

**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
"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:	
July 7: Peter	
July 14: John and James, the sons of Zebedee	
July 21: Martha, Mary and Lazarus	
July 28: "Doubting" Thomas	
August 4: Mary Magdalene	
August 11: James	
August 18: Stephen	
August 25: Philip	
September 1: Paul, the Hero of Acts	

PEACEMAKING IN THE NATION

- July 7– Exodus 3:1-15
- July 8– Ezra 7
- July 9– Nehemiah 2:1-10
- July 10– Psalm 105
- July 11– Luke 19:11-27
- July 12– Romans 13:1-7
- July 13– Revelation 22:1-7

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 clothing, toiletries and money for transportation are needed. Contact Eleanor Robins, robinsseleanor@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. Engbretson, D.M.A.
Parish Associate for Visitation:	Ann Rose Davie, M. Div.
Director of Planned Giving:	Catherine Schultheis
Parish Associates:	Elizabeth P. Braxton, M. Div., MRE, D. Min.
	J. Gary Campbell, 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.

**July 7, 2013
10:00 a.m.**

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Communion Sunday**

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

Silent Prayer:

*Blessed are you, Lord God: by Your tender mercy the dawn breaks upon us.
Guide our feet this day in paths of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

- Prelude** "There is a Balm in Gilead"
arr. Robert J. Powell
- "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
arr. Dale Wood
- Introit** "For the Beauty of the Earth"
The English Hymnal
Melissa Garza, Mezza Soprano

***Lincoln Chimes**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: John came out of the wilderness to preach repentance; he preaches to us still.

All: Make straight the paths we walk now.

Leader: Fill every valley, bring low every mountain.

All: Prepare the way for God's reign of justice and love.

Leader: Smooth the rough places and let all flesh see the salvation of God.

All: Let all Creation worship God!

***Opening Hymn**

#319 (verses 1-3), "Spirit"

Prayer of Confession

Refining God, You have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for Your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew Your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

**Please stand, if able*

***Response**

#319 (*verse 4*), “Spirit”
Spirit, spirit of gentleness, Blow through the wilderness, calling and free, Spirit, spirit of restlessness, Stir me from placidness, Wind, wind on the sea. You call from tomorrow, You break ancient schemes, From the bondage of sorrow The captives dream dreams; Our women see visions, Our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions Your people arise.

***A Brief Statement of Faith** (*May be found in the back cover of pew Hymnal*)

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Luke 3:1-6, page 56, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Lord, Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace”
arr. Mark Hayes

Time for Children

Second Lesson

Rev. 22:1-5, page 245, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Spiritual and Religious”
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn**
#510 (*verses 1-3*), “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”
Quebec

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission *Njoro Mission Team*

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory
“Minuet Finale,” (from **Music for the Royal Fireworks**)
G.F. Handel

***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**

God of all righteousness, receive these gifts of gratitude, the offerings of our lives. Purify them with Your refining fire so that they may serve Your purposes and shine with Your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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**

#522 (verses 1, 3 and 4),
“Lord, When I Came Into This Life”
Land of Rest

- 1 Lord, when I came into this life
You called me by my name;
today I come, commit myself,
Responding to Your claim.**

- 3 In all the tensions of my life,
Between my faith and doubt,
Let Your great Spirit give me hope,
Sustain me, lead me out.**

- 4 So, help me in my unbelief
And let my life be true:
Feet firmly planted on the earth,
My sights set high on You.**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational**

Alleluia! Amen!

Response
Postlude “Trumpet Tune”
Robert Lau

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of the volunteers on the **Benevolence Committee** by members and friends of the Congregation through their contributions to the Flower Fund. (The Benevolence Committee is made up of Leigh Hildebrand, Doug Norwood, Barbara Lancaster, and Rev. Katie Cashwell).

We wish to thank *Melissa Garza and Daniel Stokes* for their participation in worship this morning.

The Sanctuary Choir is on summer holiday; Dr. Engebretson is on tour this week, taking singers to Wales for a choral competition.

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Rev. Katie Cashwell will be away from July 5-August 5. She will be on vacation and then helping to lead a youth conference for over 1,000 youth at the Montreat Conference Center in North Carolina. Katie will return to the office on August 6 and will be back in worship on August 11. Katie asks for our prayers for a successful conference, for her ministry to the conference, and for the youth who will be attending.

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
Liturgist Eleanor Pratt
Tour Guide Marilyn Seiber
Worship Play Elizabeth Sciupac and Karen Dunlap

Preaching Schedule
July 14 Rev. Roger J. Gench
July 21 Rev. Roger J. Gench
July 28 Rev. Roger J. Gench

Counters' Schedule
July 7 Martha Davis and Megan Erb
July 14 Kim Johnson
July 21 Barb Dornan and ShuXian McKenna
July 30 Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein