

STARTING SEPTEMBER 8 –

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL –
Classes will 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 Katie Cashwell
Preschool Class ages 3-5	Doug House, Elizabeth Scipauc, Elisa Jillson, Kay Meek
Lower Elementary Class ages 5 to 8 years	Molly Laeur, 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

Adult Sunday School	TODAY 9 a.m., Room 520
“Great Figures of the New Testament: Disciples and Apostles” Professor Amy-Jill Levine offers a series of lectures on “Great Figures of the New Testament” for the Great Courses series. This class will focus its attention on her lectures on the disciples and apostles. Today’s final class is: Paul, the Hero of Acts.	
Adult Sunday School	Sunday, September 8-October 13 10 a.m., Room 520
“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. The book is available from the Church Office for \$10.	
Adult Sunday School	Sundays, September, October, November 10 a.m., Room 511
“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 will begin 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.	

EXPERIENCING GRACE AS PEACE

- September 1– Luke 15:11-32
- September 2– 2 Corinthians 4:7-12
- September 3– Exodus 6:1-7
- September 4– Psalms 51:10-14
- September 5– Hebrews 13:20-21
- September 6– Romans 8:12-17
- September 7– Genesis 50:15-21

Opportunities for Service

7-2-9 Club – (resumes September 4) 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 – (resumes September 5) 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, mjs1wan2@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 brunches, 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
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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"An inclusive and justice seeking church"



Celebration of Worship

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

**September 1, 2013
10:00 a.m.
22rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Communion Sunday**

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

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Prelude “Morning has Broken”
Tune of Bunessan
David Clark, Saxophone

Introit “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”
Traditional Gospel
NYA Gospel Singers

***Lincoln Chimes**

***Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 81)*

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

All: We raise our voices to the Lord our God.

Leader: God relieves your burdens and sets you free.

All: In distress we called, and the Lord rescued us; God answers our prayers.

Leader: Listen to the Lord, O people.

All: We will listen to God. Praise the Lord!

***Opening Hymn**

#482 (verses 1-2), “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”
Lobe den Herren

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, forgive us, for we exalt ourselves. We fail to see our need for You, believing we are self-sufficient and self-made. We look down on the humble and think ourselves above humble tasks. Set us free from arrogance and selfishness. Open our eyes to our sin and the needs of others. Open our hearts to Your Spirit, and fill us with Your love for all the world. Empower us to go forth, seeking to serve and not to be served, proclaiming the Kingdom of God.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response**

#482 (verse 3), “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”
Lobe den Herren

Praise ye the Lord!

O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath,

come now with praises before Him!

Let the amen Sound from His people again;

Gladly for aye we adore Him.

**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

Jeremiah 2:4–13, page 657, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Precious Lord”
Thomas A. Dorsey
NYA Gospel Singers

Time for Children

Second Lesson

Luke 14:1, 7–14, page 72, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Tales of the Kingdom: It's Not a Dinner Party”
Michael A. Smith

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#367, “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”
Chereponi

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*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

God of Grace, we give thanks for Your faithfulness to us.
We bring You but a token of what You have given us. Use
these gifts for Your glory, as we dedicate them and
ourselves to You. 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.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving with Prayers of the People And The Lord's Prayer

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and
praise, O Lord our God, Creator and Ruler of the universe. In
Your wisdom, You made all things and sustain them by Your
power. You formed us in Your image, setting us in this world
to love and to serve You, and to live in peace with Your whole
creation. When we rebelled against You refusing to trust and
obey You, You did not reject us, but still claimed us as Your
own. You sent prophets to call us back to Your way. Then in
the fullness of time, out of Your great love for the world, You
sent Your only Son to be one of us, to redeem us and heal our
brokenness. Therefore we praise You, joining our voice with
the choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, 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.
You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ,
Your Son, our Lord...
...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty Father,
now and forever.
Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy
kingdom come, they 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.**

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

Please come down the center aisle.
Approach an open station and return to your seats by the side aisles.
Those unable to come forward will be offered the bread and the cup at their seats.
(There is a Gluten Free communion set available;
raise your hand for a pastor to respond.)

Prayer After Communion

**Loving God, we thank You that You have fed us in this
Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste
of the heavenly banquet in Your eternal Kingdom. Send us
out in the power of Your Spirit to live and work to Your
praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Passing of the Peace

*Sending Hymn

#563, “Life Every Voice and Sing”
Lift Every Voice

(Please see insert)

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude “Prelude in Classic Style”
Gordon Young

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The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Mary Lorene Range by Kay and Kelsay Meek. Kay arranged these flowers
with thoughts of her mother who often filled large baskets with summer
garden flowers for her beloved church, First Presbyterian in Mesquite, Texas.

We wish to thank the **NYA Gospel Singers and David Clark** for their special
participation in worship this morning.

Michael A. Smith has been a friend of the New York Avenue Presbyterian
Church since 1998 and a member since 2007. He is an elder currently serving on
our Session and chairing our Finance Committee. He has been a teacher in our
youth Sunday School and a tutor in the Community Club. Mike is married to
Molly Smith and they have two young daughters, Maya and Lucy. When he is
not with those women or serving this church, Mike works as a government
lawyer. This is Mike’s first time preaching before any congregation.

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Greeters

Liturgist

Tour Guide

Worship Play

Kris and Wilson Golden
Ronnie Yoder
Paul Dornan
Karen Dunlap and Catherine Cannon

Counters’ Schedule

September 1 Martha Davis and John Schultheis
September 8 John Schultheis and Adam Bain
September 18 Jim Martin and Nancy Dickinson
September 24 Nancy Dickinson and Dan Stokes