2012
10 a.m.
Communion
First Sunday after Christmas**

Prelude Carol Sing
Introit "As With Gladness Men of Old"
Traditional Carol

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*The Lighting of Advent Candles and Call to Worship

One: Let us give thanks for all of God's mercies.
All: O God, our Covenant Friend, You have been gracious to us through all the years of our lives. We thank You for Your loving care, which has filled our days and brought us to this time and place.
One: We praise Your holy name, O God. You have given us life and reason, and set us in a world filled with Your glory.
All: You have comforted us with family and friends, and ministered to us through the hands of our sisters and brothers.
One: You have filled our hearts with a hunger after You and have given us Your peace.
All: You have redeemed us, and called us to a high calling in Christ Jesus.
One: You have given us a place in the fellowship of Your Spirit and the witness of Your Church.
All: You have been our light in darkness and a rock of strength in adversity and temptation.
#285, "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"
Austrian Hymn

*Opening Hymn

Prayer of Confession

O God, You have shown us the way of life through Your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibilities in our service, Our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

Let each of us in silence make confession to God.

Silent Confession

**Please stand, if able*

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Classes will resume January 8	
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., Lincoln Chapel**

Goodpasture Class will resume January 8, 2012.

Adult Sunday School **Sundays, January 8 and 15
10 a.m., Room 511**

"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.

Adult Sunday School **Sundays, January 15, 22,
February 5, 12, 19
10 a.m., Room 520**

Dante's "Divine Comedy" is recognized as the greatest Christian epic poem of the medieval era and perhaps of all time. Many know its first part, "Inferno", but fewer are familiar with its final part, "Paradiso," a magnificent mystical vision of heaven, and the subject of this class. Dante's paradise is also a virtual hall of fame of great Christians. Inexpensive paperback copies of the Dorothy Sayers translation will be available from Paul Dornan for \$11. The class will be most rewarding for those who have this translation, as it will be easier to find and follow passages discussed. This version also has rich theological annotation. This class will be led by Dewey Wallace.

PEACE COMES TO THOSE WHO FOLLOW JESUS
www.pcusa.org/peacemaking

January 1 Matthew 10:40-11:1
January 2 1 John 3:19-24
January 3 Mark 6:30-44
January 4 Matthew 14:22-33
January 5 Luke 8:40-56
January 6 John 20:19-23
January 7 Galatians 3:23-29

Assurance of Pardon

***Response** #36 (*verse 4*), “In the Bleak Midwinter”
Cranham

***A Brief Statement of Faith** (*May be found in the back cover of pew Hymnal*)

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson Deuteronomy 31: 9-13, page 180, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Verbum Caro Factum est”
Traditional Spanish Carol
Translation:

Time for Children

Second Lesson Luke 2:22-40, page 55, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Inner Thoughts”
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

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “The New Year Carol”
Benjamin Britten

***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.

#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

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. (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 (page 16-Traditional)

*Passing of the Peace

***Sending Hymn** #510 (*verses 1, 4, 5*), “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”
Quebec

1 Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts, Thou fount of life, Thou light of all, From the best bliss that earth imparts We turn, unfilled, to heed Thy call.

4 Our restless spirits yearn for Thee, Wher-e’re our changeful lost is cast, Glad when Thy gracious smile we see, Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.

5 O Jesus, ever with us stay, Make all our moments calm and bright; O chase the night of sin away, Shed o’er the world Thy holy light.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

***Congregational Response** Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude “Noel”
Louis-Claude Daquin

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of *Elizabeth C. “Betty” Jackson Rachy.*

Greeters: Peggy Evans and John Quinn
Liturgist: Douglas Porter
Tour Guide: Wilson Golden
Counters: Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

Preaching Schedule

January 1	Rev. Roger J. Gench
January 8	Rev. Roger J. Gench
January 15	Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe
January 22	Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader
January 29	Rev. Roger J. Gench

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.

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.

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

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.