

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL –
Classes meet in the Park Level at 10 a.m.

Class	Teachers
Nursery <i>(8:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.)</i>	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	Sundays, March 2-March 23 10 a.m., Room 511
<i>"If they were silent, the very stones would cry out."</i> Luke 19:40	
<p>Revelation, the Sublime, and Abstract Art: This four-week series explores how God communicates his eternal covenant, steadfast love, peace, mystery and limitlessness through the visual arts. We will start by looking closely at revelation and the ways the Holy Spirit works and speaks in the world, approaching the question through scripture and writings by early church fathers and various theologians. We will then delve into the concept of the Sublime as it has developed over time in philosophy, theology, literature and the visual arts. Finally we will discuss God's presence in and communication through abstract painting and sculpture, looking at particularly resonant artists and artworks and inviting participants to share their own instances. Led by Kim Johnson.</p>	

PEACE THROUGH PRAYER AND FASTING

March 2– Genesis 35:1-4
 March 3– Deuteronomy 9:12-29
 March 4– Isaiah 58:3-12
 March 5– Psalm 51
 March 6– John 11:1-44
 March 7– 1 Thessalonians 5:16-28
 March 8– Ephesians 6:10-20
<http://www.pcusa.org/resource/2013-2014-biblical-witness-peacemaking>

Preaching Schedule

March 9 Rev. Roger J. Gench
 March 16 Rev. Roger J. Gench
 March 23 Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader
 March 30 Rev. Roger J. Gench
 April 6 Rev. Katie Cashwell
 April 13-Palm Sunday Rev. Roger J. Gench

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, spencegib@aol.com

Community Club – A one-with-one tutoring and mentoring program for DC public and charter school students (grades 7-12), meets at the church on Thursday nights during the school year. Adult volunteers are needed! 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 needed by the Capital Area Food Bank, the large nonprofit hunger and nutrition education resource in the Washington area. Please place your donations 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, nyavefoundation@gmail.com or (202) 735-5005.

Radcliffe Room Ministry – Come join our homeless guests, Sundays, 8:15-10:30 a.m., for hymn singing, refreshments and socializing. Donations of umbrellas, rain gear, clothing, toiletries and transportation money 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 – On the 2nd and 4th Sundays, young adults meet for lunch on the Park Level. 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 Richard Snyder (snyder.richard@gmail.com) or Benno Lauer (benno.lauer@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.

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Celebration of Worship

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

March 2, 2014
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Transfiguration of the Lord
Communion Sunday

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

*God of majesty and might, we thank you for revelations of Your glory.
 May we hear Your voice for ourselves and see Jesus Christ revealed to us and in the world. Amen.*

- Prelude** "Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee"
 Durham
 arr. John Dykes
- Introit** "Great God of Every Blessing"
 Aurelia
 Samuel Sebastian Wesley
- * Lincoln Chimes**
*** Call to Worship** *(adapted from Psalm 99)*
- Leader:** Listen, O people: It is time to proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God!
All: **We have come to worship the Lord, the Lord who is good and just.**
Leader: God is exalted over all the nations; God is holy, high above all peoples.
All: **We worship God with our deeds and proclaim God's greatness with our lips. Praise the Lord!**
- *Hymn** #12 *(verses 1-3)*,
 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
 St. Denio
- Prayer of Confession**
Glorious God, You are all wisdom and a lamp to our feet, yet we fail to listen to You and neglect to follow Your guidance. Have mercy on us, and keep us from stumbling. God, our light, make us attentive to Your Word as to a lamp shining in a dark place. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us on, that we may walk in Your ways and find joy in Your refuge.
- Silent Confession**
***Assurance of Pardon**

** Please stand, if able*

***Response**

#12 (*verse 4*), "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
St. Denio
**Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Exodus 24:12-18, page 68 , NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "All That Hath Life and Breath, Praise Ye the Lord"
René Clausen

Time for Children

Second Lesson

Matthew 17:1-9, pages 17-18, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "The Cloud"
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#190, "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"
Geneva

Reception of New Members 11:00 a.m. *see insert*

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory 11:00

"Dona Nobis Pacem," from **Harmoniemesse**
Franz Joseph Haydn
Translation: Grant us Peace, O Lord, Amen

***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**

**God of mountaintops and valleys, whether our vision of
You is clouded or brilliantly clear, we gratefully give from
our lives, our talents and our treasure — all of which come
from You. Bless these offerings that they may be
transfigured into 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, 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

(8:45) *Participants in the communion proceed down the aisles to the servers, take
a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, partake, and remain at the front of the
Sanctuary. Those unable to come forward will be offered the bread and the
cup at their seats.*

(11:00) *Please partake of bread when received; hold the cup until all have been
served so that we may commune together.*

(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

#523 (*verses 1-3*), "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"
Bicentennial

Refrain You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat;
come give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
they know and heed his voice;
so when You call Your family, Lord,
we follow and rejoice. **Refrain**

2 With joyful lips we sing to You
our praise and gratitude
that You should count us worthy, Lord,
to share this heavenly food. **Refrain**

3 Is not this cup we bless and share
the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
our oneness in the Lord? **Refrain**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

***Congregational Response** Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude "The Heavens are Telling," Psalm XIX
Benedetto Marcello

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	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Liturgists	Rob Neill	Cindy Dickinson
Tour Guides	John Davies	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Caroline and Jeff White, Rev. Katie Cashwell	

Counters' Schedule

March 2	Kim Johnson and Megan Erb
March 11	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
March 16	Dan Stokes and Adam Bain
March 23	Megan Erb and ShuXian McKenna