

**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 Rev. 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
High School and “Confirmation Commotion” 7 th - 12 th grade	Chris Rehling, Kevin Guy, Betsy Merritt, Rev. Katie Cashwell

Adult Sunday School **Sundays, April 14
10 a.m., Room 511**

“Desperate Housewives? Engaging Tyrannical Texts” The Bible is full of embarrassing, offensive, problematic texts that present serious interpretive challenges for contemporary Christian faith and practice. Should they be repudiated? Discarded? Silenced? Or are there perhaps more effective and faithful ways of handling them? These class sessions will consider the importance of engaging them directly and publicly, with the expectation that we may encounter the living God in our conversation with them. Texts in the Pauline corpus that have proved oppressive in the lives of many Christian women will serve as test cases, providing glimpses of struggles in which foremothers in the faith were engaged in early Pauline churches. Led by Rev. Frances Taylor Gench.

Adult Sunday School **Sunday, April 21
10 a.m., Room 520**

“Planning Today For Whatever Tomorrow Brings” NYAPC member and Attorney Brian Schimming will review the basics of estate planning and administration for adults of all ages. Brian will present current information on federal and state estate tax law, topics to consider when preparing a will, titling of assets, beneficiary designations, planning issues for minor children, intestacy rules and probate procedures in DC, MD and VA, as well as uses of trusts, powers-of-attorney and medical directives. He will guide us in how to make our wishes for tomorrow known. Refreshments will be available in the classroom.

Adult Sunday School **Sunday, April 21
10 a.m., Room 511**

“The Universe Is Made of Stories, Not Atoms: Short Stories in the World of Faith” This class will consider short stories that touch in one way or other on the world of faith, stories of doubt, faith, forgiveness, grace, blessing, sign and symbol. Participants will read this week’s stories and be prepared to discuss them and compare them. Copies of the stories for April 21 will be available today. Led by Paul Dornan.

Adult Sunday School **Sundays, April 28, May 5, 12, 19 and 26
10 a.m., Room 511**

“Christ and Culture” H. Richard Niebuhr (1894-1962), a Sterling Professor at Yale University and one of the truly important Christian theologians of the 20th century, is probably best known for a book published in 1951, *Christ and Culture*. This book argues that Christians over the centuries have acknowledged that their loyalty to Christ and their loyalty to culture can be distinguished in various ways, but they have not agreed about the way in which these loyalties should be related. The dramatic claim of the book is that the history of the Christian church and the thought of major theologians have exemplified five enduring ways of sorting through these loyalties. Led by Charles M. Swezey, former professor of Christian ethics at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. *Christ and Culture* will be available from the Church Office.

Adult Sunday School **Sunday, April 28
10 a.m., Room 520**

“Making Decisions about Retirement Communities” How do we make choices for ourselves, or those we love, about retirement living? There seems to be an ever-growing set of options available in retirement community living, but how do we think about what might work best for us? Can these various retirement living options give us new opportunities to live lives of faith as we age? Come explore these important questions and considerations. Led by Rev. Ann Rose Davie.

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 - Non-perishable food donations are being requested to share with the Capital Area Food Bank, the large nonprofit hunger and nutrition education resource in the Washington metropolitan area. Your donations are welcome in the baskets located at the rear of the Sanctuary.

New York Avenue Foundation - The NYAF mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout the District. NYAF awards grants to the Community Club and other local non-profits which further its mission. The Foundation is funded through individual contributions (Combined Federal Campaign #25839) and conducts its work through a volunteer Board of Directors. If you are interested in supporting 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, robinsleanor@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

Ministers:	The Entire Congregation
Pastor:	Roger Joseph Gench, Ph.D.
Interim Associate Pastor:	Katie Cashwell, M. Div.
Associate Pastor:	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:	Elizabeth P. Braxton, M. Div., MRE, D. Min. 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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Celebration of Worship

The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church
welcomes all people into community,
worship, service and leadership.

**April 14, 2013
8:45 and 11 a.m.
Third Sunday of Easter**

The worship service begins with a brief period for personal meditation and the Prelude.

Silent Prayer: Living Lord, You meet us in unexpected places and surprise us with the abundance of Your love. Feed us by Your Word and fill us with Your Spirit so that we may follow You this day, and always. Amen.

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Prelude “Oh, Wondrous Sight, Oh Vision Fair”
Deo Gracias, 15th C. English,
arr. Helvey

Introit “Holy God We Praise Your Name”
Grosser Gott
Wir Loben dich

***Lincoln Chimes**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: I looked and heard the voices of angels, thousands and thousands around God’s throne, singing:

All: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

Leader: Then I heard every creature on earth, and under the earth, and in the sea, singing:

All: To the One who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

(from Revelation 5:11-13)

***Opening Hymn** # 478 (verses 1-3),
“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”
Lauda Anima

Prayer of Confession Lord God, in the light of Your honor and glory, we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. We have not fed Your lambs; we have not tended Your sheep. We fail to know how to follow You. Heal us of our sin, wash us in Your mercy, and feed us with Your grace, so that we may follow Your way and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.

**Please stand, if able*

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response # 478 (verse 4),
"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
Lauda Anima
Angels help us to adore Him:
Ye behold Him face to face:
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

*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 Revelation 5:11-14, pages 233-234, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Hear My Words"
Stephen Paulus

Time for Children

Second Lesson John 21:15-19, pages 109-110, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "After Breakfast"
Rev. Katie Cashwell

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon #391, "Take My Life"
Hymn Hendon

Commissioning of NYAPC Cuba Trip Team 8:45

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 "Come Risen Lord"

*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 Christ, You call us to feed Your lambs and tend
Your sheep. May the offering of our lives show
and share Your love. Receive these gifts of
thanksgiving and praise and use them for Your
glory and the glory of Your people. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*Passing of the Peace 11:00

*Sending #368, "I've Got Peace Like a River"
Hymn

- 1 I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
2 I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.
3 I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Alleluia! Amen!

Response

Postlude "All Creatures of Our God and King"
Lasst uns erfreuen
arr. Helvey

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in
memory of Lucyle and Turley Mace by Mary, Jerry, Jason, and Katie
Spatz.

8:45 a.m. 11 a.m.

Liturgists Hal Hiemstra Matthew Asada
Greeters Elizabeth Bowman Esther Moring and
Victor Palli

Tour Guides Meg Neill Barry Tindall

Preaching Schedule

April 21 Rev. Roger J. Gench
April 28 Rev Roger J. Gench

Counters' Schedule

April 21 Amy Gillespie and Kim Johnson
April 30 Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
May 5 Barb Dornan and Amy Gillespie
May 12 Megan Erb and Shu Xian McKenna
May 19 Dan Stokes and Barb Dornan
May 28 Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

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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.

Assisted Listening: Do you have difficulty hearing the service?
Our assisted listening system may help you. The system consists of a
small wireless receiver and an ear phone. You may also use your own
choice of ear phones or t-coil equipped hearing aids with the receiver.
Please contact Joe Thierry at jthierry@erols.com or 703-568-5158 for
more information.

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.

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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