

**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. Tewell
Preschool Class ages 3-5	Doug House, Elizabeth Sciupac, Kay Meek
Lower Elementary Class Kindergarten- 1st Grade	Molly Lauer, Marsha Renwanz, Mark Sproles, Bridget Sproles, Carter Coker
Upper Elementary Class 2nd Grade-5th Grade	David Gillies, Kathy Doan, Catherine Cannon
Youth Class 6th Grade-12th Grade	Kevin Guy, Jessie Cleveland, Joe Brady, Betsy Merritt

Adult Sunday School	Sundays 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel
"Adventures in Prayer" Maybe you are new to prayer. Maybe prayer is as natural to you as breathing. This class, which will meet in the Lincoln Chapel from 10:20-10:50 on two-service Sundays, is for everyone and anyone who takes prayer seriously. We will learn together and we will pray together. All questions, joys and concerns are welcome. Come when you can. The adventure awaits. Led by Miriam Dewhurst.	
Adult Sunday School	Sundays, September 14-28 10 a.m., Room 511
"The Theology of Karl Barth" Many consider Karl Barth the most important Christian theologian of the twentieth century. This class will discuss his lectures on the Apostle's Creed delivered in postwar Bonn in 1946 and published under the title <i>Dogmatics in Outline</i> . These lectures provide a brief introduction to many of the principal themes of his theological reflections. Dewey Wallace, Professor Emeritus, George Washington University, will lead the class. Copies of <i>Dogmatics in Outline</i> will be available from Paul Dornan or at the entryway desk starting this weekend. Each copy costs \$12.	
Adult Sunday School	Sundays, September 14, 21, 28 10 a.m., Room 127
"Handbells 101" Did you know the church has hand bells? This three week class will provide an introduction to how to play hand bells correctly and care for them and we will play some very simple pieces. After the three weeks, there may be opportunities to get together additionally with the possible goal of a performance during a church service.	

IMAGES OF PEACE

September 14– Isaiah 60:19-22
 September 15– Hosea 11:1-4
 September 16– Song of Songs 1:8-17
 September 17– Psalm 120
 September 18– Luke 2:1-12
 September 19– Mark 10:13-16
 September 20– Hebrews 12:12-24
www.pcusa.org/resource/2013-2014-biblical-witness-peacemaking

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 (grades 7-12), meets at the church on Thursday nights during the school year. Adult volunteers are needed! 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 needed by the Capital Area Food Bank, the large nonprofit hunger and nutrition education resource in the Washington area. Please place your donations in the baskets located at the rear of the Sanctuary or at the front desk.

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 Brian Schimming, nyavefoundation@gmail.com

Radcliffe Room Ministry – Come join our homeless guests, Sundays, 8:15-10:30 a.m., for hymn singing, refreshments and socializing. Donations of umbrellas, rain gear, clothing, toiletries, and transportation money are needed. Contact Eleanor Robins, robinseleanor@hotmail.com

The Peace Candle – Visitors are invited to take a prayer candle home to their congregations. Candles are at the back, right side, of the sanctuary. Please sign the notepad there, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Marilyn Seiber, mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net

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 – For more information about Sunday brunches, Faith on Tap, Bible study, and other fellowship or service activities (or to be added to the e-mail list), contact Richard Snyder (snyder.richard@gmail.com) or Benno Lauer (benno.lauer@gmail.com)

	Ministers:	The Entire Congregation
	Pastor:	Roger Joseph Gench, Ph.D.
	Associate Pastor:	Alice Rose Tewell, M. Div.
	Pastoral Associate:	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, B.A., Chr.Ed.
	Parish Associates:	Beth Braxton, M. Div., MRE, D. Min. J. Gary Campbell, M. Div., M.A. Frances Taylor Gench, M. Div., Ph.D. Judith E. Michaels, D. Min., Ph.D.

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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 14, 2014
 8:45 and 11 a.m.
 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Prelude "Nimrod," from **The Enigma Variations**
 Edward Elgar

Introit "As Morning Dawns"
 Tune of Wareham

* **Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

* **Call to Worship** *(from Awe'd to Heaven, Rooted in Earth
 —Walter Brueggemann, 2003)*

Leader: We are people who must sing You, for the sake of our very lives.

All: You are a God who must be sung by us, for the sake of Your majesty and honor.

Leader: And so we thank You, for lyrics that push us past our reasons,

All: For melodies that break open our givens,

Leader: For cadences that locate us home, beyond all our safe places,

All: For tones and tunes that open our lives beyond control and our futures beyond despair.

Leader: We thank You for the long parade of mothers and fathers who have sung You deep and true;

All: We thank You for the good company of artists, poets, musicians, cantors and instruments that sing for us and with us, toward You.

Leader: We are witnesses to Your mercy and splendor;

All: We will not keep silent ... ever again. Amen.

***Hymn** #307 (*verses 1-3*), "God of Grace and God of Glory"
 Cwm Rhondda

Prayer of Confession *(Thomas Merton, 1915-1968)*

Lord, unless I am able to trust the ordinary, the commonplaces of my life, I will surely miss Your all-enveloping presence. You are where I am at every moment, at this very moment. Let me breathe in Your presence and feel Your warmth wherever I am, whatever I am doing. Whoever I am, however I come to You, with whatever burdens and fears, with whatever

* *Please stand, if able*

images I have of You, only one thing matters: that I truly desire to find You, to see You, and to love You. Break through all that stands between my desire and You. Set me free. Hear my prayer. Fulfill my hope in You. Amen.

(Time for silence)

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response

#307(*verse 4*), "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Cwm Rhondda

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.

Let the gift of Thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,

serving Thee whom we adore,

serving Thee whom we adore.

*A Brief Statement of Faith *(Pages 37-38, "Glory to God" hymnal)*

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Romans 14:1-12, pages 152-153, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "Gracious Spirit, Dwell in Me"

Adoro Te Devote, arr. K. Lee Scott

Time for Children

Second Lesson

Romans 15:1-13, page 153, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Bearing"

Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#293, "Loving Spirit"

Omni Die

The Sacrament of Baptism *8:45 a.m.*

Nicolás (Nico) Robert Sciupac

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 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

arr. Willan

*Response

#607, "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Faithful God, we give You thanks for the people You bring into our lives. Use these gifts and all who go forth from this place to bring healing to our broken world. In the name of the risen Savior, Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*Passing of the Peace *11:00*

*Sending Hymn

#475, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Nettleton

- 1 Come, Thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's redeeming love.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by Thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with His precious blood.
- 3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for Thy courts above.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Alleluia! Amen!

Response

Postlude "Menuet Gothique," from Suite Gothique

Léon Boëlmann

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

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Liturgists

Tour Guides

Worship Play

8:45 a.m.

Brian Finlay

John Davies

Karen Dunlap and Alice Tewell

11 a.m.

Robert Doan

John Schultheis

Counting Schedule

September 14

September 23

September 30

Benno Lauer and Amy Gillespie

Jim Martin and Barb Dornan

Dan Stokes and Nancy Dickinson

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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.

Please stay for coffee and fellowship at the side of the Sanctuary after the 8:45 a.m. service and in the Narthex after the 11 a.m. service.

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 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.

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, 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.