

**CHILDREN 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	TODAY 10 a.m., Room 511
"Epiphany in Verse" Matthew's account of the coming of the Magi is full of mystery, and, where there is mystery, there is poetry. This one-week course will explore how selected poets have tried to capture the mystery of the Magi -- of revelation, journey and gift -- through verse. Paul Dornan will lead.	

THE LIFE OF CREATION SHINES

- January 5 – Genesis 15:7-18
- January 6– Leviticus 24:1-4
- January 7– Isaiah 60:1-18
- January 8– Psalm 97
- January 9– John 8:12-20
- January 10 – 2 Peter 1:16-19
- January 11– 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

<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, mjs1wan2@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.

**January 5, 2014
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Second Sunday after Christmas Day
Communion Sunday**

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

God of this new morning, You have awakened me to the brightness of Your dawn.

*I begin this day in gratitude, recalling Your mercies through the night,
anticipating glimpses of Your glory in the hours ahead.*

*Make my face shine today with the joy of Your grace, so that another is helped to see
Your presence and find hope. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

- Prelude** "Noel"
Louis-Claude Daquin
- Introit** "Holly Tree Carol"
Traditional
- *Lincoln Chimes**
- * Call to Worship**
Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
All: **The brightness of God's light shines upon all the nations. All are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.**
Leader: God gathers us from far away and carries us. With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts, we receive the abundance God gives.
All: **We respond in praise. With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God.**
- *Hymn** #409 (verses 1-3), "God is Here!"
Abbot's Leigh

Prayer of Confession

God of justice, we confess that our actions are evil whenever we remain passive while others are oppressed; whenever we guard our own prosperity at the expense of those who are poor; or when we ignore the cries of those in need of help. Forgive us, we pray, for hiding in the darkness of this world more than loving the light of your righteousness. Judge us with mercy, we pray, and extend Your grace to us. Strengthen our faithfulness to You and to all who are precious in Your sight. We pray in the name of Christ, our Light.

** Please stand, if able*

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response

#409 (verse 4), "God is Here!"
Abbot's Leigh
Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Psalms 84, pages 513-514, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "He is Born"
arr. Roger Wagner

Time for Children

Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-14, pages 180-181, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Foreknown"
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#821, "My Life Flows On"
How Can I Keep from Singing?

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory 11:00

"The First Nowell"
arr. Shaw-Parker

*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

Gathering God, You have brought us together from many backgrounds and conditions to be this church together. Therefore we praise You with songs, shouts, and these offerings and gifts. Multiply them for Your service, that they might become Your presence in the world. Amen.

Communion with Prayers of the People 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.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving with Prayers of the People

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, O Lord our God, Creator and Redeemer of the universe.... Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

Response "Holy, Holy"
Holy, Holy (Irregular)
Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty;
And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love,
Holy, holy, holy, holy.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Let us pray for God's rule on earth, as Jesus taught us:

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.

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

*(There is a Gluten Free communion set available;
raise your hand for a pastor to respond.)*

Prayer After Communion

Loving God, We thank You that You have fed us in the Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in Your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of Your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Sending Hymn

#681 (verses 1-3), "This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made"
Nun Danket All' Und Bringet Ehr'

1 **This is the day the Lord hath made; the hours are all God's own. Let heaven rejoice; let earth be glad, and praise surround the throne.**

2 **Hosanna to the anointed King, to David's holy Son! Help us, O Lord; descend and bring salvation from the throne.**

3 **Blest be the Lord, who comes in power with messages of grace, who comes in this accepted hour to save our sinful race.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude "Noel Suisse"
Claude Louis-Daquin

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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.

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.

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Liturgists	Rosemary Segero	Len Shabman
Tour Guides	Wilson Golden	John O'Brien
Worship Play	Molly Smith and Karen Dunlap	

Preaching Schedule

January 12	Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader
January 19	Rev. Roger J. Gench
January 26	Rev. Roger J. Gench

Counters' Schedule

January 5	Amy Gillespie and Kim Johnson
January 12	John Schultheis and Martha Davis
January 21	Nancy Dickinson and Barb Dornan
January 26	Dan Stokes and Adam Bain