

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

**Nursery Age Parents-Baby-Toddler group:  
Families with a nursery aged child are invited to  
our second family gathering: Saturday, December  
6 from 9:30-11. We will meet in Pastor Alice's  
second floor office space for fellowship and a light  
breakfast. If you can, please rsvp to  
[alice.tewell@nyapc.org](mailto:alice.tewell@nyapc.org).**

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 Scrupac, 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	November 23 10 a.m., Room 520
<b>"Israel and Palestine: Post Gaza War and GA221":</b> 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, [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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# Celebration of Worship

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

**November 23, 2014  
8:45 and 11 a.m.  
Christ the King Sunday**

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

**Prelude** "Gavotte"  
Samuel Wesley

**Introit** "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"  
Ratisbon, text by Charles Wesley

\* **Lincoln Chimes**

## I. The Community Gathers for Worship

\* **Call to Worship** *(Psalm 100 from The Message paraphrase)*

Leader: On your feet now - applaud God!

**All: Bring a gift of laughter, sing yourselves into God's presence.**

Leader: Know this: God is God. God made us; we didn't make God.

**All: We're God's people, God's well-tended sheep.**

Leader: Enter with the password: "Thank you!"

**All: Make yourselves at home, talking praise.**

Leader: Thank God with worship.

**All: God is sheer beauty, all-generous in love, always and ever. Amen.**

\***Hymn**

#645 (verses 1-3),  
"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"  
Mit Freuden Zart

**Prayer of Confession**

*(From "Cradled in God's Grace,  
Wild Goose Publications, 2007)*

In these moments, remembering God, we bring to You all the ways we have not lived as Your people: we stand by watching while those in need struggle to survive; we cast our lots with those who worship power and success; we offer insults rather than words of grace to those who care for us; we scoff at Your words which call us to a different lifestyle. Forgive us, God of Mercy, for not knowing what we do to You, to others, to ourselves. Speak to us through Jesus Christ, our King and our Savior, who bears words filled with Your tender mercy and gracious hope.

*\*Please stand, if able*

## Silent Confession

### \*Assurance of Pardon

### \*Response

#645 (verse 4),  
"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"  
Thus all my toilsome way along,  
I sing aloud thy praises,  
that earth may hear the grateful song  
my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,  
both soul and body bear your part:  
To God all praise and glory.

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

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

Matthew 25:31-46, pages 27-28, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

"The Last Words of David"  
Randall Thompson

### Time for Children

### Second Lesson

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, page 756, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Coming Home"  
Rev. Alice Rose Tewell

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#802, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"  
St. Columba

Minute for Mission *NYAPC Choir*

### Offertory

8:45 \*The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around  
the Table for Giving and Prayer  
11:00 "Zion's Walls"  
Aaron Copland

### \*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

God of the harvest, we thank You for all these gifts.  
You gave us these gifts for a purpose. They are to be  
used by us, to serve the needs of others. Give us  
courage, Lord, and the confidence too, to take these  
gifts with us now as we go. Open our eyes and hearts  
to those we meet. Help us to see their need, and to  
show Your love, and to use Your gifts that are  
invested in us, to bring hope and life. We go  
together as Your servants. Amen.

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy  
name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on  
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our  
debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver  
us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the  
power and the glory, forever. Amen.

### \*Sending Hymn

#36, "For the Fruit of All Creation"  
Ar Hydy Nos

- 1 For the fruit of all creation,  
Thanks be to God.  
For God's gifts to every nation,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
Thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just reward of labor,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will be done.  
In our world-wide task of caring  
For the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
For the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all, that love has found us,  
Thanks be to God.

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

### \*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude "Sinfonia" from Solomon  
G. F. Handel

The bounty table in the chancel today represents the blessings of the harvest  
season and *our thanksgiving to God* for the gifts of the earth. *The whole earth is  
full of God's glory.*

The Peace Candle in the Chancel is a reminder to pray for refugees in *Iraq  
and Syria.*

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Liturgists		John Courson
Tour Guides	Laura Asiala	Chuck West
Worship Play	Karen Dunlap	

### Counters' Schedule

November 23	Adam Bain and ShuXian McKenna
November 30	John Schultheis and Dan Stokes
December 9	Jim Martin and Barb Dornan
December 14	Adam Bain and Amy Gillespie
December 21	Martha Davis and Dan Stokes
December 30	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

### Preaching Schedule

November 30	Rev. Roger J. Gench
December 7	Rev. Roger J. Gench
December 14	Christmas Pageant ~ one service only at 10 a.m.
December 21	Rev. Roger J. Gench ~ one service only at 10 a.m.
December 28	Rev. Roger J. Gench ~ one service only at 10 a.m.

### 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.

**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.

**Our Youngest Worshipers:** We love having all the babies in the church!  
Babies and children are always welcome in the services. If you would ever like  
a bit of privacy, or if your infants would like a break, parents -- and nursing  
mothers especially -- are very welcome to use the Worship Center space  
(directly across from the Sanctuary with the blue sofas). The Nursery is also  
open each Sunday from 8:30-12:30.

**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.