

**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, Rev. Katie Cashwell

Adult Sunday School	Sundays, April 28, May 5, 12, 19 and 26 10 a.m., Room 520
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“Christ and Culture” H. Richard Niebuhr (1894-1962), a Sterling Professor at Yale University and one of the truly important Christian theologians of the 20th century, is probably best known for a book published in 1951, *Christ and Culture*. This book argues that Christians over the centuries have acknowledged that their loyalty to Christ and their loyalty to culture can be distinguished in various ways, but they have not agreed about the way in which these loyalties should be related. The dramatic claim of the book is that the history of the Christian church and the thought of major theologians have exemplified five enduring ways of sorting through these loyalties. Led by Charles M. Swezey, former professor of Christian Ethics at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. The book is now available at the front desk.

Adult Sunday School	Sundays, May 5 and 12 10 a.m., Room 511
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“Bible Study with Cuba Partners” Discuss and learn about the Book of Esther, unique among books of the Old Testament, written in the earliest Persian and Hellenist Periods. Rev. Beth Braxton has developed and will lead the two-week Bible study that will be done simultaneously with NYAPC partner, First Havana, and other Cuba partners. Rev. Braxton writes, “In Jungian terms, Esther's story is a feminine counterpart to the masculine story of Moses and the Exodus.”

PEACE AS PATIENCE

- May 5– Isaiah 44:1-8
 - May 6– Proverbs 25:11-15
 - May 7– Psalm 40
 - May 8– Luke 8:4-15
 - May 9– Romans 8:18-25
 - May 10– James 5:7-11
 - May 11– Revelation 2:1-7
- www.pcusa.org/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, spencegib@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

NYAPC's Young Adults invite those in their 20s/30s (body or heart!) to join our group for post-service brunch, Faith on Tap, Bible study, and other fellowship and service activities. For more information (or to be added to the e-mail list) contact Gordon Chaffin (galexanderchaffin@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
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Celebration of Worship

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

**May 5, 2013
8:45 and 11 a.m.
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Communion Sunday**

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

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

- Prelude** Fantasia on “Adoro Te Devote”
Alexander Pierre François Boëly
- Introit** “This is Our Song”
“Finlandia,” by Jean Sibelius
(From the new Presbyterian hymnal)
- *Lincoln Chimes**
- *Call to Worship**
Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
All: Let all the peoples praise you.
Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
All: For you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
All: Let all the peoples praise you!
- *Opening Hymn** #2172 (*verses 1 and 2*), “We Are Called” (*see insert*)
(Sing the Faith)
- Prayer of Confession** Most gracious God, we give thanks to You for the fruits of the earth that You give for the benefit of all Your creatures. We pray for those in our land who are denied these gifts, and we seek your forgiveness for our complicity in their want. We pray for those whose voices are not heard, and for those who do not hear. Forgive us when our choices are selfish ones, and forgive us when we do not raise our own voices on behalf of those among us who suffer needless want or pain. Most of all, O God, we give you thanks for the revelation of your love in Jesus Christ, who came that everyone might have abundant life.
- Silent Confession**
- *Assurance of Pardon**
- *Response** #2172 (*verse 3*), “We Are Called”
(Sing the Faith)
Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we’ll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love! We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!
- *Please stand, if able*

*A Brief Statement of Faith *(May be found in the back cover of pew Hymnal)*

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson Psalm 67, page 500, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Tantum Ergo”
Gabriel Fauré
Translation: In adoration, we hail the sacred Host, To the everlasting Father, And the Son Who reigns on high With the Holy Ghost proceeding Forth from Each eternally, Be salvation, honor, blessing, Might and endless majesty. Amen.

Time for Children

Second Lesson Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5, pages 244-245, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “The Third Way”
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn “I Love to Tell the Story” *(see insert)*

Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer 8:45

*Passing of the Peace 8:45

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory 11:00 “Simple Gifts”
Traditional, arr. Clausen

*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 **Compassionate God, we offer You these gifts in gratitude for Your care and generosity to us. Use and multiply them to relieve the suffering of the world, and may our lives and the work of this church bring Good News to people near and far. Through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.**

Service of Communion

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.

Eucharistic Prayer
Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, and to worship You in every place where Your glory abides.
You commanded light to shine out of darkness, divided the sea and dry land, created the vast universe and called it good. You made us in your image to live with one another in love. You gave us the breath of life and

freedom to choose Your way. You promised Yourself in covenant with Abraham and Sarah, told us Your purpose in commandments through Moses, and called for justice in the cry of prophets. Great and wonderful are Your works, Lord God Almighty. Your ways are just and true. Therefore we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name.

Response #140 “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.

We praise You, most holy God, for sending Your only Son to live among us, sharing our joy and sorrow. He told Your story, healed the sick, and was a friend of sinners. Obeying You, He took up His cross and died that we might live. We praise You that He overcame death and is risen to rule the world. He is still the friend of sinners. We trust Him to overcome every power that can hurt or divide us, and believe that when He comes in glory, we will celebrate victory with Him.

Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Your gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty God, forever and ever. 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

Gracious God, You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for Your service. Send us out in the power of the Spirit to live for others, as Christ lived and died for us. By Your Spirit draw us together and join us to Christ, that we may remain His glad and faithful people until we feast with Him in glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer 11:00

*Passing of the Peace 11:00

*Sending Hymn #2236, “Gather Us In”
(Sing the Faith)

- Here in this place new light is streaming, Now is the darkness vanished away, See in this space our fears and our dreamings Brought here to You in the light of this day. Gather us in the lost and forsaken, Gather us in the blind and the lame; Call to us now and we shall awaken, We shall arise at the sound of our name.**

- We are the young our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history, Called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in the rich and the haughty Gather us in the proud and the strong, Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, Give us the courage to enter the song.**
- Here we will take the wine and the water, Here we will take the bread of new birth, Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, Call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, Give us to eat the bread that is you; Nourish us well and teach us to fashion, lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**
- Not in the dark of buildings confining, Not in some heaven light years away, But here in this place the new light is shining, Now is the Kingdom, now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, Gather us in and make us your own; Gather us in all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bones.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Benediction “An Irish Blessing”
Response 11:00 James E. Moore, II

*Congregational Response **Alleluia! Amen!**

Postlude Chorale Prelude on
“Nun Lob, Mein Seel, den Herren”

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones and friends by members and friends of the Congregation through their contributions to the Flower Fund.

During the summer, there are several opportunities to place flowers in the Chancel on Sunday. If you wish to dedicate flowers to a family member, college or high school graduate, or to recognize a special anniversary or birthday is invited to contact Kris Golden (703-531-0144) or kngolden@aol.com

Rev. Katie Cashwell will not be in worship today. She is on vacation from May 3-6 and will return to the office on Tuesday, May 7. She is with family in North Carolina celebrating her paternal grandmother’s 80th birthday!

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Liturgists	Leigh Hildebrand	Susan Wherley
Greeters	Roslyn Ridgway and Loretta Scales	Jackie Parker
Tour Guides	Barry Tindall	Len Shabman