

**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
<p><i>“If they were silent, the very stones would cry out.” ~Luke 19:40</i> 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>	
Adult Sunday School	Today 10 a.m., Room 520
<p>“What’s New in Njoro?” Beth and Bob Braxton recently returned from the International Mission Conference in Nakuru, Kenya where the Presbyterian Church of East Africa and their sister partner churches in PC(USA), Scotland, Ireland and Canada discussed issues of international partnership and mission. Nakuru is about 20 miles from Njoro, so Beth and Bob were able to spend four days with our partners in the PCEA Njoro Parish. They stayed with the Rev. George Kariuki and his family. They attended the Saturday program where the orphans and vulnerable children we support have their activities. Beth preached at the Sunday services (one in English and one in Swahili). They also had the opportunity to visit the homes of four new orphans. Come hear their reflections on this important NYAPC mission.</p>	

PEACE THROUGH REST AND RESTORATION

- March 23– Genesis 40:1-15
- March 24– Deuteronomy 5:12-15
- March 25– Isaiah 63:7-14
- March 26– Psalm 55
- March 27 – John 12:27-36
- March 28– Galatians 6:1-5
- March 29– Hebrews 4:1-11

<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 (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, robinseleanor@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, B.A., Chr.Ed.
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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"An inclusive and justice seeking church"



Celebration of Worship

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

**March 23, 2014
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Third Sunday in Lent**

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

*“My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.”
- John 4:34*

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

- Prelude** "Be Thou My Vision"
Irish Melody
arr. Dale Wood
- Introit** "O Come and Sing Unto the Lord" (Psalm 95)
Irish Psalm Setting, 1749
- *Lincoln Chimes**
- *Call to Worship** *Psalm 95:1-8*
Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
All: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!
Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
All: In God's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains belong to God also. The sea and the dry land—all belong to the Lord.
Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
All: Yes, the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand. Today we will not harden our hearts. We will listen to the voice of the Lord!

***Hymn** #81 (verses 1-2), "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"
Austrian Hymn

Prayer of Confession *John 4:5-24*
Lord, You know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, You offer us the gift of living water. Still, You offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again.

** Please stand, if able*

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response

#81 (*verse 3*), "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"
Austrian Hymn
**See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply Thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows, their thirst to assuage?
Grace, so like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age.**

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

John 4:1-30, page 89, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord"
Christopher Tye, 1553

Time for Children

Second Lesson

John 4:31-42, pages 89-90, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Interruption"
Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#377, "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
Houston

Sacrament of Baptism 11:00 *Insert*

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission *McClendon Center*

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 "Jesus is a Rock"
Spiritual
Arr. Glenn Burleigh

*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

**O Lord, You are our God; we are the people of
Your pasture, □ the sheep of Your hand. All that we
have comes from You. As You have fed us by Your
mercy, □ may it be our daily bread to do Your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

#65 (verses 1-2), "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
Cwm Rhondda

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.**
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be Thou still my strength and shield;
be Thou still my strength and shield.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Alleluia! Amen!
Response

Postlude "Praise and Thanksgiving"
Tune of Bunessan

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation for *the volunteers on the Evangelism Committee* by members and friends of the congregation through their contributions to the Flower Fund.

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	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Liturgists	Tracy Branding	Don Campbell
Tour Guides	Wilson Golden	Paul Dornan
Worship Play	Rev. Katie Cashwell	

Preaching Schedule

March 30	Rev. Roger J. Gench
April 6	Rev. Katie Cashwell
April 13-Palm Sunday	Rev. Roger J. Gench
April 20-Easter Sunday	Rev. Roger J. Gench
April 27	Rev. Katie Cashwell

Counters' Schedule

March 23 Megan Erb and ShuXian McKenna

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.*

Please stay for coffee and fellowship at the side of the Sanctuary after the 8:45 a.m. service and in the Narthex after the 11 a.m. service.

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.

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, 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.