

## Summer Schedule through August 31

Adult Education Classes at 9 a.m.

Worship at 10 a.m.

### Adult Sunday School

**Adventures in Prayer** | **Today, 9:00 a.m., Lincoln Parlor**

Maybe you are new to prayer. Maybe prayer is as natural to you as breathing. This class, meeting in the Lincoln Chapel at 9 a.m., is for everyone and anyone who takes prayer seriously. We learn together and we pray together, and starting on June 28, we will begin to explore spiritual practices, using Marjorie Thompson's *Soul Feast* as a guide. All questions, joys, and concerns are welcome. Come when you can.

**"Children in Second Kings: Prophetic, Blessed, Collateral"** | **Today, June 21 and 28 9 a.m., Room 511**

This four-week series led by Reverend Paula Hall of Howard Divinity School will examine the role of children in the Book of Second Kings wherein young ones assume a variety of roles. Our study will focus on three children's roles in this text. In the first, children are used as collateral for debt. In the second, children are seen to be a blessing/miracle from God. Finally, the child assumes a role in the office of the prophet. This new way to understand youthful and child characters within the Hebrew Bible raises a modern question: Do we in the church see children similarly or have we de-valued our children to the status of non-contributors in our spiritual lives?

### Preaching Schedule

**One worship service at 10 a.m. (from May 24 through September 6)**

June 14	Rev. Jessica Tate, Director of NEXT Church (PCUSA)
June 21	Rev. Roger J. Gench
June 28	Rev. Roger J. Gench
July 5	Rev. Roger J. Gench
July 12	Rev. Alice Rose Tewell

### The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church

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### 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. Community Club will resume September 3. 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, [robinsleanor@hotmail.com](mailto:robinsleanor@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](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))

**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. 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.



## Celebration of Worship

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

June 14, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday after Pentecost

### Prelude

“The Gift to Be Simple”  
Aaron Copland  
David Clark, Saxophone

### Introit

“God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice”  
Psalm 97, Tune of Marion, 1883

### \*Lincoln Chimes

## I. The Community Gathers for Worship

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Come to hear the Word.

**All: Come to do the Word.**

Leader: Come to experience Comfort.

**All: Come to find Challenge.**

Leader: Come to find Cost.

**All: Come to find Joy.**

Leader: Come to find Humanity.

**All: Come to find Community.**

Leader: Come to find Church.

**All: Come to find God. Amen.**

### \*Opening Hymn

#401, (verses 1-3) “Here in This Place”  
Gather Us In

### Prayer of Confession

Led by Emma Marshall

Loving God, You welcome the sick and the sad, the young and the old, the friend and the stranger. You rejoice to see our faces like the finder of a lost coin or a perfect pearl, and You call us to welcome our brothers and sisters with the same warmth and love. And yet too often we fail to show a friendly face or to extend a hand in times of need. Forgive us, Lord. Be with us so that we may live in and share the perfect love and hospitality of Your son Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

*\*Please stand, if able*

## \*Response

#401, (verse 4)  
“Here in This Place”

**Not in the dark of building confining,  
not in some heaven light years away:  
here in this place the new light shining;  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever;  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

Mark 4:30-32, page 36, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

“The Gift of Each Day”  
John Rutter (2015)

**Time for Children and Their Friends** Rev. Alice Rose Tewell

### Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:16-21, page 170, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

“Small Seeds and New Creations” Rev. Jessica Tate

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#700, “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

### Concerns of the Church

**New member Introduction** Amelia Peltz

### Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

“Nunc Dimittis”  
Simon Wawer (2014)  
Translation:  
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart  
in peace according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
English Book of Common Prayer, 1662

## \*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

**Bless these gifts, gracious God, and bless all those who will  
be served because of them. We bring these offerings because  
we hope for more in the days ahead. We hope for a stronger  
church, a more compassionate world, and a time of peace.  
Bless the lives of all Your children. 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!”

- 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.
- 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**
- 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

“Fanfare for the Common Man”  
Aaron Copland

\*The liturgy in today’s service was adapted from the PCUSA prayers for Pentecost.

We wish to thank **David Clark** for his special music in worship this morning. The Rutter anthem was recently premiered in New York City at Carnegie Hall by members of our sanctuary choir along with 200 other singers and orchestra. The Wawer offertory is also a new work by a young German composer using a contemporary, rich harmonic style to set an historic text.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of **Lucyle and Turley Mace** by Mary, Jerry, Jason, and Katie Spatz.

**The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds** us to pray for the victims of recent floods and tornadoes in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Colorado.

	10:00 a.m.
<b>Liturgists</b>	Sam and Meg Neill
<b>Tour Guide</b>	Len Shabman
<b>Worship Play</b>	Rev. Alice Rose Tewell

### 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** in the Narthex after the 10 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](mailto: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.

**Families with Infants and children:** Infants and toddlers under 4 are welcome in the **Park Level nursery**. Care is provided by licensed, paid professionals. The Nursery is also open each Sunday we have two services from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. When we have one service at 10 a.m., the nursery is open from 8:45 a.m. -11:30 a.m. During the services, **children’s worship bulletins**, crayons and books are available in the rear of the Sanctuary. During the sermon time during the 8:45 a.m. service or 10 a.m. service Pastor Alice and helpers offer **Worship Play in** Alice’s office for children approximately ages 4-9. During this worship play time, the children are invited to pray, listen to stories from the Bible and related picture books, sing a song or do a simple craft. At the end of Worship Play, the children are offered a peanut free snack. We also offer the **Worship Center Space** directly across from the sanctuary (with the blue sofas next to Pastor Alice’s office) especially for families and nursing mothers who might need a bit of a break or desire some privacy during the services. There is a **private bathroom** off of this space especially for families with young children. There is a changing pad, and extra diapers for your use.

**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.