

**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 Sciapac, 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	Sunday, April 6 10 a.m., Room 511
"Leaving Egypt and Entering the Wilderness: Our Lenten Journey" Come for conversation about Lent and our journey through Lent as we compare our experiences of this season with the exodus of the people of Israel.	
Adult Sunday School	Sundays, April 6-13 10 a.m., Room 520
"Israel-Palestine, the PC(U.S.A.), and You" What is the current status of the Israel-Palestine conflict? What actions has the Presbyterian Church (USA) already taken in this regard? What issues and overtures are likely to arise at the 221st General Assembly in Detroit? Learn more about the issue, the church, and what you can do to support a just peace for the region. Led by Matthew Asada.	

PEACE THROUGH RECONCILIATION

March 30– Genesis 38:1-30

March 31– Deuteronomy 21:1-9

April 1– Isaiah 55:6-13

April 2– Psalm 32

April 3– John 13:1-10

April 4– 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

April 5– Romans 5:1-11

<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

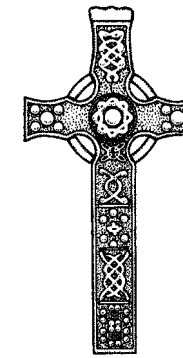
Triangle Park Committee – Working with the National Park Service to ensure maintenance and oversee the flower and plant beds along the church wall, we meet 4-6 times a year, conduct business via email, and schedule work days as needed. Contact Marilyn Seiber, mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net Beth DuMez, bethdumez@erols.com 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. 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 30, 2014
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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

*"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want...
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for You are with me."
Psalm 23:1, 4.*

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Prelude 8:45 "Brother James' Air"
Arr. Dale Wood
11:00 Selections by
East Brunswick High School Concert Choir
Jennifer Sengin, Director

Introit "My Song is Love Unknown"
John Ireland

***Lincoln Chimes**
***Call to Worship**
Leader: God does not see as mortals see. We look on the outward appearance; God looks on the heart.
All: Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as You see!
Leader: Once we lived in darkness, but now—as children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.
All: Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as You see!

***Hymn**

#802 (verses 1-3), "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
St. Columba

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We hide our sin, but flaunt any good we do. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into Your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into Your light that we may know Your love for us. Bring us into Your light that we might love others as You love them.

** Please stand, if able*

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

John 9:1-17, pages 96-97, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "What Wondrous Love"
Sacred Harp
Arr. Christiansen

Time for Children

Second Lesson

John 9:18-34, page 97, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon " _____ "
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn #793 (verses 1-3), "O Christ, the Healer"
Erhalt Uns, Herr

Sacrament of Baptism 11:00 Insert

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission One Great Hour of Sharing

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 "The Lord is My Shepherd" (Psalm 23)
Douglas Major

*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

All-giving God, we thank You for Your provision and love. May our lives and these gifts bring light where there is darkness., sight where there is blindness, and mercy to all. In the name of Jesus, the light of the world, 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

#649, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"
Amazing Grace

- 1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Alleluia! Amen!
Response

Postlude "Prelude to Te Deum"
Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Special Presentation

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We wish to thank the *Concert Choir of East Brunswick (NJ) High School*, under the direction of *Jennifer Sengin*, Director, for their participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation for *the volunteers who guide the NYAPC tours* by members and friends of the congregation through their contribution to the Flower Fund.

On Sunday, April 6, at the 11 a.m. worship service, the NYAPC Sanctuary Choir and members of Choralis come together to sing "Requiem," by Bob Chilcott. Choirs will be under the direction of *Gretchen Kurhmann*, with *Stan Engebretson* on organ.

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	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Liturgists	Meg House	Kathryn Sparks
Tour Guides	Paul Dornan	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Rev. Katie Cashwell	

Preaching Schedule

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

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.

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.