

**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	Doug House, Elizabeth Sciupac, Elisa Jillson, Kay Meek
Lower Elementary Class (K – 1 st grade)	Molly Lauer, Marsha Renwanz, Mark Sproles, Bridget Sproles
Upper Elementary Class (1 st – 5 th grade)	David Gillies, Kathy Doan, Catherine Cannon
Youth Class (6 th – 12 th grade)	Susan Hesser, Betsy Merritt, Kevin Guy

Adult Sunday School	Sunday, September 8-October 13 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. The book is available during class for \$15.</p>	
Adult Sunday School	Sundays, September, October, 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 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.</p>	

TEACHING THE GOOD NEWS OF PEACE

- September 15– Luke 10:25-37
- September 16– Deuteronomy 6:20-25
- September 17– James 2:14-26
- September 18– Matthew 28:16-20
- September 19– Isaiah 48:17-19
- September 20– 1 Corinthians 12:4-12
- September 21– Mark 6:7-13

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, robinscleanor@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 15, 2013
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
24th 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 “Lobe den Herren”
arr. Carter

Introit “Give Thanks, O Christian People”
Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

***Lincoln Chimes**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Rejoice, people of God!

All: God has swept away the darkness of the night.

Leader: Rejoice, beloved people of God.

All: God has gathered us in from the wilderness.

Leader: Rejoice, people, in your God.

All: Today we rejoice and sing praises to God!

***Opening Hymn**

#466 (verses 1 and 2), “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
Azmon

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we live as though there is no God – or as though we are God. We forget all You have done for us, and we make false idols of power, and status, and the empty things of the world. We nurse jealousies and resentment, and we turn away from those who are suffering. O Lord, have mercy upon us, and forgive us. Create in us clean hearts; wash away our sin. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response**

#466 (verses 3 and 4), “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
Azmon

**Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,
And sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean,
Christ's blood availed for me.**

**My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,**

**Please stand, if able* **To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.**

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

Today's Lesson

Luke 15:1-2,11-32, pages 73-74, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "O Most Merciful"
Münster Gesangbuch

Time for Children

Sermon "Tales of the Kingdom: Right Relationship"
Rev. G. Wilson Gunn, Jr.

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#304, "Jesus Loves Me!"
Jesus Loves Me

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Praise to the Lord"
Lobe den Herren
arr. Ratcliffe

*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 rejoice and give you thanks, O God, for Your faithfulness and provision. Take these, and all our offerings, and use them to bring Your grace and mercy to those in need; through 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.

*Passing of the Peace

*Sending Hymn

#376 (*verses 1, 2, and 4*), "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
Hyfrydol

**1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.**

**2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.**

**4 Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder love and praise.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

***Congregational Alleluia! Amen!
Response**

Postlude "Trompette et Air"
Henry Purcell

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Dr. G. Wilson Gunn, Jr. grew up in Arkansas, matriculated at Davidson College (BA), Duke University (M.Div. and Th.M) and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Ph.D). He served pastorates in North Carolina and Virginia (including two new church developments) for 20 years before entering executive service in Grace Presbytery (NE Texas area). In March, 2004 he began serving National Capital Presbytery as General Presbyter. He and his wife Pam have four children (Lisa, Daniel, Ben and Jasper) and one grandson (Jacob).

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.

Portions of today's liturgy were adapted from *Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year C.*

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Liturgists	Lauren Gillies	Jerry Joseph
Greeters		
Tour Guides	Gerald Moody	John O'Brien
Worship Play	Katie Cashwell and Rob Neill	

Counters' Schedule

September 18	Jim Martin and Nancy Dickinson
September 24	Nancy Dickinson and Dan Stokes
October 1	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

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

September 22	Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader
September 29	Rev. Lionel Edmonds
October 6	Worldwide Communion Sunday
October 13	Rev. J. Herbert Nelson
October 20	Rev. J. Herbert Nelson
October 27	Rev. Katie Cashwell

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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.

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.

Radcliffe Room Ministry: Everyone is invited and encouraged to come to the Radcliffe Room on Sunday mornings. This is a vibrant NYAPC ministry and we would love to have you join us: meet our friends for coffee, conversation, bagels and hymn singing.

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.

Building Tours: To take a tour of our building and learn about this congregation's heritage and current ministry and outreach, meet the tour guide at the front of the Sanctuary immediately following the service.