

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

| Class | Teachers |
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| 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, Sarah Mack, Kay Meek |
| Lower Elementary Class ages 5 to 8 years | Molly Lauer, Marsha Renwanz, Mark Sproles, Bridget Sproles |
| Upper Elementary Class ages 9 to 12 years | David Gillies, Kathy Doan, Catherine Cannon |
| Youth Class 12 years + | Susan Hesser, Betsy Merritt, Kevin Guy |

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| Adult Sunday School | Today 10 a.m., Room 511 |
| <p>“America and Its Guns – A Theological Exposé” Come join Rev. James Atwood, a Presbyterian pastor for more than 3 decades, in an examination of his book, “America and Its Guns – A Theological Exposé.” Together we will use our biblical and theological understandings to portray and assess the impact that guns have on American society. <i>NPR (Faith & Politics) will be videotaping today’s class.</i></p> | |
| Adult Sunday School | Sundays, October and November 10 a.m., Room 520 |
| <p>“The Lost Rituals and Practices” Jesus’ earthly ministry was devoted to practices of healing the sick, casting out demons, performing miracles, and the laying on of hands. On September 8, we began a ten-week course of study with Tarra Taylor of Howard University’s School of Divinity, examining the religious rituals and practices that are no longer – or rarely – seen in the church today. This course is intended to stir your curiosity, to give you a deeper appreciation of the scriptures and these practices of faith, and to challenge your thinking about the many ways in which our faith is demonstrated.</p> | |
| Adult Sunday School | Sunday, October 20 10 a.m., Lincoln Parlor |
| <p>Join congregation members Matthew Asada, Dianna English, and Stephanie Simpson for an engaging multi-media presentation on their recent travels to Israel and Palestine. See the photos, hear the buzz, and reflect on the ever-present call for justice, peace and reconciliation and what it means for us here in Washington, DC. Their presentation and travel grew out of a December 2011/January 2012 Adult CE series entitled "Steadfast Hope" held here at NYAPC.</p> | |

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, 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 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, ja.courson@yahoo.com or (202) 735-5005.

Radcliffe Room Ministry – Come fellowship with our homeless guests, Sundays, 8:15-10:45 a.m. Activities include hymn singing, refreshments and socializing. Donations of umbrellas, rain gear, 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, mislwan2@bellatlantic.net Beth DuMez, bethdumez@erols.com or Barry Tindall, barrytindall@verizon.net

NYAPC's Young Adults welcome those in their 20s/30s (body or heart!) to post-worship brunch in the John Quincy Adams Room at 12.15 p.m. on Sundays. 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 Gordon Chaffin (galexanderchaffin@gmail.com).

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| 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. Glenn Myers, M. Div., M.A. |

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Celebration of Worship

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

**October 13, 2013
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Prelude "Allegro," from Sonata No. 3 in F. Major
G. F. Handel
David Brown, violin

Introit "Make a Joyful Noise to God!"
Psalm 66

***Lincoln Chimes**

***Call to Worship**

(from Psalm 66)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
sing the glory of God's name.

**All: How awesome are Your deeds, O God!
We sing praises to Your name.**

Leader: Come and see what God has done:
God has not let our feet slip.

**All: How awesome are your deeds, O God!
We sing praises to Your name.**

Leader: Even when God has tested us;
even when we have gone through fire and water:

**All: The Lord has brought us out to a spacious place.
Our God is an awesome God!**

***Opening Hymn**

#142 (verses 1-3), "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
Coronation

Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy and grace, though we are meant to praise
You and give thanks to You always, we confess that we
fail to do so. We harbor resentment for what we lack. We
blame You; we blame others. We doubt your
compassion, even Your power. We find it hard to give
ourselves to You or to others. Forgive us, we pray. Heal
and restore us so that we may return to You with a right
spirit. Help us to live holy and joyful lives, befitting
those You love and save.**

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

**Please stand, if able*

***Response**

#142 (verse 4), "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
Coronation
**O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!**

***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

Luke 17:11-19, page 75, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "The Road Home"

Traditional American, arr. Stephen Paulus

Time for Children

Second Lesson

Romans 15:1-6, page 153, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **Tales of the Kingdom: "As Instructed"**
Rev. J. Herbert Nelson

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn**

#434 (verses 1-3),
"Today We Are All Called to be Disciples"
Kingsfold

Minute for Mission *Stewardship Campaign*

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 "Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal"
Shaker Tune, arr. Shaw Parker

***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**

We praise and glorify Your name, O God. You have given us more than we could have imagined! Make of us, and these gifts, offerings of good news to the poor, hope to the hopeless, and signs of Your power to reconcile and redeem. We ask this in the name of 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.

***Sending Hymn**

#281, "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.**
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude "Allegro-Gigue," from Sonata No. 3 in F Major
G. F. Handel

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Liturgy adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of the *Finance Committee* by members and friends of the Congregation through their contributions to the Flower Fund.

We wish to thank David Brown for his participation in worship this morning.

Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, serves as Director of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Public Witness (OPW) in Washington, DC. He is a third-generation Presbyterian Pastor and a third-generation graduate of Johnson C. Smith University. Dr. Nelson earned a B.A. in Political Science/Urban Studies in 1981 and the Master of Divinity degree from Johnson C. Smith at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia. He received his Doctor of Ministry from Louisville Seminary in 2002. J. Herbert, as he is commonly known, is a featured conference preacher at Montreat, Mo Ranch, Highlands-Colorado, and Massanetta Springs Conference Centers. His writings have appeared in *Presbyterians Today* and *The Outlook*. Nelson has traveled to South Africa, Geneva, Switzerland, Montego Bay, Jamaica, and Havana, Cuba on behalf of the PC (U.S.A.), and is now devoting considerable time to meeting with congregations and presbyteries throughout the United States.

Reverend Katie Cashwell is away this weekend for a family wedding. She will return to the office on Tuesday, October 15.

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| | 8:45 a.m. | 11 a.m. |
| Greeters | Sonia Wall, Kirsten Wall and Astrid Brigham | |
| Liturgists | | |
| Tour Guides | Marilyn Seiber | Len Shabman |
| Worship Play | Molly Smith and Karen Dunlap | |

Counters' Schedule

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| October 13 | Kim Johnson and ShuXian McKenna |
| October 20 | Amy Gillespie and Dan Stokes |
| October 29 | Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein |

**Preaching Schedule during Rev. Gench's Sabbatical:
"Tales of the Kingdom from Luke's Gospel"**

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| October 20 | Rev. J. Herbert Nelson |
| October 27 | Rev. Katie Cashwell |