

**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
"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	TODAY 10 a.m., Room 520
"Theology from the Trenches" 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 26, November 2 10 a.m., Room 511
"Who Is Your Mama?" A Look at the Face of God through Galatians: 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.	
Adult Sunday School	Sundays, November 2, 9, 23 10 a.m., Room 520
"Israel and Palestine: Post Gaza War and GA221": At this summer's General Assembly in Detroit our church, the PC(USA), took the courageous step of divesting from three companies that profited from the occupation of the Palestinian territories. Several weeks later war broke out in the Gaza Strip between Israel and Hamas resulting in over 2,100 Palestinian casualties, the overwhelming majority of whom were civilians, and 68 Israelis, all but four of whom were soldiers. What does GA221 mean for the Church and its involvement in the Israel-Palestine conflict? How can we assist with the rebuilding in Gaza and the securing of a just and lasting peace? What can you do as an individual to promote understanding and increase education on the issue? Matthew Asada and Stephanie Simpson will lead.	

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 Catherine Cannon, catherine.s.cannon@gmail.com

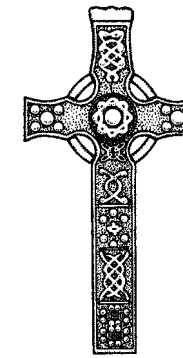
Triangle Park Committee – Working with the National Park Service to ensure maintenance and oversee the flower and plant beds along the church wall, we meet 4-6 times a year, conduct business via email, and schedule work days as needed. Contact Marilyn Seiber, mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net Beth DuMez, bethdumez@erols.com 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.

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Celebration of Worship

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

**October 26, 2014
8:45 and 11 a.m.
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Commitment Sunday**

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

Prelude "Be Thou My Vision"
Bunessan
Arr. Dale Wood

Introit "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"
Tune of Mit Freuden Zart, Bohemian Kirchengesang,
1566

* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

* Call to Worship *(Ted Loder, Guerrillas of Grace, 1984)*

Leader: Empower us, Lord God, to be bold participants,

All: Rather than timid saints in waiting, in the difficult ordinariness of now;

Leader: To exercise the authority of honesty rather than to defer to power or deceive to get it;

All: To influence someone for justice, rather than impress anyone for gain.

Leader: And, by grace, to find treasures of joy, of friendship, of peace,

All: Hidden in the fields of the daily work you give us to tend.

*Hymn

#757 (verses 1-3),
"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"
Kingsfold

Prayer of Confession *(From the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for Stewardship Sunday)*

Creator God. We have fallen short of Your calling to be good stewards of Your creation. We ask for Your forgiveness. In our asking, we also ask that You teach us to care for the good earth, the birds of the air, the trees and flowers and all of Your creation. We want to be good stewards of what You have entrusted to us. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

**Please stand, if able*

***Response**

#757 (verse 4),
"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"
Kingsfold
May we in service to our God
act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Matthew 22:34-46, page 24, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Et vitam venturi saeculi," from **Mass in C Major**

Ludwig van Beethoven
Whitney McColley, Rhianna Cockrell, Manuel Melendez,
Nathan Moon, Quartet

Time for Children

Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 2:1-6, page 191-192, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Integrity"

Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

11:00 *During the singing of this hymn, the congregation is invited to come forward and turn in their Commitment Cards, indicating a renewed commitment to one another and this church in the year ahead.*
#702, "Christ Be Beside Me"
Bunessan

Minute for Mission *Stewardship 2015*

Offertory

8:45 ** As We Gather Around the Table for Giving and Prayer at the conclusion of the service, we renew our commitments to this congregation as we mark and turn in our Commitment Cards.*
11:00 "Kyrie," from **Mass in C Major**
Ludwig van Beethoven

***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** (adapted from an early Scottish prayer)

God of all creation,
We offer You worship with our whole lives;
We offer You honor with our beings;
We offer You reverence from all our understanding;
We offer You offering with all our thoughts;
We offer You love with our whole hearts;
We offer You our existence with each of our minds;
We offer You are entire selves, O Triune God.
Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

***Passing of the Peace**

***Sending Hymn**

#306 (verses 1-4), "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"
Dennis
Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

Before our Maker's throne
we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes;
our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude "Festival Postlude on Westminster Abbey"

George Towers

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The flowers in the chancel today are given by the members of the *Associate Pastor Nominating Committee* to the glory of God and to *celebrate the installation of Reverend Alice Rose Tewell.*

We wish to thank *Whitney McColley, Rhianna Cockrell, Manuel Melendez, and Nathan Moon* for their special music this morning.

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Liturgists	Meg House	Olivia Lewis
Tour Guides	Barry Tindall	Paul Dornan
Worship Play	Alice Tewell and Karen Dunlap	Alice Tewell and Karen Dunlap

NOTE: TODAY, 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 26	Martha Davis and John Schultheis
November 4	Jim Martin and Nancy Dickinson
November 9	Barb Dornan and ShuXian McKenna
November 16	Amy Gillespie and John Schultheis
November 23	Adam Bain and ShuXian McKenna
November 30	John Schultheis and Dan Stokes

Preaching Schedule

November 2	Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader
November 9	Rev. Roger J. Gench
November 16	Rev. Roger J. Gench
November 23	Rev. Alice Rose Tewell
November 30	Rev. Roger J. Gench

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.

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.