

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL –  
Classes meet in the Park Level at 10 a.m.**

**TODAY!  
Gift of Heart School Kits - 10 a.m. - Park Level  
ages 2 - youth**

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, Elisa Jillson, 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
<b>"Adventures in Prayer"</b> 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 7-28 10 a.m., Room 511
<b>"The Theology of Karl Barth"</b> 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
<b>"Hand Bells 101"</b> 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.	

**THE HOPE OF PEACE**  
September 7– Isaiah 40:27-31  
September 8– Proverbs 10:28,13:12  
September 9– Jeremiah 17:5-13  
September 10– Psalm 9  
September 11– Luke 24:13-35  
September 12– Romans 12:9-13  
September 13– 1 Peter 3:13-17

[www.pcusa.org/resource/2013-2014-biblical-witness-peacemaking](http://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, [spencerqib@aol.com](mailto:spencerqib@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](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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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** – 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](mailto:snyder.richard@gmail.com)) or Benno Lauer ([benno.lauer@gmail.com](mailto:benno.lauer@gmail.com))

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	Pastoral Associate:	Linda LeSourd Lader, M. Div.
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	Parish Associate for Visitation:	Ann Rose Davie, M. Div.
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**Celebration of Worship**

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

**September 7, 2014  
8:45 and 11 a.m.  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Communion Sunday**

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

**Prelude** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"  
Nicaea  
arr. Larson

**Introit** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"  
Nicaea

\* Lincoln Chimes

**I. The Community Gathers for Worship**

\* Call to Worship

Leader: At the end of summer's play;  
at the beginning of fall's lessons,

**All: Love has come.**

Leader: In the bountiful fields of harvest;  
in the kitchens offering bread and hope,

**All: Love has come.**

Leader: During the lessons of A-B-C and 1-2-3;  
during gatherings when lives are changed,

**All: Love has come.**

Leader: All around God's church, in the hearts of God's creation;  
throughout all of God's world,

**All: God in our midst. God everywhere.**

**God always present here. Alleluia. Amen.**

\*Hymn #401 (*verses 1-3*), "Here in This Place"  
Gather Us In

Prayer of Confession

**God of grace, of love, and of forgiveness, at this moment we gather as Your church, gathered as we proclaim to worship You, to follow You and be Your community. And yet — despite what we say out-loud, despite what we do while we are seen, despite what we do out in the public eye, You know what we try to hide in the depths of our souls. You know the ways and the hours we spend in judgment. You know the resentments we harbor and the anger that holds us hostage. You know that though we say we love our neighbors, we often act not out of love for others but out of love for our own self interest. Forgive us. Hold us. Teach us to follow and love as You love us. Amen.**

\*Please stand, if able

## Silent Confession

### \*Assurance of Pardon

### \*Response

#401 (*verse 4*), "Here in This Place"

Gather Us In

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away:  
here in this place the new light is shining;  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever;  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

Psalms 149, pages 550-551, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** "Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether"  
Harold Friedell

### Time for Children

### Second Lesson

Romans 13:8-14, page 152, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "What Time Is It?"  
Rev. Roger J. Gench

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#203, "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"  
Chereponi

### Concerns of the Church

### Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

11:00 "Guide Our Feet"  
arr. Avis Denyce Graves

### \*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.

### 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.**

#### Eucharistic Prayer

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, and to worship You in every place where Your glory abides.

**You commanded light to shine out of darkness, divided the sea and dry land, created the vast universe and called it good. You made us in your image to live with one another in love. You gave us the breath of life and freedom to choose Your way. You promised Yourself in covenant with Abraham and Sarah, told us Your purpose in commandments through Moses, and called for justice in the cry of prophets. Through long generations You have been faithful and kind to all Your children. Great and wonderful are Your works, Lord God Almighty. Your ways are just and true. Therefore we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name.**

#### Response

"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.**

We praise You, most holy God, for sending Your only Son to live among us, sharing our joy and sorrow. He told Your story, healed the sick, and was a friend of sinners. Obeying You, He took up His cross and died that we might live. We praise You that He overcame death and is risen to rule the world. He is still the friend of sinners. We trust Him to overcome every power that can hurt or divide us, and believe that when He comes in glory, we will celebrate victory with Him.

**Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Your gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood. Send us out in the power of the Spirit to live for others, as Christ lived for us, announcing His death for the sins of the world, and telling His resurrection to all people and**

**nations. By Your Spirit draw us together into one body and join us to Christ the Lord, that we may remain His glad and faithful people until we feast with Him in glory. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty God, forever and ever. 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

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

**\*Passing of the Peace** 11:00

#### \*Sending Hymn

#494 (*verses 1-4*), "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"  
Quebec

- 1 **Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts,  
Thou fount of life, Thou Light of all,  
from the best bliss that earth imparts  
We turn, unfilled, to heed Thy call.**
- 2 **Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;  
Thou savest those that on Thee call;  
to them that seek Thee Thou art good,  
to them that find Thee, all in all.**
- 3 **We taste Thee, O Thou living bread,  
and long to feast upon Thee still;  
we drink of Thee, the fountainhead,  
And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.**
- 4 **Our restless spirits yearn for Thee,  
where'er our changeful lot is cast,  
glad when Thy gracious smile we see,  
blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.**

#### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

**\*Congregational Response** Alleluia! Amen!

**Postlude** "Fanfare in D Major"  
Nicolas Lemmens

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**The flowers in the chancel** today are given to the glory of God and the many *Editors of the AveNews*.

**The roses on the Communion table** are in honor of the births of Ava and Elinor ("Ellie") Browning, born June 1. Proud parents are Rachel Browning and Kim Johnson. The girls' adoption will not be finalized until early 2015.

**Welcome back** to the Sanctuary Choir, returning after summer holiday. Please join us – come to rehearsal on Thursdays from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m.