

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 8, 2012
8:45 and 11 a.m.
Baptism of the Lord**

Prelude

“As With Gladness Men of Old”
Traditional English

***Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*** Call to Worship**

- One: The voice of the Lord calls out to us as we gather this day.
- All: This is the voice of power; a voice that breaks cedars and shakes the wilderness.**
- One: This is a voice that flashes forth with flames of fire; a voice that causes the oaks to whirl.
- All: This voice is the voice of our Lord who calls us to worship in splendor and glory.**

***Opening Hymn**

- #71, “Lord, When You Came to Jordan”
(Tune of 552),
Es flog ein kleins waldvogelein
- 1 Lord, when You came to Jordan And asked to be baptized, What was Your vow and vision Of love and sacrifice? Was there a sudden splendor Of prophets, priests, and kings, A wind that stirred the waters, A blur of mighty wings?**
- 2 Was this God's crowning moment Of all You had become, The Spirit's power and blessing: "Go now, You are My Son?" Did scripture join with scripture In words of sharp surprise "The Lord's Messiah shall conquer, Rejected and despised?"**
- 3 Faith rests content with questions Of when and why and how, But craves the gift of seeing What God is doing now. Lord, bring us to our Jordan Of newly opened eyes, Through love, immersed in living, As You were once baptized.**

Prayer of Confession

When You began to create, O God, You separated the light from the darkness and called it good. We come to You this day, praying that You might separate the darkness in which we hide from the light to which You call us. We want to be light, or at least we know deep inside that You want us to be light. Too often we live in darkness because it is easier even though we know it is not what You demand of us. Create us again. Start us over. Separate us from that which keeps us from living as You intend. Hold us up to Christ the Light.

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
“Joseph Finds Favor”	
"Talk Back" with Rev. Roger Gench	TODAY 10 a.m., Lincoln Parlor
Rev. Roger J. Gench leads a discussion on today's sermon.	
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.	
Adult Sunday School	Sundays, January 22 and February 5 10 a.m., Room 511
“Bible Study with Cuba Partners” Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe will lead a two-week class focusing on two texts from the Book of Matthew. Rev. Glenn Dickson of St. Augustine Presbytery and Westminster Presbyterian Church in Gainesville, FL has selected the Bible study and written the commentary. Join Rev. Spuhler McCabe along with other Cuba Partners at First Havana and in Chicago, Gainesville, Houston, and Long Island as we all study the Matthew stories of "Last Hired" and "The Courage to Risk."	

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response “In the Lord” *(Repeat two times)*



*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 Psalm 26, page 476, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night”
Hugo Jungst

Time for Children

Second Lesson Mark 1:4-11, page 32-33, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Mapping the Divine”
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

Sermon Hymn #492, “Baptized in Water”
Bunessan

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “The Three Kings”
Peter Cornelius
David Williams, Baritone

*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

*Sending Hymn #497 *(verses 1, 2 and 4)*,
“With Grateful Hearts Our Faith Professing”
St. Clement

- 1 **With grateful hearts our faith professing, We ask You, Lord, come to our aid, That we, our common faith confessing, May keep the vows that we have made.**
- 2 **We know that in Your true providing The young and old to Christ belong; Lord, help us to be wise in guiding, And make us in example strong.**
- 3 **Accept, O Lord, our dedication To fill with love the growing mind, That in this church and congregation The young a faith for life may find.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response **Alleluia! Amen!**

Postlude

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The flowers in the chancel today were given to the glory of God and in memory of *Janice Calvert* by her family.

We wish to thank *David Williams and Daniel Stokes* for their special music in worship this morning.

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Greeters	Marilyn Seiber and Paul Dornan	Evelyn Ying, Greg, Henry and Olivia Lewis
Liturgists	Courtney Spearman	Henry Lewis
Tour Guides	Paul Dornan	John Gagosian
Counters	Amy Gillespie and Janet Wessling	

Preaching Schedule

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.

Garage Parking: Free self-parking is available on Sundays 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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