

**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 (2 <sup>nd</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

<b>Adult Sunday School</b>	<b>Sunday, September 8-October 13 10 a.m., Room 511</b>
<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 from the Church Office for \$10.	
<b>Adult Sunday School</b>	<b>Sundays, September, October, November 10 a.m., Room 520</b>
<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.	

**BUILDING ON A SOLID FOUNDATION**

September 8– Matthew 7:24-27  
 September 9– Acts 10:34-43  
 September 10– Deuteronomy 6:1-9  
 September 11– Isaiah 55:1-5  
 September 12– Deuteronomy 10:12-22  
 September 13– Joshua 1:7-9  
 September 14– Isaiah 59:20-21

**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
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.

**September 8, 2013**  
**8:45 and 11:00 a.m.**  
**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

*Silent Prayer*  
*Abiding God,*

*awaken my heart to greet You and open my lips to sing Your praise.*  
*May I follow the way of Christ ever more fully this day. Amen.*

**I. The Community Gathers for Worship**

**Prelude** “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”  
 Tune of St. George's Windsor

**Introit** “Sing Praise to God”  
 Kirchengesang, 1556

**\*Lincoln Chimes**

**\*Call to Worship** *Gen 1:26-28; Psalm 139:13-15*

Leader: Weaver of Life, Framers of the ages, we marvel at Your artistry and the trust You place in us.

**All: From our first cries to our final breaths, we are Your own.**

Leader: Bind us now to each other in ways beyond our choosing,

**All: That Your purpose might find fulfillment in our common life and service.**

Leader: As those who bear the likeness and blessing of You, as mortals charged with holy purpose,

**All: We come to worship You, Holy God, the One who summons us to life.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

#464 (*verses 1 and 2*), “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”  
 Hymn to Joy

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we confess that we fail to put our trust completely in You. Instead, we calculate our gains and losses, hoarding the things that do not lead to abundant life. We turn away from neighbors in need, sharing fragments that remain only after our cravings have been met. Forgive us, and help us to treasure only You, that we may follow You faithfully and discover the blessings only You can give.

**Silent Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

*\*Please stand, if able*

**\*Response**

#464 (*verse 3*), “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”  
Hymn to Joy  
**Mortals, join the happy chorus  
Which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o’er us,  
Joining all in heaven’s plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.**

**\*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 139:1-6, 13-18, pages 545-546, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** “When In Our Music God Is Glorified”  
Charles Villiers Stanford

**Time for Children**

**Second Lesson**

Luke 14:25-33, page 73, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** “Tales of the Kingdom: Follow Me”  
Rev. Katie Cashwell

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

**\*Sermon Hymn** (*Please see insert*)  
“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”  
William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies

**Concerns of the Church**

**Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

“River in Judea”  
arr. John Leavitt

**\*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, we give You thanks this day for the goodness  
and love that You have shown to us in Christ and  
pray Your blessing upon these gifts: may they build  
Your love in the world, to the honor of Your name.  
Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**\*Sending Hymn**

#432, “Song of Hope”  
Argentina  
**May the God of hope go with us every day,  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace,  
Singing, share our joy with all,  
Working for a world that's new,  
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

**\*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

**\*Congregational Alleluia! Amen!**

**Response**

**Postlude** “Sing Praise to God”  
Tune of “Mit Freuden Zart,” 1556

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**The flowers in the chancel today** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **John Johnson** by his sister, **Carol Casperson**.

We wish to welcome back the **Sanctuary Choir** from their well-deserved summer holiday and give special thanks to all those who participated in summer music. You all are most appreciated!

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	<b>8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
<b>Liturgists</b>	Caroline White	John Davies
<b>Greeters</b>	Dawn Hill, Hal, Kylie and Julia Hiemstra	Edwige Mendouga and Josh Oyster
<b>Tour Guides</b>	Chuck West	Paul Dornan
<b>Worship Play</b>	Caroline Donovan White and Elizabeth Podrebarac Sciupac	

**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 15	Rev. Wilson Gunn
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.**

**Assisted Listening:** Do you have difficulty hearing the service? Our assisted listening system may help you. The system consists of a small wireless receiver and an ear phone. You may also use your own choice of ear phones or t-coil equipped hearing aids with the receiver. Please contact Joe Thierry at [jthierry@erols.com](mailto:jthierry@erols.com) or 703-568-5158 for more information.

**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.

**Restrooms:** The Deacons remind members and friends that the restrooms on the fifth floor are available on Sundays mornings.

**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.

**When bulletins are waved** during worship at NYAPC, it is a sign of appreciation for the music or other contribution to the service. It is an action which we learned from our partner church, the First Presbyterian-Reformed Church of Havana, as an alternative to clapping. For the wavers, it is an expression of joy in the moment and our connections with sisters and brothers in faith.