

**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.

Adult Sunday School	Sundays, July and August 9 a.m., Room 520
<p>“Great Figures of the New Testament: Disciples and Apostles” 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. July and August topics are as follows:</p> <p align="center">August 4: Mary Magdalene August 11: James August 18: Stephen August 25: Philip September 1: Paul, the Hero of Acts</p>	
Adult Sunday School	Sunday, September 8-October 13 10 a.m., Room 520
<p>“America and Its Guns – A Theological Exposé” There have been more than 130 separate school shootings since Columbine. How did we get here? How did we evolve under the rubrics of “gun rights” and “freedom” so that each of us knows there will be another school shooting or mass killing with assault weapons; and we know there is not yet the political or spiritual will to prevent these deaths.</p> <p>Jim Atwood, author of <i>America and Its Guns – A Theological Exposé</i> and chairperson of the DC “Heeding God’s Call,” contends that the gun deaths America suffers every year cannot be understood apart from our national myth that God has appointed America as “the trustee of the civilization of the world” and even “Christ’s light to the nations.” We will examine our history, our fascination with violence, and our language which is full of violent terms. We will explore how our guns have morphed into idols where millions not only respect them but revere them. Our final session will focus on the responsibility of the faith community to building Christ’s “Peaceable Kingdom.” The book will be available from the Church Office for \$10.</p>	

PEACEMAKING WITH THE STRANGER

- July 28– Genesis 23
- July 29– Numbers 35:9-15
- July 30– Jeremiah 7:1-15
- July 31– Psalm 55
- August 1– Matthew 25:31-40
- August 2– Ephesians 2:13-22
- August 3 – 3 John 1-8

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, spencergib@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 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 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 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, 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:	Catherine Schultheis
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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.

**August 4, 2013
10:00 a.m.
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

*Hallowed be Your name, O God.
May Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.*

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Prelude "Priere a Notre Dame," from **Suite Gothique**
Leon Boellmann

Introit "Spirit of the Living God"
Daniel Iverson

***Lincoln Chimes**

***Call to Worship** *from Psalm 67*
Leader: Let the peoples praise You, O Lord, for Your saving power among all nations.

All: Let all the peoples praise You, O God, that Your way may be known upon earth.

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations.

All: Let the peoples praise You, O God, for You are gracious to all who call upon You.

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

All: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere the Lord.

***Opening Hymn**

#469, "Morning Has Broken"
Bunessan

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we have failed to keep our promises, and we have sinned against others and You. You reach out to bless us, but we have ignored You and the needs of others. In Your great mercy, forgive our sin, and free us from selfishness, that we may choose Your will and follow Your ways. Save us from apathy and indifference. By Your grace, empower us to live as Your covenant people from this day forward, that all people would be blessed.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

**Please stand, if able*

***Response**

#356 (verse 3), “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
Nettleton
**O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.**

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Isaiah 61:1-7, page 650, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Whither Shall I Go From Thy Spirit”
James MacDermid

Time for Children Rev. Beth Braxton

Second Lesson

Isaiah 61:8-11, pages 650-651, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Urban Covenants”
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn**
#332, “Live Into Hope”
Truro

Commissioning of the Njoro Mission Team

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Adagio,” from **Organ Sonata No. 1**
Felix Mendelssohn

***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**
**You, O Lord, are good, and all that is good comes from
You. Take and multiply these gifts to the glory of Your
name, we pray. 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

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

*Please come down the center aisle.
Approach an open station and return to your seats by the side aisles.
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.)*

Prayer After Communion

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

***Passing of the Peace**

***Sending Hymn**

#375 (verses 1 and 2), “Lord of All Good”
Toulon
**1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to You;
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.
Tokens of love and pledges brought anew
That our whole life is offered to Your will.**
**2 We give our minds to understand Your ways;
Hands, eyes and voice to serve Your great design,
Heart with the flame of Your own love ablaze,
Till for Your glory all our powers combine.**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude “Trumpet Tune”
David German

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of the volunteers who serve the **7-2-9 Club** every Wednesday night by members and friends of the Congregation through their contributions to the Flower Fund.

We wish to thank Daniel Stokes and Nathan Moon for their participation in worship this morning.

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Rev. Linda Lader is away until August 12.

Rev. Katie Cashwell will return to the office on August 6 and will be back in worship on August 11.

Rev. Roger Gench will be on sabbatical leave August 17-October 31. Revs. Cashwell and Lader will continue their usual schedule of preaching; guest preachers will be invited for the other Sundays that Rev. Gench is away.

Greeters Anne Laroche and Elizabeth Sciupac
Liturgist John Gagosian
Tour Guide John Schultheis
Worship Play Molly Smith and Brian Dewhurst

Preaching Schedule

August 11 Rev. Roger J. Gench
August 18 Rev. Jessica Tate
August 25 Rev. Beth Braxton

Counters' Schedule

August 4 Dan Stokes and ShuXian McKenna
August 11 Amy Gillespie and Adam Bain
August 18 Barb Dornan and ShuXian McKenna
August 25 John Schultheis and Amy Gillespie

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, current ministry and outreach, meet the tour guide at the front of the Sanctuary immediately following the service.