

**05CHILDREN 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. Cashwell
Preschool Class ages 3-5	Doug House, Elizabeth Sciupac, Elisa Jillson, Kay Meek
Lower Elementary Class Kindergarten- 1st Grade	Molly Lauer, Marsha Renwanz, Mark Sproles, Bridget Sproles
Upper Elementary Class 2nd Grade-5th Grade	David Gillies, Kathy Doan, Catherine Cannon
Youth Class 6th Grade-12th Grade	Susan Hesser, Betsy Merritt, Kevin Guy

**School Classes for all ages  
will resume on January 5.**



**OUR ETERNAL HOPE: A NEW CREATION**

December 22- Genesis 15:1-6  
 December 23– Leviticus 25:8-12  
 December 24– Isaiah 65:17-25  
 December 25– Psalm 93  
 December 26– John 4:43-54  
 December 27– 1 Peter 1:1-5  
 December 28– Revelation 21:22-27

<http://www.pcusa.org/resource/2013-2014-biblical-witness-peacemaking/>

**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](mailto: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](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)

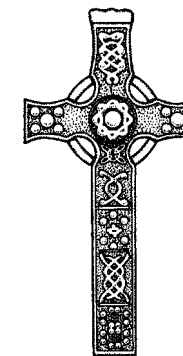
**Triangle Park Committee** – Working with the National Park Service to ensure maintenance and oversee the flower and plant beds along the church wall, we meet 4-6 times a year, conduct business via email, and schedule work days as needed. Contact Marilyn Seiber, [mjswan2@bellatlantic.net](mailto:mjswan2@bellatlantic.net) Beth DuMez, [bethdumez@erols.com](mailto:bethdumez@erols.com) or Barry Tindall, [barrytindall@verizon.net](mailto:barrytindall@verizon.net)

**NYAPC's Young Adults** – Most Sundays, those in their 20s/30s (body or heart!) caucus after the 11 a.m. service at the back of the Sanctuary to go to lunch together. For more information about Faith on Tap, Bible study, and other fellowship or service activities, (or to be added to the e-mail list) contact Matthew Asada ([matthew.asada@gmail.com](mailto:matthew.asada@gmail.com)).

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Pastor:	Roger Joseph Gench, Ph.D.
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Parish Associate for Visitation:	Ann Rose Davie, M. Div.
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**Celebration of Worship**

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

**December 22, 2013  
 10 a.m.  
 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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

*God-with-us, Emmanuel, who comes to us in surprising ways show us Your love.  
 Bring us from fear to awe; give us our own Holy Family, here,  
 with the Body of Christ, this day. Amen.*

**I. The Community Gathers for Worship**

**Prelude** Christmas Carols  
 Francesca Sevoia, Harp  
**Introit** "Wolcum Yole,"  
 from **Ceremony of Carols**  
 Benjamin Britten

**\*Lincoln Chimes**

**\*The Lighting of Advent Candles  
 and Call to Worship**

**The Love Candle**

**Leader:** We lit the first candle of Advent for Hope and to celebrate the hopeful prophets, who waited long and looked with expectancy for the coming of the Messiah. We lit the second candle of Advent for Peace and to celebrate John the Baptist and his vision for a future of Christ's peace in the world, a peace that surpasses all understanding. We lit the third candle of Advent for Joy and to celebrate the young girl, Mary, joyfully bearing the glory of God to a waiting world. Now we light the fourth candle of Advent for Love and to celebrate all of God's people who join the prophets, John the Baptist, and Mary in looking for the coming of Christ.

**All: We light the fourth candle of Advent for all who watch and wait with love for Emmanuel, God-With-Us.**

**Leader:** We light the fourth candle of Advent for ourselves, for we, too, wait with expectancy for the coming of God's Kingdom and the fullness of Christ's love.

**All: God, as we wait for Your promise, give light, give hope, give peace, give joy, and give love.**

**\*Hymn** #110, "Love Has Come"  
 Bring a Torch

*\*Please stand, if able*

## Prayer of Confession

Emmanuel, God-With-Us, we have turned away from You, neglecting the welfare of Your creation, ignoring the plight of Your people, taking from the Earth what we cannot give back. We have not helped our neighbors in need, kept love within our families, or tended the vine You have planted in our own lives. In Your compassion and love, turn us to Your way. Restore us and forgive us, O Shepherd of Israel; let Your face shine upon us.

## Silent Confession

### \*Assurance of Pardon

### \*Response

#144 (verse 4), "In the Bleak Midwinter"  
Cranham

**What can I give him, poor as I am?**

**If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;**

**If I were a wise man, I would do my part;**

**Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.**

### \*A Brief Statement of Faith *(Pages 37-38, "Glory to God" hymnal)*

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-16, page 598, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** "I Sing of a Maiden" and "This Little Babe,"  
from **Ceremony of Carols**  
Benjamin Britten

### Time for Children

#### Second Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25, page 1, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "God With Us"  
Rev. Roger J. Gench

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#129, "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"  
Es ist ein' Ros'

## Concerns of the Church

### Minute for Mission

*Christmas Joy Offering*

### Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

"Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day"

John Rutter

### \*Response

#607, "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

Holy God, You bless us with many gifts. You retrieve us from despair and fear. You visit us with surprising proclamations, and You intend good things for us. We thank You for Your steadfast love, for sending signs of assurance, and for the gift of faith. Use our gifts to bring comfort and justice to those in need, reforming the ways of our world for the sake of new life. Amen.

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### \*Passing of the Peace

### \*Sending Hymn

# 124, "Still, Still, Still"

Still, Still, Still

**1 Still, still, still, he sleeps this night so chill!**

**The virgin's tender arms enfolding,**

**Warm and safe the child are holding.**

**Still, still, still, he sleeps this night so chill.**

**2 Sleep, sleep, sleep, he lies in slumber deep**

**While angel hosts from heaven come winging,**

**Sweetest songs of joy are singing.**

**Sleep, sleep, sleep, he lies in slumber deep.**

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

## \*Congregational

**Alleluia! Amen!**

## Response

## Postlude

Francesca Sevoia, Harp

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**The poinsettias in the chancel today** are given to the glory of God and in memory and honor of friends and family of the congregation as listed in the bulletin insert.

**The Advent Wreath** was made by the children of the Pre-K Sunday School Class, Where the Wild Things Are.

**The greenery hung in the sanctuary today** and throughout Advent is dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory and appreciation of *Mary Anne Davis* who, for many years, arranged for the floral dedications each Sunday, as well as seasonal decorations in our Sanctuary.

**We wish to thank *Francesca Sevoia*** for participating in worship this morning

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### Greeter

Susan Grooters

### Advent Candle Lighters

The Inoue Family

### Liturgist

Robert Doan

### Tour Guide

Len Shabman

### Worship Play

Karen Dunlap and Caroline White

### Preaching Schedule

December 29

Rev. Katie Cashwell

One service at 10 a.m.

January 5

Rev. Roger J. Gench

January 12

Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader

January 19

Rev. Roger J. Gench

January 26

Rev. Roger J. Gench

### Counters' Schedule

December 22

Barb Dornan and ShuXian McKenna

December 29

Dan Stokes and Adam Bain