

**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	Sundays, November 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.	
Adult Sunday School	Sundays, November 9, 16 10 a.m., Room 511
Bible Study with Cuba Partners "Lessons on Reconciliation" Join Sam McFerran—to be ordained in December!—to reflect on what reconciliation can mean in our own lives with family, personal relationships, and community. Explore first the Gospel of Luke and the Prodigal Son to discern the meaning of reconciliation. Continue in week two with Paul's Letter to the Corinthians and his "letter of encouragement and hope" pointing to what a new life is like when one is with Christ. Everyone is welcome!	

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

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.
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Celebration of Worship

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

**November 9, 2014
8:45 and 11 a.m.
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Prelude "The Gift to be Simple"
Shaker Melody
arr. Wood

Introit "Keep Your Lamps"
Spiritual
arr. Thomas

* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

* Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice and be glad! □
All: For God is our salvation. □

Leader: Rejoice and be glad! □
All: For God is great.

*Hymn

#691 (verses 1-3), "Lord, When I Came into This Life"
Land of Rest

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned
against You by not honoring You or loving one
another. When we ignore injustice in the world our
worship brings You no delight. Make haste to help
us, that we may stand in right relationship with
You and the whole of Your creation and sing Your
praises through the mercy of Christ, our
resurrected Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response

#691 (verses 1-3), "Lord, When I Came into This Life"
Land of Rest

So help me in my unbelief
and let my life be true:
feet firmly planted on the earth,
my sights set high on you.

**Please stand, if able*

*A Brief Statement of Faith 11:00 (Pages 37-38, "Glory to God" hymnal)

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Matthew 25:1-13, pages 26-27, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Gather Us In"

Marty Haugen

Danced by Beth Clark, Sarah Barclay Hoffman,
and Kathryn Sparks

Time for Children

Second Lesson

Thessalonians 4:13-18, page 191, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Good Grief" Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#177, "I Will Come to You"
You are Mine

Concerns of the Church

The Reaffirmation of Baptism 8:45 Julia Margaret Thierry

Minute for Mission Kathryn Sparks

Offertory

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

11:00 "Homeward Bound"
arr. Wilberg

*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

**O great and loving God, we give You thanks that
You have given Your faithful people a love for justice
and the gift of generosity. Bless these gifts and with
them reveal Your righteousness as we await the
coming of Your peace. 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

~ All are invited to join in simple movement as a way to deepen prayer. ~

#288, "Spirit of the Living God" (sing three times)

Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude "In Thee is Gladness"

In dir ist Freude,
arr. Wood

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God *in honor of all living veterans*, to let them know that we deeply appreciate the sacrifices they have made in their lives to keep our country free.

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

We wish to thank Beth Clark, Sarah Barclay Hoffman, and Kathryn Sparks for their participation in worship this morning.

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Liturgists	Kathryn Doan	Hal Hiemstra
Tour Guides	Meg Neil	Chuck West
Worship Play	Rev. Alice Tewell and Molly Lauer	

Counters' Schedule

November 9	Nancy Dickinson 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 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.

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.

Restrooms: The Deacons remind members and friends that the restrooms on the fifth floor are available on Sundays mornings.

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.