

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

| Class   | Teachers  |
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| Nursery<br>(8:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.)               | Certified and professional staff members, supervised by Rev. Tewell         |
| Preschool Class<br>ages 3-5                       | Doug House, Elizabeth Sciupac, Kay Meek                                     |
| Lower Elementary Class<br>Kindergarten- 1st Grade | Molly Lauer, Marsha Renwanz,<br>Mark Sproles, Bridget Sproles, Carter Coker |
| Upper Elementary Class<br>2nd Grade-5th Grade     | David Gillies, Kathy Doan,<br>Catherine Cannon                              |
| Youth Class<br>6th Grade-12th Grade               | Kevin Guy, Jessie Cleveland, Joe Brady,<br>Betsy Merritt                    |

| Adult Sunday School   | Sundays<br>10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel                            |
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| <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.   |  |
| <b>Adult Sunday School</b>  | <b>Sunday, February 8, 2015<br/>10 a.m., Room 511</b>            |
| <b>"Eating Towards Justice and Reconciliation"</b> Food is about the relationships that join us to the earth, fellow creatures, loved ones and guests, and ultimately God. How we eat testifies to whether we value the creatures we live with and depend upon. We celebrate the goodness of fields, gardens, forest and watersheds and the skill of those who can nurture seeds and animal life into delicious food. We acknowledge and honor God as the giver of every good and perfect gift. |  |
| <b>Adult Sunday School</b>  | Sundays, February 15 and 22<br>10 a.m., Lincoln Chapel           |
| <b>"Transitions in Living"</b> 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.   |  |
| <b>Adult Sunday School</b>  | Sundays, February 15 - March 1<br>10 a.m., Room 127              |
| <b>Introductory and Intermediate Bell Ringing</b> 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.  |  |
| <b>Adult Sunday School</b>  | Sundays, February 15 and March 1<br>10 a.m., Peter Marshall Hall |
| <b>"Psalm 19: Rehearsal"</b> Come move Psalm 19! These rehearsals are the product of "The Engaged Body" class led by Kathryn Sparks during the month of January. Even if you were not in the class, feel free to join us. We will be offering this liturgical danced prayer in worship during the month of March. All bodies 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, [spencergib@aol.com](mailto: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](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 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](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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|  | 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.<br>J. Gary Campbell, M. Div., M.A.<br>Frances Taylor Gench, M. Div., Ph.D. |

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**"An inclusive and justice seeking church"**



# Celebration of Worship

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

**February 8, 2015**  
**8:45 and 11:00 a.m.**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Prelude** "Air in D Major"  
J. S. Bach

**Introit** "You Servants of God"  
Hanover, Charles Wesley, 1744

\* **Lincoln Chimes**

## I. The Community Gathers for Worship

\* **Call to Worship** *(adapted from "Creation" by S. Bock)*

Leader: In the unfolding of time, God chose a people to help make known to all the world the breadth and depth of the divine love.

**All: Blessed be the God who remembered this beloved world with longing and tenderness.**

Leader: In the unfolding of time, God heard the cries of a people in bondage, and led them out, through the wilderness, to a home of abundance.

**All: Blessed be the God who liberates, and prepares a home for all in love.**

Leader: In the unfolding of time, God spoke through the prophets, calling for goodness and truth.

**All: Blessed be the God whose voice is never silent, who may ever be heard and followed.**

Leader: In the unfolding of time, God led a straight and level path, strewn with blossoms, and traversing streams of water.

**All: Blessed be the God who finds us in exile, and restores us in safety and belonging.**

Leader: In the fullness of time, God gave us Jesus, who proclaimed a new covenant and in whose likeness we are made and called. In the fullness of time, God gave us the Spirit, who stays with us always to guide and bless.

**All: Blessed be God, our God, whose love creates and calls, heals and mends, blesses and sends. Amen.**

\***Hymn**

#15 (verses 1-3), "All Creatures of our God and King"  
Lasst uns erfreuen

*\*Please stand, if able*

**Prayer of Confession** *(adapted from Bread for the World)*

God of Creation, You spoke, and out of the chaos there was light and life on the earth. You have graced this earth with enough food and drink for all Your children. You hear the cries of Your children who are hungry, poor, sick, and oppressed. But we have ignored You and Your creation. Have mercy on us for our inability to see the good of Your creation, for not making room for all people at the table of life, and when we let the noises of our daily lives drown out the cries of our neighbors. Loving God, in Christ You give us a vision of new life and pour out Your Spirit onto all flesh. Grant us the power to act on this vision. Amen.

**Silent Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Response**

#15 (verse 4), "All Creatures of our God and King"  
Lasst uns erfreuen  
**All who for love of God forgive,  
all who in pain or sorrow grieve,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;  
so, even in the midst of tears, sing praises!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

**II. The Community Hears the Word of God**

**First Lesson**

Genesis 2:4b-10, page 2, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

"Immortal, Invisible"  
Arr. Thiman

**Time for Children**

**Second Lesson**

Romans 8:18-25, page 148, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**“An Emancipation Proclamation for All Creatures”**  
Dr. Norman Wirzba

**III. The Community Responds to the Word**

**\*Sermon Hymn**

#714, "God of the Fertile Fields"  
Italian Hymn

**Concerns of the Church**

**Offertory**

8:45 \*The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around  
the Table for Giving and Prayer  
11:00 "With a Voice of Singing"  
Kenneth Jennings  
Jong Hoon Kim, Conductor

**\*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 God, our creator, we give thanks that You preserve and sustain all life. We ask You to bless these gifts of our offerings of our whole selves. We ask these things in the name of the Risen Christ, who teaches us to pray that Your will be done on earth and that all may have the daily bread You provide. Amen.

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ** 11:00

**\*Sending Hymn**

#22, "God of the Sparrow"  
Roeder  
1 **God of the sparrow  
God of the whale  
God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise**  
2 **God of the earthquake  
God of the storm  
God of the trumpet blast  
How does the creature cry Woe  
How does the creature cry Save**  
3 **God of the rainbow  
God of the cross  
God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks**  
4 **God of the hungry  
God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life**  
5 **God of the neighbor  
God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace**

**6 God of the ages  
God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home**

**\*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**Postlude** "La Marche"  
G. F. Handel

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of **Lt. General Hillman Dickinson (February 9, 1926 - September 2, 1994)** by *Nancy, Cindy, and Stuart Dickinson*.

Our guest preacher today is **Dr. Norman Wirzba**, Professor of Theology and Ecology at Duke University Divinity School and Research Professor of Theology and Ecology at Duke’s Nicholas School for the Environment. We welcome Dr. Wirzba this weekend as the McClendon Scholar in Residence. He lectures frequently across North America on topics of spirituality, food, and environmental issues. He is the author of several books, including *Food and Faith: A Theology of Eating* and *Living the Sabbath: Discovering the Rhythms of Rest and Delight*.

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|                     | <b>8:45</b>                        | <b>11:00</b>    |
| <b>Liturgist</b>    | Caroline White                     | Karen Mills     |
| <b>Tour Guide</b>   | Leonard Shabman                    | Leonard Shabman |
| <b>Worship Play</b> | Alice Tewell<br>and Caroline White |                 |

Counters Schedules

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| Sunday, February 8   | John Schultheis and ShuXian McKenna |
| Tuesday, February 17 | Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein     |
| Tuesday, February 24 | Jim Martin and Barb Dornan          |