

**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. Katie Cashwell
“Where the Wild Things Are” ages 3-5	Doug House, Brian Dewhurst, Sally Davis, Karen Cook, Kay Meek
Lower Elementary ages 5 to 8 years	Marsha Renwanz, Molly Lauer, Mark Sproles, Bridget Sproles
Upper Extravaganza ages 9 to 12 years	Mike Smith, Kathy Doan, David Gillies
High School and “Confirmation Commotion” 7 th - 12 th grade	Chris Rehling, Kevin Guy, Betsy Merritt, Pastor Katie Cashwell

Adult Sunday School	Sundays 10 a.m., Room 520
"A Chat with Matt: Studying St. Matthew's Gospel" Have you ever wondered what mysteries lay within the Sermon on the Mount? What does it mean to live a successful and meaningful life in today's time? Was Jesus speaking to us concerning our actions or character because He wanted us to change? Or was Jesus in a sarcastic way revealing to us the way the law shaped and structured our lives in the hopes that we would realize that, in the end, our way of living according to the law in many ways constricts and hinders us from being free and walking in our destiny? Led by Samario Anthony of Howard University's Divinity School.	
Adult Sunday School	Sundays, March 17 and 24 April 7 and 14 10 a.m., Room 511
Desperate Housewives? The Bible is full of embarrassing, offensive, problematic texts that present serious interpretive challenges for contemporary Christian faith and practice. Should they be repudiated? Discarded? Silenced? Or are there perhaps more effective and faithful ways of handling them? These class sessions will consider the importance of engaging them directly and publicly, with the expectation that we may encounter the living God in our conversation with them. Texts in the Pauline corpus that have proved oppressive in the lives of many Christian women will serve as test cases, providing glimpses of struggles in which foremothers in the faith were engaged in early Pauline churches. Led by Frances Taylor Gench.	

PEACEMAKING: THROUGH RESTING

- March 10– Exodus 31:12-17
- March 11– Leviticus 23:1-8
- March 12– Jeremiah 17:19-27
- March 13– Psalm 127
- March 14– Matthew 11:25-30
- March 15– Hebrews 4:1-11
- March 16– Revelation 14:12-13

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 the District. NYAF awards grants to the Community Club and other local non-profits which further its mission. The Foundation is funded through individual contributions (Combined Federal Campaign #25839) and conducts its work through a volunteer Board of Directors. If you are interested in supporting 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, 8:30-10:45 a.m. Activities include hymn singing, refreshments and socializing. Donations of 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

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:	Evelyn S. Ying, J.D.
Parish Associates:	Elizabeth P. Braxton, M. Div., MRE, D. Min. J. Gary Campbell, M. Div., M.A. Frances Taylor Gench, M. Div., Ph.D. 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.

**March 17, 2013
8:45 and 11 a.m.
The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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

Prayer of Day

Creator God, You have formed us as Your own, so whether we are weeping or laughing, dreaming or shouting for joy, we are always coming home to You. For all this and more, we thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Prelude "Chorale Prelude on "Rathbun"
Charles Cooke

Introit "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"
Rathbun

***Lincoln Chimes**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: As people formed by God, we give praise to God:

All: Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us -- God is doing a new thing!

Leader: As people restored by God, we give praise to God:

All: Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us -- God is doing a new thing!

Leader: As people pressing on in faith, we give praise to God:

All: Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us -- God is doing a new thing!

#461 (verses 1-3), "God Is Here!"

Abbot's Leigh

***Opening Hymn**

Prayer of Confession

Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life You offer in Christ, for You overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts You give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward Your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

**Please stand, if able*

***Response** #461 (*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** 8:45 *a.m.*
(*May be found in the back cover of pew Hymnal*)

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson Isaiah 43:16-21, pages 632, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “The Lord Is My Shepherd,” from **Requiem**
John Rutter

Time for Children

Second Lesson Philippians 3:4-14, pages 186-487, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Straining”
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon** #323, “Loving Spirit”

Hymn Omni Die

Sacrament of Baptism 11:00 *a.m.*

Minute for Mission *One Great Hour of Sharing*

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory 8:45 *The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around
the Table for Giving and Prayer
11:00 “Lux Aeterna,” from **Requiem**
John Rutter
Translation: Light eternal shine upon them, O Lord, we pray, with saints and angels ever dwelling, for thy mercy’s sake, may they rest in peace.

***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** **Abundant God: You cause water to flow in desert places. You give wine to flow at a wedding feast, and food to feed five thousand on a grassy mountainside. Your generosity astounds and humbles us. We bow before You in gratitude and awe, asking You to receive what we have brought in response. May these gifts be a pleasing and fragrant offering, for the sake of the world You came to save. We pray in Your holy name. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

***Passing of the Peace** 11:00

***Sending Hymn** #486 (*verses 1-3*), “When the Morning Stars Together”
Weisse Flaggen

1 **When the morning stars together
Their creator's glory sang,
And the angel host all shouted
Till with joy the heavens rang,
Then your wisdom and your greatness
Their exultant music told,
Al the beauty and the splendor
Which your mighty works unfold.**

2 **When in synagogue and temple
Voices raised the psalmists' songs,
Offering the adoration
Which alone to you belongs,
When the singers and the cymbals
With the trumpet made accord,
Glory filled the house of worship,
And all knew your presence, Lord.**

3 **Voice and instrument, in union
Through the ages, spoke thy praise.
Plainsong, tuneful hymns, and anthems
Told your faithful, gracious ways.
Choir and orchestra and organ
Each a sacred offering brought,
While, inspired by your own Spirit,
Poet and composer wrought.**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude “If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”
Wer nur den lieben Gott läst walten
Helmut Walcha

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of **Rev. Dr. Jack E. McClendon** (March 19, 1926 - January 26, 2010).

8:45 a.m.

11 a.m.

Greeters

Liturgists Adam McColley

Whitney Washington

Tour Guides Jay Davenport

John Davies

Preaching Schedule

March 24 Rev. Roger J. Gench
March 31 Rev. Roger J. Gench
April 7 Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader
April 14 Rev. Katie Cashwell

Counting Schedule

March 17 John Schultheis and Martha Davis
March 26 Jim Martin and Nancy Dickinson
March 31 Janet Wessling and ShuXian McKenna

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Information for Sunday Visitors

We extend a warm welcome to visitors!

We invite you to sign the guest book at the rear of the Sanctuary.

Assisted Listening: Do you have difficulty hearing the service? Our assisted listening system may help you. The system consists of a small wireless receiver and an ear phone. You may also use your own choice of ear phones or t-coil equipped hearing aids with the receiver. Please contact Joe Thierry at jthierry@erols.com or 703-568-5158 for more information.

Garage Parking: Free self-parking is available on Sundays in the garage next to the church at 1399 New York Avenue until 1 p.m. Please park in any non-reserved space.

Radcliffe Room Ministry: Everyone is invited and encouraged to come to the Radcliffe Room on Sunday mornings. This is a vibrant NYAPC ministry and we would love to have you join us: meet our friends for coffee, conversation, bagels and hymn singing.

Restrooms: The Deacons remind members and friends that the restrooms on the fifth floor are available on Sundays mornings.

Infants and children: Babies and toddlers under 4 are welcome in the Park Level nursery. **Care is provided by licensed, paid professionals.** During the services, children’s worship aids are available in the rear of the Sanctuary.

Building Tours: To take a tour of our building and learn about this congregation’s heritage and current ministry and outreach, meet the tour guide at the front of the Sanctuary immediately following the service.

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.