

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 9:00 a.m., Room 511**

This four-week series led by Reverend Paula Hall of Howard Divinity School examines 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) | |
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| June 21 | Rev. Roger J. Gench |
| June 28 | Rev. Roger J. Gench |
| July 5 | Rev. Roger J. Gench |
| July 12 | Rev. Alice Rose Tewell |

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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

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 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, 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

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.

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|  | Ministers: | The Entire Congregation |
| | Pastor: | Roger Joseph Gench, Ph.D. |
| | Associate Pastor: | Alice Rose Tewell, 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. Linda LeSourd Lader, M. Div. |
| | 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 21, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

“Schmücke dich, o Liebe Seele,” BWV 654
J.S Bach

Introit

“Oh, For A World”
Early American, Tune of Azmon

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, our God,

All: Who loves us with an everlasting love,

Leader: As a father lovingly guides his daughters and sons,

All: As a mother lovingly gathers all of her children,

Leader: As the congregation listens, he teaches and challenges the flock,

All: This is the God who gathers us together from the north and the south, the east and the west;

Leader: Who leads us beside quiet streams, and shows us the way we should go.

All: Let us worship the Lord. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

#666, (verses 1-3) “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”
Puer Nobis Nascitur

Prayer of Confession

Be gracious to us today, O Lord, for we are in need of Your mercy. We are often quick to doubt and slow to pray. We are tempted to let go of faith when we need to hang on. We are discouraged by wrong when we need to be encouraged by Your Spirit. O God, we are thankful for the strength You give us to trust in You all the days of our lives. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**Please stand, if able*

***Response**

#666, (verse 4)

“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”
**O Lord, with each returning morn,
your image to our heart is born;
O may we ever clearly view
our Savior and our God in you.**

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32, pages 528-529, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“New Songs of Celebration Render”

Tune of Rendez à Dieu

Meg House, Flute

Time for Children and Their Friends

Beth Clark

“Jesus Loves the Little Children”

Second Lesson

Mark 4:35-41, page 36, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Other Side”

Rev. Roger Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn**

#751, “From the Nets of Our Labor”

Hamilton

The Sacrament of Baptism

Anna Christine Li Na Choi

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“His Voice as the Sound of a Dulcimer Sweet”

Early American, Southern Harmony

***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**

**Loving God, we offer these gifts to be used in celebration of
Your steadfast love. We give joyfully so others may join our
unending common voice of praise. Let all people sing a new
song of thanksgiving that is not merely noise but is a faithful
celebration of Your love and grace. 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**

#716, “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Beach Spring

- 1 God, whose giving knows no ending,
from Your rich and endless store,
nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom,
costly cross, grave’s shattered door:
gifted by You, we turn to You,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.**
- 2 Skills and time are ours for pressing toward
The goals of Christ Your son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at Your throne.**
- 3 Treasure, too, You have entrusted,
gain through powers Your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ’s ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving You by loving all.**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

"Allegro," from Organ Concerto in G Major, BWV 592

J.S. Bach

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

We wish to thank Meg House for her special music today. Please join us next week when the new NYA Flute Choir will make their debut during the prelude!

We would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time, energy and talents at our Work/Clean-up Day June 6! We had a great turn out and fun times beautifying the inside and outside of our building!

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of **Kimberly Davidson and Matthew Hanna**. The wedding was held in the Sanctuary yesterday.

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

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| | 10:00 a.m. |
| Liturgists | Rev. Ann Davie |
| Tour Guide | John O’Brien |
| Worship Play | Mary Nell Clark |

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 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, 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.