

**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.**



THE LORD OF CREATION COMES

December 29– Isaiah 9:2-7
 December 30– Leviticus 26:3-6
 December 31 – Isaiah 51:12-16
 January 1 – Psalm 24
 January 2– John 6:16-21
 January 3– 1 Peter 1:8-12
 January 4– Revelation 22:16-21

<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

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 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, mjswan2@bellatlantic.net Beth DuMez, bethdumez@erols.com or Barry Tindall, 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).

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. J. Gary Campbell, M. Div., M.A. Frances Taylor Gench, M. Div., Ph.D. John T. Mathison, M. Div. J. Riley McDonald, M. Div. Judith E. Michaels, D. Min., Ph.D. Glenn Myers, M. Div., M.A.

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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.

**December 29, 2013
 10 a.m.
 First Sunday after Christmas Day**

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

*Exalted God, even as the Heavenly Host sang of Your glory in the night skies over Bethlehem;
 even as the star shone in the heavens, and sheep and cattle gathered in that light, so we gather,
 young and old together, to recount all that You have done for us in mercy and steadfast love.
 No tyrant's threat or deadly act can destroy the dreams and visions You have placed within us,
 for You have drawn us close.*

With all Creation, we praise You and exalt Your name forever and ever. Amen.

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Prelude "Noel"
 Louis-Claude Daquin
 Daniel Stokes, organ
Introit "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing!"
 arr. Evelyn Simpson-Currenton

***Lincoln Chimes**

***The Call to Worship**

Leader: We recount the gracious deeds of God, all the praiseworthy acts the Lord has done for us:

All: Praise God, Emmanuel, for coming to dwell among us.

Leader: Praise God for the good news of Jesus, the child in the manger.

All: Praise God who spoke to Joseph in visions and dreams.

Leader: Praise God who is present with us too, who turns our mourning in to joy and our sorrow in to gladness.

All: Let us Praise God, for we are radiant over the goodness of the Lord!

***Hymn** #132, "Good Christian Friends Rejoice"
 In Dulci Jubilo

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in great love You have claimed us as Your children. We confess that we have not loved You as we should. We have not participated fully in Your purposes and plans; we grow weary, lose hope, and give up when the way is hard. Forgive us, especially when we fail to protect children so vulnerable and precious in Your sight. Forgive our misuse of power against people. Set us free from the Herods in our lives that keep us fearful. Renew us, so that we may have hope in You.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

**Please stand, if able*

***Response**

#145, "What Child is This"
Greensleeves
**What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!**

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:10-17, page 690 , NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "The Gift to be Simple"
arr. Bob Chilcott

Time for Children

Second Lesson

Matthew 2:13-23, page 2, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Hope in a Herod World"
Rev. Katie Cashwell

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn**

115, "Away in a Manger"
Mueller

The Sacrament of Baptism

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"The Snow Lay on the Ground"
Venite Adoremus

***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**

In this gifting season, O God, we are grateful for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Receive, we pray, these offerings we bring. May they be used to bring hope. In Christ's holy name we pray. 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**

119 Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Mendelssohn

**1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"**

**Joyful all ye nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

Refrain **Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"**

**2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel. *Refrain***

**3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth. *Refrain***

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude "Angels From the Realms of Glory"

J. Wayne Kerr
Daniel Stokes, organ

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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 Daniel Stokes and John Kim for leading the music in worship this morning while Dr. Engebretson is in Texas with his family.

Rev. Katie Cashwell will be away from the office for continuing education from January 2-10. She will be back in worship on January 12.

On January 5, 2014, we return to two worship services at 8:45 and 11 a.m., with Sunday classes resuming at 10 a.m.

**Tour Guides
Worship Play**

Paul Dornan
Karen Dunlap

Preaching Schedule

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 29 Dan Stokes and Adam Bain

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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