

**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 and Confirmation 6th Grade-12th Grade	Kevin Guy, Jessie Cleveland, Joe Brady, Betsy Merritt, Rev. Tewell

Adult Sunday School	10 a.m., Room 520
"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.	
Legacies of Faith. May 3. The Planned Giving Committee will discuss faith-based spiritual generosity and its effect on our lives, as well as on the future of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church and its role in sharing God's love with communities near and far. Karl Mattison and Cathy Schultheis will lead.	
Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence. May 3. This powerful hour-long documentary attempts to shift the conversation about gun violence prevention to one in which it becomes a public health issue viewed from many perspectives. Sponsored by the Peace and Justice Committee.	
Bible Study with Cuba Partners. May 17 & 24. The Cuba Partners Bible Study will spend two weeks with Paul's intriguing and much debated letter to Philemon, which negotiates complicated relationships between an apostle [Paul], a slave owner [Philemon] and a slave [Onesimus]. Join us for an engagement with Paul's shortest letter, as we consider what it has to say to believers today -- what it urges the church to believe, to hope for and to do. Led by Frances Taylor Gench.	

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"An inclusive-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, spencerjib@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 Maheras, 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. Di
	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.



Celebration of Worship

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

April 26, 2015
8:45 and 11 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Prelude

"Adagio" for Strings
 Samuel Barber

Introit

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"
 Doris Akers

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather together in the presence of our Shepherd God,
All: Who calls us each by name,
 Leader: Who restores our souls,
All: Who leads us in the way of righteousness,
 Leader: And whose goodness and love never stops pursuing us.
All: This is the God we have come to worship!

*Opening Hymn

#801, (verses 1-4), "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"
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Prayer of Confession

Faithful shepherd, You lead us in the way You would have us go, and yet we confess that we have tried to hide from You. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from You. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose Your will and obey Your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**Please stand, if able*

***Response**

#801, (verse 5), "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

**Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.**

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Psalms 23, page 474-475, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

"The Lord Is My Shepherd" (Psalm 23)
Douglas Major

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

John 10:11-18, page 97-98, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"The Good Shepherd"
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn**

#802, (verse 1, 2, and 6) "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
St. Columba

The Sacrament of Baptism 8:45 Luke Nathaniel West

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission with Astrid Marilyn Seiber
8:45 a.m.

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"The Ground"
Ola Gjeilo

***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 Psalm 23 and 1 John 3)

**God of love, You abide with us; You provide for all our needs
and guide us in Your ways. Out of gratitude for Your care,
we bring our gifts before You. Use them for Your work of
caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk
without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion.**

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** (11:00 a.m.)

***Sending Hymn**

#394 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

- 1 **Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and
cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all
the church in one; holy Zion's help forever, and our
confidence alone.**
- 2 **To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
hosts, and stay; come, with all your loving kindness; hear
your people as we pray, and your fullest benediction shed
within these walls today.**
- 3 **Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from
you to gain; what they gain from you, forever with the
blessed to retain; and hereafter in your glory evermore
with you to reign.**
- 4 **Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one: one
in might and one in glory while unending ages run!**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

Finale from "Music for the Royal Fireworks"
G. F. Handel

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.	11 a.m.
Liturgists	Mary Spatz	Catherine Twigg
Tour Guides	John Davies	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Marilyn Seiber – Cuba Partners	Alice Tewell

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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.

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Announcements

The Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) is developing a growing alliance
with the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) to fight for safe, high-quality,
affordable transit and good jobs for transit workers. Join WIN members from
across the city in responding and sharing with ATU about your concerns for
improved public transit **TODAY** at New York Avenue from 12:45 p.m. to 2:00
p.m. in the Docherty Center.

Vietnam: The Power of Protest. Telling the truth. Learning the lessons. **May 1-2
here at The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church.** Leaders and activists from
the struggle to end the Vietnam War will join with young justice fighters to reflect
on the mass movement of 50 years ago and to deepen the links for the challenges
we face today. For more details please visit www.lessonsofvietnam

**Please Join Us! "The Church and Community Organizing: Theology from
the Trenches"** A Program Featuring Rev. Roger Gench and Arnie Graf, Senior
Organizer, Industrial Areas Foundation. A Presentation and Discussion on the
Importance of Community Organizing for the Church. Part of the discussion will
focus on Rev. Roger Gench's book "Theology from the Trenches" on Saturday,
May 9, 2015 in The Radcliffe Room from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. *Close to the
McPherson Square and Metro Center. Stops Free parking is available at Green City Garage for
Saturday's program IMPORTANT: Entry to parking garage is on H Street Between 12th and
13th NW. For more information, call Theo Brown at 240-393-7246*

Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Njoro, Kenya - Our Kenya Partnership
will be highlighted in Sunday worship on May 10 (Mother's Day on the nation's
calendar). The challenge and joy of supporting thirty-five children and youth from
first grade to eleventh grade will be presented by the Njoro Partnership Steering
Committee with an opportunity for the congregation to share their resources of
support.

*The Call to Worship and Prayer of Dedication for today's service comes from re-worship.blogspot.com, prayers for Easter 4, Year B.