

**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

Adult Sunday School	Sunday, December 8 10 a.m., Room 520
"Reframing Eve"	The Garden of Eden has a terrible litter problem! It is knee deep in our prejudices and preconceptions. We will engage in interpretive litter control by reconsidering the Genesis portrait of the most maligned woman in all of scripture. We will consider new insights provided by feminist re-readings of the story, and reflect on ways in which it has impacted, and continues to impact, our imaginations, beliefs, attitudes, behavior, and popular culture. Rev. Frances Taylor Gench will lead.
Adult Sunday School	Sunday, December 8 10 a.m., Room 511
Cuba Partners Bible Study:	In his birth narratives, Luke places hymns on the lips of those taking part in the Blessed Event: Mary, Zechariah and Simeon. For Luke (as Albert Schweitzer wrote of Bach), "the tones do not perish but ascend to God like praise too deep for utterance." Each of these classes will focus upon a hymn, Mary's Song, the "Magnificat," and Simeon's Song, the "Nunc Dimittis." Specifically, we will concentrate on how various poets and composers have interpreted Mary and Simeon's praise too deep for words into poetry and music.

SHARING THE EARTH WITH OTHER CREATURES

- December 8– Genesis 9:8-17
 - December 9– Exodus 23:4-5
 - December 10– Hosea 2:14-23
 - December 11– Psalm 145
 - December 12– John 2:13-22
 - December 13– James 3:1-12
 - December 14– Revelation 22:6-10
- <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, mj1wan2@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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Celebration of Worship

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

**December 8, 2013
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent**

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

*O Root of Jesse, O Peace, stir up Your power within us,
that in this time we may await with abundant expectation the fulfillment
of Your eternal presence in creation, for You live and reign among us,
Maker, Savior, and Giver of Life, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Prelude	"Uns ist ein Kind geboren," Cantata BWV 142 J. S. Bach David Brown, Joanna Tay, Sheyna Burt, Peter Ostle, and Caroline Brethquer, Orchestra
Introit	8:45 "Uns ist ein Kind geboren," Chorus J. S. Bach 11:00 "Dein Geburtstag ist erschienen" David Williams, baritone solo

***Lincoln Chimes**

***The Lighting of Advent Candles and Call to Worship** **The Peace 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 light 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.

All: **We light the second candle of Advent for all peacemakers, who envision the wolf living with the lamb.**

Leader: We light the second candle of Advent for ourselves, for we, too, are given the task to bear the peace of Christ in the world.

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

***Hymn** #82, "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
Hyfrydol

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Welcoming God, have mercy on Your people. We confess that we do not hear the voice of one crying out in the wilderness. We do not prepare for Your coming and we keep our paths crooked. We do not heed Your word of peace each day in all that we do and say. We do not see our neighbors, families, and friends as beloved children whom You have made. In Your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways and want to bear worthy fruit. We pray that You would gather us to You and show us Your way of peace.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

**Please stand, if able*

***Response**

#88 (verse 7), "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Veni Emmanuel
**O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10, page 602 , NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Ich will den Namen Gottes loben"

Time for Children

Second Lesson

Romans 15:4-13, page 153, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "With One Voice"
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

11:00 *During the singing of this hymn, the congregation is invited to come forward and turn in their Commitment Cards, indicating a renewed commitment to one another and this church in the year ahead.*
#105, "People Look East"
Besançon

- 1 **People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.**
- 2 **Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Rose, is on the way.**
- 3 **Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
Guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Bird, is on the way.**

4 **Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Star, is on the way.**

5 **Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.**

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission

Christmas Giving

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:45 * *As We Gather Around the Table for Giving and Prayer at the conclusion of the service, we renew our commitments to this congregation as we mark and turn in our Commitment Cards.*

11:00 "Jesu, dir sei Dank gesungen"
Ian Elder, tenor solo

*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

We give thanks, Holy One, for all good things: for this universe and for the Earth itself, for creatures and plants, for food and water, for light and darkness. Lord Christ, Prince of Peace, in our gifts let Your kingdom come, let Your peace come. Turn our offerings to Your good will, and turn us always to You in gratitude. 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** 11:00

*Sending Hymn

106, "Prepare the Way, O Zion"
Bereden vääg for herran

- 1 **Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.
O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.**

2 **He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding,
for grace and joy abounding.
O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.**

3 **Fling wide your gates, O Zion;
your Savior's rule embrace,
And tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing.
O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

***Congregational Response** Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude "Alleluia"

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Translation

"Uns ist ein Kind geboren," Cantata BWV 142

J. S. Bach

- I For unto us a child is born, a Son is given.
- II So appears Thy natal day. My Redeemer, hear me as I renew my pledge to be steadfast, true, and faithful.
- III I will praise the name of the Lord with a joyful anthem in the highest honor and thanks.
- IV Jesus, my thanks to Thee. Lord, I praise Thy name in all the lands. My way is forever in the love of You, my saving grace.
- V Alleluia

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

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 our choir, soloists and orchestra for their presentation of Bach's Cantata BWV 142 in worship this morning.

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	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Advent	Phillip and Malcolm Douglas	Linda Sheppard- Kelly
Candle Lighters		
Liturgists	Meg House	Kay Meek
Tour Guides	Wilson Golden	John Davies
Worship Play	Katie Cashwell and Molly Smith	