

**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 28, May 5, 12, 19 and 26
10 a.m., Room 520**

“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. The book is now available at the front desk.

**Adult Sunday School Sunday, April 28
10 a.m., Room 511**

“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.

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

“Bible Study with Cuba Partners” Discuss and learn about the Book of Esther, unique among books of the Old Testament, written in the earliest Persian and Hellenist Periods. Rev. Beth Braxton has developed and will lead the two-week Bible study that will be done simultaneously with NYAPC partner, First Havana, and other Cuba partners. Rev. Braxton writes, “In Jungian terms, Esther's story is a feminine counterpart to the masculine story of Moses and the Exodus.”

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, spencegib@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, robinsseleanor@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

NYAPC's Young Adults invite those in their 20s/30s (body or heart!) to join our group for post-service brunch, Faith on Tap, Bible study, and other fellowship and service activities. For more information (or to be added to the e-mail list) contact Gordon Chaffin (galexanderchaffin@gmail.com).

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 28, 2013
8:45 and 11 a.m.
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

- Prelude** “Nimrod,” from **The Engima Variations**
Edward Elgar
- Introit** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”
Lobe den Herrn
- *Lincoln Chimes**
- *Call to Worship** *(adapted from Psalm 148)*
Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God in the heights!
All: Praise God, sun and moon;
Leader: Praise God, all you shining stars.
**All: Praise the Lord from the earth, all you sea
monsters and all creatures of the deep.**
Leader: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying
birds!
All: Praise God, all peoples and rulers of the earth!
Leader: Young men and women alike, old and young together!
**All: Let us praise the name of the Lord, for His name
alone is exalted!**
- *Opening Hymn** #260 (*verses 1-3*), “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
Ein Feste Burg
- Prayer of Confession** **God of mercy, Your command to love one another
across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet
we often respond with fear and judgment that
hinders Your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins,
we pray. Give us a true repentance that leads to life
and love for all Creation. We pray in Jesus’ name.
Amen.**

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

- *Response** #260 (*verse 4*), “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
Ein Feste Burg
That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to
them, abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth; Let goods and
kindred go, This mortal life also; The body they
may kill, God’s truth abideth still, His kingdom is
forever.

**Please stand, if able*

***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 21:1-6, page 244, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Amazing Grace”
arr. Robert Shaw
Manuel Melendez, tenor

Time for Children

Second Lesson John 13:31-35, page 102, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “The Water Bill”
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon** #367, “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”
Hymn Chereponi

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission *Finance Committee*

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 “Deep River”
Spiritual, arr. Uzee Brown
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** Loving God, we give thanks for the ministry of
reconciliation to which You call us in the name of
Jesus Christ and His resurrection. Accept these
gifts for Your mission to heal all Creation. May
they be a testament to Your love for us as we
share them in love for You; through Jesus Christ
we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

***Passing of the Peace** 11:00

***Sending
Hymn** #464, “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
Hymn to Joy

**1 Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!**

**2 All Your works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Your rays,
Stars and angels sing around You,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**3 Mortals, join the happy chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o’er us,
Joining all in heaven’s plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

***Congregational** Alleluia! Amen!
Response

Postlude “Allegro,” from **Symphony in D**, Op 2 no 5
William Boyce

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The flowers in the chancel today were given to the glory of God and in memory
of *Isabella Larner and Charles Albert Stott* by *their daughters, Polly Rice and
Lucy Ann Niven.*

We wish to thank *Manuel Melendez and David Williams* for their participating
in worship this morning

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Liturgists	Fred Dann	Cathy Schultheis
Greeters	David, Amy, Jack and Lauren Gillies	Megan Erb and Marsha Renwanz
Tour Guides	John Davies	John Schultheis

Preaching Schedule

May 5	Rev. Roger J. Gench
May 12	Rev. Roger J. Gench
May 19	Confirmation Class – Worship Service at 10 a.m.
May 26	Rev. Roger J. Gench – Worship Service at 10 a.m.
June 2	Rev. Katie Cashwell – Worship Service at 10 a.m.
June 9	Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader – Worship Service at 10 a.m.

Counters’ Schedule

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

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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