

**Summer Schedule  
through September 1  
Adult Education Classes at 9 a.m.  
Worship at 10 a.m.**

*Babies and toddlers under 4 are welcome in the Park Level nursery. Care is provided by licensed, paid professionals. During the service, children's worship aids are available in the rear of the Sanctuary. Youth and children classes resume September 8.*

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| <b>Adult Sunday School</b>   | <b>Sundays in August<br/>9 a.m., Room 520</b>               |
| <b>“Great Figures of the New Testament: Disciples and Apostles”</b><br>Professor Amy-Jill Levine offers a series of lectures on “Great Figures of the New Testament” for the Great Courses series. This class will focus its attention on her lectures on the disciples and apostles. August topics are as follows:<br><br>August 18: Stephen<br>August 25: Philip<br>September 1: Paul, the Hero of Acts        |   |
| <b>Adult Sunday School</b>   | <b>Sunday, September 8-October 13<br/>10 a.m., Room 520</b> |
| <b>“America and Its Guns – A Theological Exposé”</b> Come join Rev. James Atwood, a Presbyterian pastor for more than 3 decades, in an examination of his book, “America and Its Guns – A Theological Exposé.” Together we will use our biblical and theological understandings to portray and assess the impact that guns have on American society. The book will be available from the Church Office for \$10. |   |

**CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

- August 18– Acts 15:1-35
- August 19– Matthew 5:21-24
- August 20– Proverbs 24:28-29
- August 21– Luke 6:29-30
- August 22– Proverbs 19:11
- August 23– Galatians 6:1-5
- August 24– Luke 6:27-28

Opportunities for Service

**7-2-9 Club** – (resumes in September) 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](mailto:spencegib@aol.com)

**Community Club** – (resumes in September) 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](mailto:directors@communityclub.org) or go to [www.communityclub.org](http://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 Washington, DC. Annually it solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots non-profits which further that mission. A volunteer Board of Trustees conducts the work of NYAF. If you are interested in learning more or participating in the NYAF mission contact John Courson, [ja.courson@yahoo.com](mailto:ja.courson@yahoo.com) or (202) 735-5005.

**Radcliffe Room Ministry** – Come fellowship with our homeless guests, Sundays, 8:15-10:45 a.m. Activities include hymn singing, refreshments and socializing. Donations of umbrellas, rain gear, clothing, toiletries and money for transportation are needed. Contact Eleanor Robins, [robinscleanor@hotmail.com](mailto:robinscleanor@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](mailto: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](mailto:mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net) Beth DuMez, [bethdumez@erols.com](mailto:bethdumez@erols.com) or Barry Tindall, [barrytindall@verizon.net](mailto:barrytindall@verizon.net)

**NYAPC's Young Adults** welcome those in their 20s/30s (body or heart!) to post-worship brunches, 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](mailto:galexanderchaffin@gmail.com)).

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| 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:      | Catherine Schultheis  |
| Parish Associates:               | Beth Braxton, M. Div., MRE, D. Min.<br>J. Gary Campbell, M. Div., M.A.<br>Frances Taylor Gench, M. Div., Ph.D.<br>John T. Mathison, M. Div.<br>J. Riley McDonald, M. Div.<br>Judith E. Michaels, D. Min., Ph.D.<br>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.

**August 18, 2013  
10:00 a.m.  
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

*Silent Prayer:*

*Loving God, we come to worship You today.  
We come to sing, pray, and listen. You always hear us.  
Help us to hear You. Amen.*

**I. The Community Gathers for Worship**

**Prelude** “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”  
Hyfrydol  
Roland Pritchard

**Introit** “Morning Has Broken”  
Tune of Bunessan  
Veronica H. Cartier, soloist

**\*Lincoln Chimes**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us worship the Eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

**All: Let us worship Jesus Christ, the Risen One, who lives among us.**

Leader: Let us worship the Spirit, the Holy Fire, who renews us.

**All: To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

#430 (verses 1-3), “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”  
Darwall’s 148<sup>th</sup>

**Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, Blessed Stranger, we confess that we have not yet recognized Your face in each of our sisters and brothers. Forgive us, Blessed Stranger, for we have not yet shared Your bread in grace with our brothers and sisters. Have mercy, Blessed Stranger, for we have not listened to Your Word in the words of our brothers and sisters. Stay with us, Blessed Stranger, because our very night becomes day when You are there.**

**Silent Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

*\*Please stand, if able*

**\*Response**

#430 (verse 4), “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!  
**Come Sing, O church, in Joy!**  
**Come join, O church, in song!**  
**For Christ the Lord has triumphed o’er the ages long!**  
**In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and**  
**praise the Lord!**

**\*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**

Isaiah 42:5-9, page 630, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

“Ave Maria”  
Adapted by Charles Gounod  
Veronica H. Cartier, soloist  
Abridged Translation: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women. Pray for us, now and in our final hour.

**Time for Children**

**Second Lesson**

Luke 24:13-35, pages 84-85, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**“Tales of the Kingdom: The Presence of Hope”**  
**Rev. Jessica Tate**

**III. The Community Responds to the Word**

**\*Sermon Hymn**

#343, “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”  
Beecher

**Concerns of the Church**

**Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

“There is A Balm in Gilead”  
Spiritual  
Arr. Hugh Livingston, Jr.

**\*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**

**God of all peoples and God of all places, we present these offerings, that they may be used to extend Your liberating reign. With them we offer our varied ministries, that each of us may be a part of Your answer to the cries of the world. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**\*Sending Hymn**

#210, “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”  
St. Anne

- 1 Our God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home:**
  
- 2 Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.**
  
- 3 A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.**
  
- 4 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.**
  
- 5 O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while life shall last  
And our eternal home!**

**\*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response Alleluia! Amen!**

**Postlude** “Now Thank We All Our God”  
Nandunket  
Johann Crüger

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**The Rev. Jessica Tate** is Director of NEXT Church, a gathering within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) "sparking imaginations, connecting congregations, offering a distinctively Presbyterian witness to Jesus Christ." Prior to this call she served as Associate Pastor of Fairfax Presbyterian Church in Northern Virginia. She is a lifelong Presbyterian and lives with her husband John and their rescued chocolate lab, GiGi, in Washington D.C.

**The flowers in the chancel today** are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones and friends by members and friends of the Congregation through their contributions to the Flower Fund.

**We wish to thank *Veronica H. Cartier*** for her participation in worship this morning.

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| <b>Greeters</b>     | Molly, Tony and Penny Wagner |
| <b>Liturgist</b>    | Mary Nell Clark              |
| <b>Tour Guide</b>   | Paul Dornan                  |
| <b>Worship Play</b> | Molly Wagner                 |

**Counters’ Schedule**

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| August 18    | Barbara Dornan and ShuXian McKenna |
| August 25    | John Schultheis and Megan Erb      |
| September 1  | Martha Davis and Kim Johnson       |
| September 8  | John Schultheis and Adam Bain      |
| September 18 | Jim Martin and Nancy Dickinson     |
| September 24 | Nancy Dickinson and Dan Stokes     |