

**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 Sciapac, 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, October 19 and 26 10 a.m., Room 520
<b>"Theology from the Trenches"</b> Rev. Roger Gench will introduce his new book to the class and discuss how it relates to his experiences here at NYAPC and what he envisions as possible for our congregation as an urban church.	
Adult Sunday School	Sundays, October 19, 26, November 2 10 a.m., Room 511
<b>"Who Is Your Mama?" A Look at the Face of God through Galatians:</b> In his letter to the church in Galacia, Paul responds passionately to those "Missionaries" who have drastically changed the Gospel Paul preached from a "Law-Less" relationship to a "Law-Full" relationship with God. Paul uses the familiar story of Hagar and Sarah and their sons, Ishmael and Isaac, to help the Galatians disconnect from the "Missionary's" version of the Gospel and reconnect with the Gospel he, Paul, originally preached. He uses the "Mamas," both slave and free, to help the Galatians [and us] see who their spiritual ancestors are and how those ancestors help us recognize the image of God. Rev. Paula Hill, student at Howard Divinity School, will lead the series.	

**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 (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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	Director of Planned Giving:	Catherine Schultheis, B.A., Chr.Ed.
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# Celebration of Worship

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

**October 19, 2014  
8:45 and 11 a.m.  
29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Prelude** "Beach Spring"  
Early American

**Introit** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"  
Tune of Beach Spring

\* **Lincoln Chimes**

## I. The Community Gathers for Worship

\* **Call to Worship** *(from Celtic Prayers from Iona by Philip Newell)*

Leader: O God, who brought me from the rest of last night to  
the new light of this day,

**All: Bring me into the new light of this day to the  
guiding light of the eternal.**

Leader: Lead me, O God, on the journey of justice;

**All: Guide me, O God, on the pathways of peace;  
renew me, O God, by the well-springs of grace,  
tonight, and forever. Amen.**

\* **Hymn**

#826 (verses 1-3), "Lift High the Cross"  
Crucifer

**Prayer of Confession** *(from a Celtic service, Church of Scotland)*

**O compassionate and forgiving God, we live and  
move and have our being in You, yet always in the  
midst of this creation-glory, we see sin's shadow  
and feel death's darkness: around us in the broken,  
the hungry and the poor, the deception and  
betrayal practiced on one another, and often deep  
within us, a striving against Your Spirit. O Trinity  
of love, forgive us that we may forgive one another,  
heal us that we may be people of healing and  
compassion, and renew us that we also may be  
makers of peace. Lord, make us receptive to Your  
voice: open deaf ears, soften hard hearts,  
concentrate distracted minds, deepen shallow  
emotions and send Your Spirit to take root and  
grow in us, so that we may flourish in Your grace,  
forgiven and forgiving, in service to You. Amen.**

*\*Please stand, if able*

## Silent Confession

### \*Assurance of Pardon

### \*Response

#826 (verse 4), "Lift High the Cross"

Crucifer

*Refrain: Lift high the cross,*

*the love of Christ proclaim*

Till all the world adore his sacred name.

So shall our song of triumph ever be:

praise to the Crucified for victory. [*Refrain*]

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

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

Matthew 22:15-22, page 23, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem "Deep River"

Spiritual, arr. Larry Farrow

### Time for Children

### Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, page 191, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon "As If"

Rev. Roger J. Gench

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#853, "We Are Marching in the Light of God"

Siyahamba

### The Sacrament of Baptism

8:45

Charlotte Jean Dewhurst

### Minute for Mission

Stewardship 2015

### Offertory

8:45 \*The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around  
the Table for Giving and Prayer

11:00 "Beati Quorum Via"

Charles Villiers Stanford

Translation: Blessed are the undefiled in the way,  
who walk in the law of the Lord.

### \*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 *(from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion,*

*based on 1 Thessalonians 1:5)*

We trust You, Lord God, to multiply the blessings  
these gifts represent, as we pour out Your love and  
grace on those who long to hear Your word to them,  
to see Your power at work within them, to feel Your  
comfort beside them, throughout the generous gifts  
of Your Spirit. Amen.

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

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

### \*Sending Hymn

#825, "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

Swing Low

*Refrain* Swing low, sweet chariot,  
coming for to carry me home.  
Swing low, sweet chariot,  
coming for to carry me home.

1 I looked over Jordan, and what did I see  
coming for to carry me home?  
A band of angels coming after me,  
coming for to carry me home. O, [*Refrain*]

2 If you get there before I do,  
coming for to carry me home,  
tell all my friends I'm coming too,  
coming for to carry me home. O, [*Refrain*]

3 The brightest day that ever I saw,  
coming for to carry me home,  
when Jesus washed my sins away,  
coming for to carry me home. O, [*Refrain*]

4 I'm sometimes up and sometimes down,  
coming for to carry me home,  
but still my soul feels heavenly bound,  
coming for to carry me home. O, [*Refrain*]

### Introduction of New Members 11:00

*(see insert)*

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

### \*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

### Postlude "Prelude in F Major"

Fanny Mendelssohn

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in  
appreciation of the *NYAPC Choir and the Choir Director* by members  
and friends of the congregation through their contributions to the Flower  
Fund.

It is with great joy we announce the recent marriages of NYAPC  
members: *Karen Milam and Tyler Feret* were married October 11 and  
*Joseph Brady and Jessica Cleveland* were married October 18. Both  
services were officiated by Rev. Roger J. Gench. Best wishes and  
congratulations to everyone!

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Liturgists	Karin Lohman	John Quinn, Jr.
Tour Guides	Marilyn Seiber	John O' Brien
Worship Play	Alice Tewell and Caroline White	

**NOTE: On October 26, to encourage NYAPC families to stay for  
the Luncheon and Service of Worship and Installation, Worship  
Play will be held at 8:45 and 11 a.m.**

### Counters' Schedule

October 21	Barb Dornan and Nancy Dickinson
October 26	Martha Davis and John Schultheis

### 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](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.

**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.