

**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	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. Led by Miriam Dewhurst.	
Adult Sunday School	Sundays, February 22-March 15 10 a.m., Room 511
This intergenerational class will explore the themes of faith-formation in some of the best recent young-adult fiction. While not required, to help you get the most out of each class, it will be helpful if you read each of these very enjoyable and thought-provoking books. Here is the schedule for each week. Feb 22: <u>Brown Girl Dreaming</u> , by Jacqueline Woodson March 1: <u>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part time Indian</u> , by Sherman Alexie March 8: <u>Marcelo in the Real World</u> , by Francisco S. Stork March 15: <u>The Fault is in Our Stars</u> , by John Green (also a movie!) Each week, we will highlight a short segment of the book, which we will read together. This class is meant to be shared among youth and adults of all ages. Led by Associate Pastor, Alice Tewell.	
Adult Sunday School	Today 10 a.m., Lincoln Chapel
"Transitions in Living" Rev. Ann Davie and Miriam Dewhurst invite those considering where to live and whether to move to a continuing care retirement community to gather in the Lincoln Chapel.	
Adult Sunday School	Sundays, February 22 - March 1 10 a.m., Room 127
Introductory and Intermediate Bell Ringing Building on last year's classes, participants will review the basics of ringing hand bells (remember plucking and martellato?) and rehearse music that can be presented as part of worship. The ability to read music is helpful, but adventurous non-readers are also welcome to take part.	
Adult Sunday School	Sundays, March 1 - March 22 10 a.m., Room 520
"By Their Fruits You Shall Know Them"-- The Causes and Consequences of Growing Income Inequality in America Since the 1970s, the gap between the incomes of the richest and poorest in America has widened into a chasm. This four-week series will survey possible causes of that growing disparity and its consequences for our life together. We'll also ask what the church's role should be in responding to that grave concern. Len Shabman and Ric Wise will lead.	
Adult Sunday School	Sundays, March 8 10 a.m., Room 520
Cindy Fogleman, Executive Director of the Iraqi Children Foundation, will speak about the circumstances of Iraqi children.	

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 Peace 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.
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Celebration of Worship

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

February 22, 2015
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
First Sunday in Lent

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

Prelude "I Stand at the Threshold,"
Arioso from **Cantata** BWV 156
J. S. Bach

Introit "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"
F. J. Haydn

* **Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

* **Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 25)*

Leader: To You, O God, I lift up my soul.

All: Make me to know Your ways, O God; teach me Your paths.

Leader: Lead me in Your truth, and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all day long.

All: Show me to be mindful of Your mercy, O Lord, and of Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Leader: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me.

All: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep God's covenant and decrees. Amen.

***Hymn**

#166 (*verses 1-3*),
"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"
St. Flavian

Prayer of Confession *(From Henri Nouwen*

"A Prayer for Lent, in A Cry for Mercy")

How often have I lived through these weeks without paying much attention to penance, fasting, and prayer? How often have I missed the spiritual fruits of the season without even being aware of it? But how can I ever really celebrate Easter without observing Lent? Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my

**Please stand,
if able*

iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Create in me a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within me. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response

#166 (*verse 4*),
"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"
St. Flavian
**Abide with us, till when this life
of suffering shall be past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.**

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Genesis 9:8-17, page 7, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“Mit Staunen sieht das Wunderwerk,”
from the **Creation**
F. J. Haydn
Whitney McColley, Soprano; Michael J. Reif, Conductor
Translation: What wonder doth his work reveal to heaven’s
host in joyful throng, and loud resounds throughout the skies
the praise of God and of the Second Day.

Time for Children

Second Lesson

Mark 1:9-15, pages 33, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**“Effectively Near”
Rev. Roger J. Gench**

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#215, "What Wondrous Love This Is"
Wondrous Love

Introduction of New Members *11:00 (see insert)*

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission *One Great Hour of Sharing*

Offertory

8:45 *The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around
the Table for Giving and Prayer
11:00 “Stimmt an die Saiten,” from the **Creation**
F. J. Haydn
Michael J. Reif, Conductor
Translation: Awake the harp, ye choirs awaken. Loud let
the praise of God be sounded. Rejoice in the Lord, the
mighty God. Surely has he girded the heavens and earth with
splendor and light. The celebration of God’s creation at the
end of the Third Day.

*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 Gathered Prayers, Prayers for Lent)*

**Fostered by Your tender care and secure in the
haven of Your redeeming love, we are emboldened
to approach You, O God, with our gifts and
offerings. May they be used to bring refuge to the
aimless, deliverance to the captives, and protection
to all who call on Your name. For we bring them in
Christ’s name, our source of salvation. 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*

*Sending Hymn

#775, "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"
Walk With Me

- 1 I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**
- 2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**
- 3 When I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude "Plein Jeu a la Couperin"
Gordon Young

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in
memory of *Aleita and Palmer Hogenson*, on the occasion of their wedding
anniversary, by *Paul Hogenson*.

We wish to thank *Whitney McColley* and *Michael Reif* for their participation
in worship this morning. Michael is visiting Washington from Cologne,
Germany, where he conducts the European Chamber Choir and other
ensembles. This week he was our special guest artist at George Mason
University leading choral workshops and conducting sessions. Welcome!

	8:45	11:00
Liturgists	Miriam Dewhurst	David Brown
Tour Guide	John OBrien	Chuck West
Worship Play	Alice Tewell	

Counters' Schedule

February 24	Jim Martin and Barb Dornan
March 1	Adam Bain and ShuXian McKenna
March 10	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
March 15	Martha Davis and John Schultheis
March 24	Barb Dornan and Nancy Dickinson

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.

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.

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 aids are available in the rear of the
Sanctuary. Parents are welcome to use the 2nd floor worship office as a break
space.

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.