

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	Sundays, May 18 10 a.m., Room 511
"The Next Years: Drawing Lessons from Our Time with Taylor Branch" This class will permit us all to debrief after the Lenten Discussions and our weekend with Taylor Branch. We will have an open discussion of what we all have learned in our time discussing "The King Years" and talking with Taylor Branch about the implications of the Civil Rights Movement for life in America today -- and for our life together at The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church.	
Adult Sunday School	Sundays, May 11 and 18 10 a.m., Room 520
"Bible Study with Cuba Partners" Join Rev. Linda Lader who will lead a two-Sunday class that will focus on two parables in the Gospel of Luke: the Good Samaritan and the Rich Fool. As we consider these texts, those at First Havana and other U.S. Cuba partners will also be studying these. The text and study guide were prepared by the retired pastor of Westminster Presbyterian in Gainesville, FL; Rev. Héctor Méndez will be leading this study at First Havana during these two weeks as well. Join us for a fresh look at familiar parables!	

PEACEMAKING IN BUSINESS

May 11– Job 29:1-25
 May 12– Proverbs 31:10-31
 May 13– Micah 6:7-16
 May 14– Psalm 112
 May 15– Matthew 6:24-34
 May 16– Acts 5:1-11
 May 17– 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15
<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.
Pastoral Associate:	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.

May 11, 2014
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

"The Lord is my shepherd...
 goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
 and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

-Psalm 23

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Prelude "When Morning Gilds the Skies"
 arr. Kevin McChesney

Introit "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
 arr. Charles Maggs
 NYAPC Handbell Choir
 Daniel Stokes, Director

*** Lincoln Chimes**

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

All: Let us break bread together, sharing our lives in common.

Leader: Let us listen to one another, attentive to each other's needs.

All: Let us pray for one another; let us pray for the world.

Leader: Let us praise God, who is here, in our midst.

All: Let us praise the Lord, who leads us from darkness into light.

***Hymn** #409 (*verses 1-3*), "God is Here!"
 Abbot's Leigh

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, we confess that we have not loved as You have called us to love. We think first of ourselves; we hoard what we have; we harden our hearts. We have allowed fear and distrust to separate us from our brothers and sisters. Forgive us. Change us. By the power of your Holy Spirit, free us to live as Your faithful people, that the world would know Your love and be drawn to You.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

** Please stand, if able*

***Response**

#409 (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** (Pages 37-38, "Glory to God" hymnal)

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Psalm 23, page 474-475, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"In Memoriam"
Úlfar Ingi Haraldsson
Translation:
Now the winter is past with its keen, icy blast,
in the deep, boundless ocean reposes.
But summer's delight comes with life-giving might
and a lingering sweetness discloses.
Now the keel ploughs the main and the steed feels the rein,
while the bird from the southland is winging.
For the winter is past with its keen icy blast
and the welcome to summer is ringing.

Time for Children

Second Lesson

Acts 2:42-47, page 112, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Uncommon Community"
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#408, "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"
Sweet, Sweet Spirit

The Sacrament of Baptism

11:00

Insert

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 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"
arr. Rutter

***Response**

#607, "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Doxology
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

We thank you, God, that You have blessed us with an abundance of gifts to share with others. Give us wisdom for the right use of all You have provided. Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies for the ministry of Your church, and may these offerings bring glory to you, Jesus, our Risen 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**

***Sending Hymn**

#291 (verses 1, 2, 4), "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"
Spirit

Refrain

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness,
calling and free.
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea. Refrain**
1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep,
and over the eons you called to each thing:
Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.
Refrain
2 You swept through the desert,
you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land,
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes. **Refrain**
4 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. **Refrain**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response Alleluia! Amen!**

Postlude

"Festival Postlude" on Westminster Abbey
George Towers

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of **Robert Donald West** (May 14,1939 - October 26, 2013) by **Jeff, Laura, and Naomi West**.

We wish to thank the NYAPC Handbell Choir and Director Daniel Stocks for their participation in worship this morning.

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Counters' Schedule

May 11	John Schultheis and Martha Davis
May 20	Barb Dornan and Dan Stokes
May 25	ShuXian McKenna and Amy Gillespie
June 3	Jim Martin and Nancy Dickinson
June 10	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
June 15	Kim Johnson and Benno Lauer
June 22	Amy Gillespie and Adam Bain

Preaching Schedule

May 18	Youth Sunday
May 25 (one service at 10 a.m.)	Rev. Roger J. Gench
June 1	Associate Pastor Candidate
June 8	Rev. Katie Cashwell
June 15	Rev. Linda Lader
June 22	Rev. Roger J. Gench
June 29	Rev. Roger J. Gench

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: Our assisted listening 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.

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.