

**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 Sciupac, 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	Sunday, April 12-26 10 a.m., Room 520
"Reading the Bible with People on the Move"	Migration of various sorts —including immigrants, refugees, internally displaced persons, temporary workers, and victims of human trafficking— is a permanent reality on an enormous scale —the “new normal” of the 21st century. One in seven of the world’s population is a migrant. What might we learn about biblical stories of migrants by reading them with people on the move in our own time and place? How might this inform our reflection, as Christians, on the “new normal?” Rev. Frances Taylor Gench will lead. Week 1: Abram and Sarai Cross the Border (Genesis 12) Week 2: Hyphenating Joseph: Life in Exile (Genesis 39-41) Week 3: Immigrant Workers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20)
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.

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"An inclusive and justice seeking church"

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 Peace Candle home to their congregations. Candles are at the back, right side, of the sanctuary. Please sign the note card 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)

Annual Stewardship – Each of the ministries described on this page, as well as everything else that happens at this church, is supported in a significant way by Annual Stewardship giving. Annual Stewardship is the act of making a financial pledge to the church operating budget for a year and completing that pledge. It is a deep personal and congregational theological act, and it is essential to the worship, community, and mission of this church! Members, affiliates, and friends are all invited to participate in Annual Stewardship. Please contact Jan Maher, the church accountant, Laura Asiala, the chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Roger Gench, the Senior Pastor, for more information, questions, or to make your pledge.

	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. Director of Dance: Kathryn Sparks, M.T.S.
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Celebration of Worship

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

**April 12, 2015
8:45 and 11 a.m.
Second Sunday of Easter**

Prelude

"Pastorale" in G Major
J. S. Bach

Introit

"Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bonds"
Christ lag in Todesbanden
J. S. Bach

***Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

***Call to Worship**

(from Nancy Townley on ministrymatters.com, prayers for this day)

One: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

All: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!

One: Walk in the light of His love.

All: Live in the light of His teachings and healing mercies.

One: Come, let us worship the One Who overcame death.

All: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

#277 (verses Easter 1-2 and Pentecost 1-2 and 3-4),
"Hail Thee, Festival Day!"
Salve Festa Dies

Prayer of Confession

(based on 1 John 1:8-9 and John 20:19-31)

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

God of grace, You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in You and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Please stand, if able

***Response**

#277, (verses), "Hail Thee, Festival Day!"

Salve Festa Dies

**Spirit of life and of power,
now flow in us, fount of our being,
light that enlightens us all,
life that in all may abide:**

**Refrain: Hail thee, festival day!
Blest day to be hallowed forever;
day when our Lord was raised,
Breaking the kingdom of death.**

Praise to the giver of good!

**O Lover and Author of concord,
pour out your balm on our days;
order our ways in your peace: Refrain**

***A Brief Statement of Faith**

(Pages 37-38, "Glory to God" hymnal)

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

John 20:19-31, pages 108-109, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

"Arise, My Love"

Craig Carnahan

NYAPC Handbell Choir

Dan Stokes, Director

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

1 John 1:1-2:2, page 224, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"First Fruits"

Rev. Alice Rose Tewell

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn**

#192, "Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining"

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

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

11:00 "Jesus, Fount of Consolation
J. S. Bach

***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**

(based on John 20:19-22)

Holy God, we give You thanks and praise for light and life and love, and - above all - the presence of the living Lord among us. By Your Spirit who breathes within us, strengthen our faith, use our gifts, and work in our lives to bear witness to the resurrection of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. 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.

***Passing of the Peace**

***Sending Hymn**

#749, "Come! Live in the Light!"

We Are Called

1 Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain We are called to act with justice.
We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.

2 Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hatred and violence will be no more! **Refrain**

3 Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love! **Refrain**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

"Prelude in D Major"
Marc-Antoine Charpentier

We wish to thank the **NYAPC Handbell Choir**, directed by **Daniel A. Stokes**, for their participation in worship this morning.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today have been given to the glory of God in celebration of the Resurrection. **HE IS RISEN! HALLELUJAH!**

8:45 a.m.

Liturgists

David Inoue

Tour Guides

Barry Tindall

Worship Play

11 a.m.

Helen Anthony

Paul Dornan

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.

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.

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 bulletins are available in the rear of the Sanctuary.

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.