

**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 <sup>st</sup> grade)	Molly Lauer, Marsha Renwanz, Mark Sproles, Bridget Sproles
Upper Elementary Class (1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade)	David Gillies, Kathy Doan, Catherine Cannon
Youth Class (6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Susan Hesser, Betsy Merritt, Kevin Guy

Adult Sunday School	Sundays, September 8-October 13 10 a.m., Room 511
<p><b>“America and Its Guns – A Theological Exposé”</b> 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><b>“The Lost Rituals and Practices”</b> 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>	

**ESTEEMING EACH OTHER**

- September 22– 1 John 2:7-11
- September 23– Mark 2:13-17
- September 24– James 4:11-12
- September 25– Romans 2:1-11
- September 26– Ephesians 4:25—5:2
- September 27– Amos 8:4-8
- September 28– Romans 13:8-10

**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](mailto: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](mailto:directors@communityclub.org) or go to [www.communityclub.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net) Beth DuMez, [bethdumez@erols.com](mailto:bethdumez@erols.com) or Barry Tindall, [barrytindall@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto:galexanderchaffin@gmail.com)).

Ministers:	The Entire Congregation
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**Celebration of Worship**

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

**September 22, 2013**  
**8:45 and 11:00 a.m.**  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

*God our Savior, send your Holy Spirit to be our teacher of faith and truth and to show us how we are called to live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

**I. The Community Gathers for Worship**

**Prelude** “All Creatures of Our God and King”  
 Lasset uns erfreuen  
 Harm. Vaughan Williams

**Introit**

**\*Lincoln Chimes**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Who is like the Lord our God, high above the heavens in glory?

**All: Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

Leader: Who raises the poor from the dust and lifts up the needy from the ashes?

**All: Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

Leader: Who makes light shine in darkness, gives joy in sorrow, and brings life out of death?

**All: It is the Lord, our God, Praise the name of the Lord!**

**\*Opening Hymn**

#442 (verses 1-3), “The Church’s One Foundation”  
 Aurelia

**Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, You know our sin: We have squandered the gifts You have given us. We have failed to forgive our debts as You have forgiven us. We have been unfaithful and dishonest, in small things and great things alike. We are shrewd in seeking wealth, and foolish in following Your way. Forgive our sins, O Lord, for Your name’s sake. Make us faithful stewards of the grace You have given and generous in forgiving others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Silent Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

*\*Please stand, if if able*

**\*Response**

#258 (verse 1), "Praise Ye the Lord"  
**Praise ye the Lord, Hallalujah!**  
**Everybody praise the Lord.**  
**Praise God with the sound of trumpet.**  
**Praise God with the lute and the harp;**  
**Praise God with timbrel and dancing,**  
**Praise God wherever you are.**

**\*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 9:1,20-24, pages 667-668, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** "My God is So High"  
Spiritual, arr. Hogan  
Chantel Pomerville, soloist

**Time for Children**

**Sermon** "Tales of the Kingdom: The Purpose of Money"  
**Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader**

**Second Lesson**

Luke 16:1-13, page 74, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**III. The Community Responds to the Word**

**\*Sermon Hymn**  
#422, "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"  
Beach Spring

**Concerns of the Church**

**Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings**

Jesus teaches us that no one can serve two masters. We cannot serve both God and wealth. Let us entrust our treasure to the Lord who has provided so abundantly for us with generosity and grace beyond measure.

**Offertory**

"Brothers James' Air"  
Traditional  
rr. Vaughan Williams

**\*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**

Faithful God, we give You thanks that in Jesus Christ You have entrusted us with the richness of Your glory, and the treasure of Your grace. Make us faithful stewards of Your good gifts, that we may show Your love to those in need, through Christ our Savior. 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**  
#281, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

- 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 deaths, 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 Alleluia! Amen!**

**Response**  
**Postlude** "Trompette et Air"  
Henry Purcell

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

We wish to thank *Chantal Pomerville* for her participation in worship this morning

	<b>8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
<b>Greeters</b>		
<b>Liturgists</b>	Mark Sproles	Matthew Asada
<b>Tour Guides</b>	Wilson Golden	Paul Dornan
<b>Worship Play</b>	Katie Cashwell and Elizabeth Sciupac	

**Counters' Schedule**

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 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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